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GUIDE
WITHIN THE PROVINCE
OF
MARYLAND.

TOGETHER
With plain and sufficient Directions for Testators to
form, and Executors to perform their Wills and
Testaments; for Administrators to complete their
Administration, and for every Person any Way
concerned in deceased Persons Estates, to pro-
ceed therein with safety to themselves and others,

BY
E. LIE VALLETTE,
Register of the PREROGATIVE COURT, of the PRO-
VINCE aforesaid.

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House; Messrs. Williams and Co. and Mr. M'Hard,
at the Deck; Mr. Cornelius Garretson, and at the
Printing-Office.

For an Illustration of the Contents, the Preface
is here inserted.

P R E F A C E.

The following Sheets, written principally with
the View of introducing a general Uniformity in
the Proceedings of Deputy Commissaries, and of
assisting Executors and Administrators in the Per-
formance of their Duties, are submitted to the
Candour of the Publick. I flatter myself they con-
tain Informations which may be serviceable to ma-
ny, and that such, as do not need my Instructions,
will not censure my Endeavours to assist those, who
do.

In my Office of Register, which I have executed
for Eight Years past with Application and Diligence,
I hope, I may be permitted to say, that I have
gained some Knowledge at least of the Interior and
practical Part of the Business I have undertaken to
explain, and it is upon this Experience I have ad-
ventured to appear in print. There are very few
Persons, who are not in some Respect, concerned in
the Management of the Estates of deceased Persons,
as Creditors, Executors, Administrators, Legatees,
Relations, or in what they have to leave, as well as
to claim, and I may presume to observe, that very
few have not frequent Occasion for Advice in these
Concerns, and therefore my undertaking cannot
but be extensively useful, unless the Execution of it
be extremely defective.

In order that the Reader may have a general Idea,
of what he is to meet with in the following Treatise,
I am to observe, that it begins with pointing out the
Duties, and Function of Deputy Commissaries, in
the various Cases of Administration, in receiving
Inventories, and examining and passing Accounts,
and then proceeds—1^{stly}, On the Subject of Wills
written and nuncupative—2^{dly}, Of Legacies—
3^{dly}, Of Descent—4^{thly}, Of Distribution—
5^{thly}, Concerning the Office of Executors and Ad-
ministrators—6^{thly}, The Appointment and Duty
of Guardians, in the Management of the Estates of
Orphans—7^{thly}, Concerning Rules of Office re-
specting only Deputy Commissaries—8^{thly} and
lastly, An Appendix comprehending as well such
Precedents as are occasionally referred to in the
Treatise, as other Procefs issuable out of the Prerogative
Office, and a general Index to the Whole.

By Virtue of a Deed of Trust, from Captain William
Richardson, for the Benefit of his Creditors,
To be sold on Wednesday the 28th of August next, by pub-
lick Sale, at the House of Mrs. Chilton, in Balti-
more-Town.

THAT valuable and well known Tract of Land
called Colrain, said to contain near 800
Acres, though only patented for 602 Acres. There
are about 100 Acres cleared, being the poorest Part
of the Land, whereon is built, a framed Dwelling-
House, 30 by 20 Feet, with Brick Chimnies, hav-
ing Two Rooms below and Three above, a Kitchen,
Meat-House, Milk-House on a Spring, Hen-House,
Corn-House, Stables and Barn, and an exceeding
good Apple Orchard, about 40 Acres of Meadow
are cleared, and under middling Fence; Part
whereof is embanked Marsh, the Rest white Oak
Bottom, and upwards of 100 Acres more, may be
made. This Land abounds with Locust, Maple,
Hickory, red and white Oak, and is conveniently
situated in Baltimore County, upon Bush River, 4
Miles from Bush-Town and Joppa, and 22 from Bal-
timore-Town. There is a good Fishery, particularly
of Herrings in the season, and plenty of wild Fowl.
It is supposed to contain plenty of Iron Oar, from
the Appearances, is convenient to many Furnaces,
and hath a good Landing. Twelve Months Credit
will be given to the Purchaser, and if any inclinable
to purchase privately, they may know the Terms,
by applying to Mr. James Christie, Merchant, in
Baltimore-Town; and Capt. William Richardson will
attend on the Premises to show the Land.

