

to know what the above fleet were sitting out for, when he received for answer, that Lewis XVth was king in France, and had a right to fit out his fleet when he pleased, without being accountable to any one.

From Albany we learn, that certain advice was received that a fire had happened at Fort St. John's, in Canada, which destroyed five store houses, containing, among other things, the sails and rigging of the English fleet on the lake.

Extract of a letter from Morristown, May 12. "I returned last evening from Bound-Brook, where, in the morning, we had a brush, and drove the enemy's picket into their lines, with the loss of one man, and we must have killed several of theirs from the close fire which continued some time."

By intelligence from sundry persons who have deserted, been taken prisoners and made their escape from the enemy since the late expedition to Danbury, Howe's army have suffered in that affair from five to nine hundred in killed, wounded and missing.

That of ours were killed, and 60 wounded, of whom seven are dead, and the rest likely to recover. That of the allied army which was attempted to be destroyed, more than one third has been preserved, and that the medicines and hospital stores are chiefly saved.

That general Wooster died the 3d instant of his wounds in the action of the 27th ult. Altho' this brave veteran was supposed by some to have out-lived his usefulness, yet his spirit and activity shone forth in this last action of his life with undiminished lustre.

WILLIAMSBURG, May 9.

By Capt. Dennis, just arrived, who left Cape Francois the 20th of April, we have the following advices, viz. That four armed vessels sailed with him, one of 24, and one of 16 guns bound for Virginia, with warlike stores, and two of 24 guns for South-Carolina, with 100 tons of lead. These vessels were from Old France, and only touched at the cape; and the masters and passengers said, that a number of other vessels were sitting out in France for the continent of America, among them two 36 gun frigates (almost ready to sail) with dry goods, &c. &c. That the Americans meet with the greatest encouragement, and most friendly treatment, at Cape Francois. That the Sturdy Beggar privateer, belonging to Maryland, has taken a Guineaman with 400 slaves, and carried them into a safe port on the island of Hispaniola; and that the captain of the Sturdy Beggar told him he had taken a snow but a little while before, which was retaken.

Capt. Sinclair is also just arrived, with small arms, dry goods, &c. from France; and a gentleman came passing with him, who has resided a number of years in London, but lately thought it prudent to decamp, with dispatches from our ambassadors at the court of France to the hon. the congress of the United American States. Capt. Sinclair, on his passage, took a schooner from the Grenades, with 123 lbs. of rum, 2 do. of molasses, and 30 barrels of coffee, which he parted with off the coast of North Carolina, and makes no doubt she is arrived by this time in a safe port in that state, as she had a fair wind.

BALTIMORE, May 20.

Extract of a letter from a general officer at post near Bonham-Town, dated May 11.

"I have the pleasure to inform you, that yesterday afternoon, part of my division attacked the royal highlanders and six companies of light infantry. It was a bold enterprise. They being pointed within two miles of Bonham-Town, and about the same distance from Brantwick. The action continued about an hour and a half. The continental troops behaved well, drove in the pickets at Bonham, attacked and drove the Highlanders out of a wood they had taken possession of, near to Piscataway-Town. The enemy were reinforced, but again compelled to give way. They were reinforced a second time, when, upon due consideration of our situation with respect to the enemy's different posts, of Brantwick, Arinton-Landing, and Bonham-Town, it was judged advisable to retreat. The retreat was made in excellent order, and our loss is inconsiderable. I congratulate you on the advantage obtained over the enemy's best troops. The highlanders, obstinately brave, were too proud to surrender, which cost many of them dear." "The enemy allow, by a flag that is come in, that they had killed and wounded, one major mortally wounded, one captain, two lieutenants, sixty-five privates."

ANNAPOLIS, MAY 22.

In COUNCIL, Annapolis, May 13, 1777.

"SUCH of the collectors of blankets as have not made returns agreeable to the late act of assembly, and there are many such, are desired forthwith to send such as they may have collected to the receivers, according to their commissions, as the public service may not be impeded. By order, R. RIDGELY, Cl. Co."

In COUNCIL, April 24, 1777.

THE general assembly having empowered the governor, with the advice of the council, to contract with any person or persons to furnish rations or provisions, either at a certain price for the rations, or by allowing an adequate reward for the trouble, such contractor may be at in procuring and turning in such provisions for the continental troops; while in this state, and the artillery companies and other troops in the pay and service of this state, for the particular defrage thereof; every person who is desirous of contracting to furnish the troops in either manner, is requested to send in his proposals in writing, sealed up and directed to the clerk of the council, on or before the third day of June next; all which are intended to be opened and compared the morning following, and the reference given to the best offer. R. RIDGELY, Cl. Co."

THE managers of the Lower-Marlborough Academy LOTTERY have been obliged to postpone the drawing for a few weeks, on account of the small-pox prevailing in the neighbourhood of the school. The drawing will begin as soon as attendance can be given with safety to such as have not had that disorder, of which the public shall have notice in this Gazette. There are some tickets yet in the hands of the managers for sale.

Annapolis, May 18, 1777.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Dr. Benjamin Kennedy, late of this city, are requested to settle their accounts immediately; and those who have demands against the estate are desired to produce their accounts legally proved, that they may be adjusted. Those persons also, who are indebted to the late partnership of Kennedy and Wallace, are requested, without delay, to pay their respective accounts, either to DAMARIS KENNEDY, executrix of the aforesaid estate, or

MICHAEL WALLACE.

