

fore the king; and I have it in command from his majesty to express to you his majesty's approbation of your zeal for the public service, and of the unalterable attachment you have shewn to his person and government, from the first commencement of the present unhappy disputes, which have involved his majesty's faithful servants in the colonies in difficulties and distress, that are only to be equalled by the fortitude with which they are borne.

Your letter contains a great deal of very useful information, and your confidential communication of the characters of individuals, more especially of such as come ever into England, is of great advantage; and you may rest assured that every possible precaution will be used that no part of your letter shall transpire.

An armament, consisting of seven regiments and a fleet of frigates and small ships, is now in readiness to proceed to the southern colonies, in order to attempt the restoration of legal government in that part of America. It will proceed in the first place to North-Carolina, and from thence either to South-Carolina or Virginia, as circumstances of greater or less advantage shall point out;—as to the latter, it may have very important consequences to the colony under your government; and therefore you will do well to consider of every means by which you may, in conjunction with Lord Dunmore, give facility and assistance to its operations.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant,
GEO. GERMAIN.

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CIRCULAR. Whitehall, 23d December, 1775.
To Robert Eden, Esq; deputy governor of Maryland.

SIR,
THE King being determined, in concurrence with his parliament, to pursue the most vigorous measures for reducing his rebellious subjects in North-America to obedience, and for restoring legal government, has given the royal assent to the enclosed act, which I am commanded by his majesty to transmit to you, and at the same time to signify to you his majesty's pleasure, that you do exhort all persons, upon whom the execution of this law shall depend, to pay a due attention thereto, and to use their best endeavours for carrying the provisions of it into effect; and that when his majesty's deluded subjects in the aforesaid colonies are better apprized of the fatal consequence of the conduct they have adopted, and see the determined spirit of the nation to maintain its constitutional rights, they will avail themselves of the means which the justice and benevolence of the supreme legislature have held out to them, of being restored to the king's grace and peace, and that a happy and lasting reconciliation and union will be effected. And I have the satisfaction to acquaint you that, in order to accelerate it is a desirable object, the proper steps have been taken for passing a commission under the great seal, in conformity to the last section but one of that act, and that the commissioner or commissioners to be appointed for that purpose will have full power to inquire into the state and condition of the colonies, and to confer with proper persons upon such points as may be necessary for effecting a restoration of the public tranquillity.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant,
GEO. GERMAIN.

To be sold by public vendue, for ready money, at Mr. Whetcroft's, in West-Street, Annapolis, on Monday, May 6, 1776.

A VARIETY of merchandize, consisting principally of the following articles: figured sattin, Wilton, macaroni stuff, black mode, figured stuff, black figured everlasting, green callimanco, red napt cloth, great variety of silk ribbon, blue callimanco, brown durants, shalloon of different colours, twist and mohair, and a bag of human hair.
N. B. The sale to begin at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The beautiful full-blooded hunter,
B A Y B O L T O N,
Full 16 hands high and well formed, a dark bay, eight years old,

STANDS on Constitution-hill, near Piscataway, and will cover mares this season at two guineas, or forty shillings the leap, if paid when the mare is taken away, or four pounds credit till the first of April 1777, and if not paid in that time to pay interest from the date. I have very fine pasture for mares, and will have great care taken of them, but will not be answerable in case of loss.

EDWARD EDELEN.
I think it needless to describe him as he is generally known; he stood last season at col. John Carlyle's plantation in Virginia. 10. 7/6 w3

S P R I G H T L Y
To be let to mares the ensuing season at School-field, Prince-George's county.

THE high bred English horse, SPRIGHTLY, full fifteen hands high, rising seven years old, is of a beautiful dark chestnut colour, was got by Wildman's Babram, his dam by Rogers's Babram, his grandam by Sedbury out of lord Portmore's Ebony; is well suited to breed for either the saddle or turf, being remarkably light, and quick in his movements, free from any blemish or incumbrance of gum, and is imagined equal to any horse on the continent, four mile beats at nine fone. He will be let at six dollars, for the season, and half a crown to the groom, and as at so low a rate the cash will be expected before the horse is led out. Good pasture for mares to be had at half a crown a week, or at half a dollar, with proper feeding; and mares above 15 miles distance two weeks gratis.