HEREBY give Notice to the Owners of all the
Tobacco put into the Warehouse at Elk-Ridge
Landing, preceding the Year One Thousand Seven
Hundred and Seventy-Two, (and now remaining
there) to take away the same, otherwise I shall dis-
pose of it at the next March Court for the Benefit of
the Owners.

PATRICK MACGILL,
Annapolis, February 23, 1773.
Imported last September, in the Nelly Frigate, Arch-
Greig, Master, from London,

ONE Cask of Merchandize, marked A B Glasse,
No. 7, and left with R. Couden: Also left on the
Wharf a out same Time, One Tierce and One Bar-
rel of Goods, which lay exposed there for several
Days, (without Mark or Number) and were since
taken care of by Isaac M'Hard, and found to be
Slack. The Owner or Owners of the above Goods
may have the same delivered to them, on proving
their Property and paying Charges.

THE Lower Ferry on Patapsco River, which I
have had an Allowance from Anni-Arundel
County this Twenty-five Years past for keeping the
same, is now kept by James Kelso, and as the Pub-
lick may think I have declined keeping Boats, I
take this Method to inform them, that I still have
Two good Boats going as usual, and hope that all
my old Friends and Acquaintance in the Out Coun-
ties will favour me with their Custom.

FLORA DORSEY,
George-Town, January 27, 1773.

THIS is to give publick Notice, that a certain
James M'Kever and William-Patterson, who
lived in this Town for some Time, and passed for
free Men, have been taken up agreeable to an Ad-
vertisement signed by John Stapler and Henry Rey-
nolds, but made their Escape the same Day they were
taken up, and have left in my Hands a Silver Watch,
and sundry Articles of wearing Apparel, which an-
swers to the said Stapler and Reynolds's Advertisement.
Any Person or Persons may have the said Watch
and Clothes again, by proving their Property and
repaying some Money advanced by me on them, and
the Charges of this Advertisement.

FRANCIS JINKINS,
Frederick County, February 8, 1773.

WHEREAS a Commission issued from Frederick
County Court, at the Instance of Thomas
M'Cubbin, empowering us the Subscribers to examine
Evidences to prove and perpetuate the Bounds of a
Tract of Land, called Fritchbill's and Pritchbill's Pur-
chase, lying in said County. We do give this pub-
lick Notice, that on the 15th Day of March next, we
intend to meet on said Land, in order to examine
all such Evidences as shall be offered to us, to prove
the Bounds of said Land, or the Bounds of any
other Land whereon the same may depend.

THOMAS NICHOLLS,
SIMON NICHOLLS
AARON LANHAM,
LEWIS WILCOXON.

St. Mary's County, January 16, 1773.
COMMITTED to my Custody as a Runaway, a
Mulatto Boy, about 15 or 16 Years of Age,
& Feet 4 Inches high, who says he belongs to John
Churchill, of Virginia: Has on, a mixt Country
Cloth Coat, Jacket and Breeches, old Shoes and
Stockings, and a Felt Hat. His Master is desired
to take him away and pay Charges, to
JENIFER TAYLOR, Sheriff.

February 10, 1773.
ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of Mr.
William Willitt, Pewterer, late of Prince-
George's County, deceased, are desired to make im-
mediate Payment; and all those who have any just
Claims against the said Estate, are requested to
bring them in legally proved, that they may be
settled and paid, by

MARY WILLETT, Executrix.
N. B. The Pewterers Business is still carried on
at the Subscriber's House in the same Manner, and
at the same Rates as were in my deceased Husband's
Life.

January 12, 1773.
WHEREAS I the Subscriber passed my Bond to
Robert Jackman, of Baltimore County, for
Seventy five Pounds Currency, payable May, 1773;
for and in consideration of several Tracts of Land;
but in as much as the said Jackman has not, or can-
not, perform his Bargain with me: I therefore fore-
warn all Persons from taking any Assignment of said
Bond, as I will not pay the same.

JOHN CLARK,
February 3, 1773.

COMMITTED to the Jail of Charles County, on
the 2d Inst. as a Runaway, a Negro Man,
who calls himself HARRY, and says he belongs to
William Clark Compton, living in Nangenoy, but
that he ran away from Joseph Courts, in Virginia,
with whom he lived; he appears to be a young Fel-
low, and is about Five Feet Eight Inches high:
Has on, an old Osnabrig Shirt, and a new one over
it, an old Sagathy Jacket, old Surtout Coat, and a
Pair of very ragged black Everlasting Breeches, good
Yarr. Stockings, Shoes and Steel Buckles.

The Owner is desired to take him away and pay
Charges, to
WILLIAM HANSON, deputy Sheriff.

HERE is at the Plantation of Nicholas Dorsey,
on Elk-Ridge, a pale sorrel Stray Horse, a-
bout 14 Hands high, has a Blaze in his Face, a
Snip on his Nose, and a white spot on each Side of
his neck, his near hind Foot white. The Owner
may have him again, proving Property and paying
Charges.

HERE is at the Plantation of Thomas Reynolds,
near the Head of Elk, Cecil County, a dark
brown Stray Mare, Seven Years old next Spring, a
bright Star in her Forehead, neither Brand nor
Earmark that can be observed, trots, paces, and
gallops. The Owner may have her again, proving
Property and paying Charges.

THE Subscriber will attend the ensuing March
Courts at Leonard-Town, Port-Tobacco, and Up-
per-Marlborough, to collect all Balances due for this
Gazette, Advertisements, &c. Those who are in ar-
rears for more than one Year, must not only expect to
receive no more Gazettes, but that immediate Steps
will be taken to compel Payment.

FREDERICK GREEN,
February 15, 1773.

To be sold at publick Vendue, on Saturday the 6th Day
of March next, if fair, if not the next fair Day,
at the Subscriber's Dwelling Place,

SUNDRY Negroes, and sundry Household Fur-
niture, and many Plantation Utensils; and
likewise Stock of almost all Kinds; a good Black-
smith who hath Four Years and a Half to serve; a
compleat Set of Smiths Tools, One new Waggon
finished in the neatest Manner, One good Cart.
The above Articles will be sold for Cash or Lon-
don Bills of Exchange.

The Subscriber had stolen from him about the
middle of September last, One gray Mare, branded
with H S but One Letter on the Shoulder, the other
on the Buttock, is a natural pacer, about Nine
Years old, about Fourteen Hands high. Whoever
secures the said Mare, so as the subscriber may get
her again, shall have Five Pounds Reward, and if
the Thief be brought to Conviction, Five Pounds
more, paid by

RICHARD YEATES.
N. B. The Subscriber had some Time past assign-
ed to him, the Indentures of a certain William Noble,
who indented himself to a certain Dr. John
M'Donald, for the space of Three Years and Three
Months; and as it appears he never served his
Time: These are therefore to acquaint the Publick,
that if any Person will apprehend the said Noble,
and bring him to the Subscriber, shall have
good Compensation for their Trouble, and all rea-
sonable Expences, paid by

Baltimore, January 16, 1773.
ALL Persons having any just Claim against the
Estate of Col. Charles Ridgely, deceased, are
desired to send in their Accounts properly proved,
and such as are indebted to the said Estate, are
hereby required to come and pay to prevent Expence
to themselves, and Trouble to
CHARLES RIDGELY,
DANIEL CHAMIER, } Executors.
WILLIAM GOODWIN }

Advertisements omitted will be inserted in our next
issue.