April 16, 1776.

To be sold at public vendue, by the subscriber, on Thursday the 16th day of May next, on the premises, for sterling or current money, at the general exchange,

PART of a tract of land called Duvall's range, conveyed to the subscriber for 276 acres more or less, situate in Anne-Arundel county, on the east side of the north branch of Patuxent river. On this land are two tenements, with plenty of good board, shingle and rail timber; forty acres of good meadow may be made on the said land, with very little trouble; the tenements are in good repair and produce very fine tobacco and Indian corn. Twelve months credit will be given the purchaser, on giving bond on interest with security if required. The land may be viewed any time before the day of sale, by applying to the subscriber.

DAVID STEUART, Son of DAVID.

THE noted half blooded horse, Frederick Jones, full fifteen and a half hands high, a fine dapple gray, eight years old, strong, active and boney, stands at Notley-hall, Prince-George's county, and will cover at thirty shillings the season. Good Pasture for mares gratis.

Bladensburg, April 10, 1776.

RAN away last night from the subscriber, an indentured servant named John Teasdale, an English man, about twenty-two years of age, five feet six or seven inches high well set, of a fair complexion and good countenance, wears his own short straight hair of a dark brown colour, and is by trade a cooper: he had on a blue tearnought sailor's top jacket about half worn, a waistcoat of London brown cloth, and ragged breeches of strong superfine dark drab cloth, a check shirt, and an old small brim'd dirty felt hat bound round the edging with white canvas. Whoever secures said servant and brings him to me shall receive forty shillings reward and all reasonable charges

WILLIAM SYDEBOTHAM.

April 15, 1776.

ALL persons indebted to George Matthews, late of Kingsbury furnace in Baltimore county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment, to enable us to execute his will, and all those who have claims against him are desired to exhibit them properly authenticated, to

T. RUSSELL and JAMES SMITH, } executors.

THERE is at the plantation of Isaac Simmons, near Herring-bay, in Anne-Arundel county, taken up as a stray, a dark bay horse, near fifteen hands high, a star in his forehead, has many white spots on his back, supposed to be hurt with a fadde, a bit of his right ear cut off, his mane hangs on the wrong side, his off hind foot white, shoes on about half worn, branded but cannot make it out. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

Harford county, March 21, 1776.

TAKEN up as a stray, a bright bay mare, about nine years old, thirteen hands and a half high, no brand appears, paces and trots, short dock. Any person proving property and paying charges may have her again.

JOHN PACA.

April 10, 1776.

C A R E L E S S,
STANDS the ensuing season at Strawberry-hill, within one mile of Annapolis, and will cover mares at six dollars the season, if pastured; four dollars, if not pastured; or two dollars, the single leap. CARELESS is a fine bay, rising five years, upwards of fourteen hands two inches, and was got by col. Baylor's Fearnought; his dam by Dove, his grand-dam by Othello, his great-grand-dam by old Spark, out of the high bred mare Queen Mab, who was the dam of col. Hopper's Pacolet. Good grafs for mares. Indian corn will be taken in payment at 2 s. 6 d. per bushel, delivered at Strawberry-hill before the first of July, by

THOMAS WILLIAMSON.

P. S. I will be answerable for no mares that may get away.

Bladensburg, April 1, 1776.

I HAVE for disposal, on very reasonable terms, a servant man, who has about three years to serve. He was bred a cutler, is an ingenious fellow in his business, and can do any country blacksmith's work. He might be very useful to any person in the gun or locksmith business.

JAMES HOGGAN.

SIX DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED away from the widow M'Donall's, between Baltimore and Annapolis, on Thursday night the 13th of March, out of the fodder house, a bay horse, about 14 hands and an half high, paces, trots, and gallops, marked C S on his left shoulder. Whoever takes up said horse, and brings him to capt. Samuel Maynard's at Herring-Creek, or to William Hayes, Feli's Point, Baltimore, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges paid if brought home.

JEREMIAH SATCHWELL, in West-Street, Annapolis, to the military gentlemen.

AS the use of arms is become absolutely necessary for the preservation of American liberty, this is to inform the above gentlemen, that he makes all sorts of silver and fine metal sword hilts; likewise cleans and repairs the same. Those gentlemen who please to favour him with their custom, may depend on having their work done with the greatest punctuality and at the most reasonable rate, which he hopes will give satisfaction to the public in general, having served a regular apprenticeship to the said branches in London.

N. B. All sorts of silversmiths work done also.

Patuxent Iron Works, February 6, 1776.

BEING desirous of settling the estate of our father, RICHARD SNOWDEN, late of Patuxent Iron Works, deceased, we request all such as are indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, as no longer indulgence will be given them. Also all persons that are indebted to the Patuxent Iron-Works Company, of more than twelve months standing, are requested to come immediately and make payment; and those who have it not in their power to make immediate payment, it is expected they will come and settle their accounts by note or bond. If the above requests are not complied with, we shall take such measures as will compel a settlement, without respect to persons, although it will be disagreeable to

SAMUEL and JOHN SNOWDEN.

Just published, and to be sold at the Printing-office, PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION OF THE PROVINCE OF MARYLAND, Held at the City of Annapolis, on Thursday the 7th of December, 1775.

PREROGATIVE OFFICE, March 11, 1776.

WHEREAS the records of the commissary's office are removed to Upper Marlborough, by the direction of the Council of Safety for the province of Maryland, I am directed to give this public notice, that the common business of that office will from henceforth be transacted at that place.

And as the commissary's courts are by law appointed to be held at the city of Annapolis, where the same must indispensably be continued, the commissary general, anxious to relieve as far as in his power the difficulties arising to the people, from the removal of the records to such distance from the capital, hath resolved to attend at both places in every court week, which will be on the second Tuesdays of May, July, September, and November; and to that end, will hold his courts every second Tuesday in said months at the city of Annapolis, for the convenience of the inhabitants of the Eastern-shore, and others whom it may be suit. And he will from thence proceed on the Thursday to Upper Marlborough, there to sit during the remainder of the week for the dispatch of public business.

I also give notice, that for the greater ease and convenience of the inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, who may have business with me as deputy commissary of that county, I shall give attendance every Tuesday at the house of Mr. Cornelius Garretson in the city of Annapolis for that purpose.

ELIE VALLETTE, register.

Wanted immediately, delivered at the contractor's store in Annapolis,

A QUANTITY of potatoes, parsneps, carrots, beans, cockstone beans, or any kind of Indian peas, for which will be given the highest prices, by ISAAC M'HARD, for Mr. ROBERT CUMMINGS.

Annapolis, March 26, 1776.

RAN away from the subscriber, an indentured servant lad, named Edward Burford, born in Hampshire, about five feet two inches high, fair complexion and brown hair: had with him two cloth coats, one a London brown, the other of coarse light coloured cloth with waistcoat of the same, much worn, good buckskin breeches, ribb'd worsted stockings and English made shoes. He is very fond of liquor, and can give no better reason for his development, than that he often merited chastisement and never received it. He was seen at Mr. Jacob Sampson's in Prince-George's county, pretending to leave to visit a ship mate. Should he be taken ten miles from home I will give 40 shillings reward on his return.

J. CLAPHAM.

ABRAHAM CLAUDE,

WATCHMAKER, JEWELLER, and SILVERSMITH, Opposite Mrs. Johnson's tavern, ANNAPOLIS.

BEGS leave to acquaint the public in general, and his friends in particular, that he still continues to carry on the aforesaid trades in all their various branches, and at the most reasonable rates; also that he cleans and repairs all sorts of fire-arms, small swords, hangers, and cut-throats. He also makes hoods for words in the neatest and most approved manner. N. B. He has several grots of hoods of various sizes to dispose of cheap.

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