To be sold, a parcel of medicines, and a large quantity of shop furniture, including six nests of drawers of different sizes; also double tint ground stopp'd and specie bottles, neatly gilded and elegantly lettered; also mortars, scales, weights, patented medicines, a plaster pan, &c. &c. &c. D. KENNEDY.

Anne-Arundel county, Maryland, May 3, 1777. To be SOLD at public vendue, on Saturday the 31st of May, 1777; pursuant to the will of John Ducker, deceased, at Mr. Joshua Watts,

TRACT of LAND, containing one hundred and ninety-two acres well watered and timbered, with only about thirty acres fresh cleared and under a good fence; situated on the main road leading from Annapolis to Frederick-Town, within eight miles of Elk-Ridge Landing, and nine of Indian Landing, two principal landings for market. Any person desirous of purchasing, may view the premises, by applying to Mr. Joshua Watts, who lives adjoining to the said land, and will show the same. The terms of purchase will be made known on the day of sale.

CASSANDRA DUCKER, Executrix.

P. S. There will be several young negroes and horses to be sold on the same day.

Annapolis, May 19, 1777.

LOST last Sunday, between Mr. Joseph Brewer's at South-River, and Annapolis, a worked pocket-book, with the name of Robert Johnson worked on it; There were in it four one dollar bills, one five shilling, and other cash. Whoever finds the said pocket-book, and delivers it to me, with the cash, shall be handsomely rewarded.

NICHOLAS BREWER.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

May 12, 1777.

RAN away in July last, from Mrs. Aletha Parker, near Piscataway, in Prince-George's county, a NEGRO man, named NACE, of a yellow complexion, thirty five years of age, about five feet seven or eight inches high, a thick well-made fellow, very artful and cunning, and it is very likely he is harbouring near Benedict, in Charles county, or in the lower parts of Calvert county, about St. Leonard's creek, as he has several acquaintances at both places. Whoever secures the above fellow in any gaol in this state, and gives notice thereof to the subscriber, shall have eight dollars, including what the law allows; and if brought to me at the Baltimore-Furnace, near Baltimore Town, shall receive the above reward of twenty dollars from WALTER SMITH PARKER.

May 12, 1777.

THERE is at the plantation of Valentine Matier, living near George Stricker's, Frederick county, taken up as a stray, a white MARE, about nine or ten years old, and about twelve or thirteen hands high; had on a small bell, branded on the near shoulder thus, R, and on the near thigh P. The owner may have her again, by proving property, and paying charges.

Annapolis, May 12, 1777.

NECESSITY COMPELS THE MEASURE.

THE term of the PARTNERSHIP between WALLACE, DAVIDSON, and JOHNSON, having expired on the first day of January last, and the present cruel and unjust war prosecuting by Great-Britain against the freedom of America, rendering it impracticable to renew the same; notice is hereby given, that by mutual consent the said PARTNERSHIP was dissolved on that day accordingly: It is necessary, therefore, our affairs be settled; wherefore we earnestly request all persons indebted to the concern in any manner, to make full and immediate payment, which has been too long neglected by many, who, taking advantage of the times,

from such conduct lenity ought not to be expected, yet such as have it not in their power immediately to settle their open accounts by payment, are, for the last time, desired to settle the same by bonds.

That branch of the business in the management of our Mr. JOHNSON, in London, will with fidelity be carefully attended to, until the completion thereof; and our friends experience of his past conduct will, we hope, sufficiently recommend him, to their future favours, wherever his judgment, for mutual benefits, may direct him to settle.

WALLACE, DAVIDSON, and JOHNSON.

May 6, 1777.

PATAPSCO SLITTING-MILL.

THIS is to inform the public, that the subscriber's MILL is completely finished, and now at work, where he sells WAX, ROPE of all sorts, SHIRT IRON, thick and thin, and WOODING of any breadth or thickness, upon as good terms as they can be procured in any of the United States.

WILLIAM WHETCROFT.

N. B. A number of WAXONS are wanted, to whom great encouragement will be given, by W. W.

THE subscriber, having the management of the TANNERY, belonging to this state, will give encouraging prices for any quantity of found green or dried hides, delivered in this city; where proper encouragement will be given to a good tanner, and the best price paid for shoe threads, by WILLIAM GOLDSMITH.

Annapolis, May 11, 1777.

LEASE, To be SOLD, a lot of ground, containing two acres and one perch, whereon there is a good dwelling-house with six rooms, three of them have fire-places, a good kitchen, a stable, a chair-house, a meat-house, and other convenient houses, a good cellar the length of the house, a large garden and yard well walled in: It is pleasantly situated on Patowmack river, about half a mile from Nanjeon warehouses. There are about sixty acres of land all in wood, which he will sell to the person that buys the lot; it lies convenient for fire-wood. By applying to the subscriber, near Maryland-Point, on Patowmack river, may know the terms.

ROBERT KNOX.

To be SOLD, at public vendue, on Thursday the 1st day of June next, at the dwelling-house of the late Benjamin Harrison, at West-River, for sterling cash, continental or convention currency,

Parcel of healthy NEGROES, consisting of men, women, and children, amongst whom are two young fellows that are very good sawyers. SAM. HARRISON, jun. } Executors.

May 13, 1777.

To be SOLD at public sale, at Alexandria, Virginia, for ready cash, on Friday the 23d of this month, THE schooner Susanna and George, a prime sailer, well fitted and found, and is about 50 tons burthen. Also a cargo of goods, consisting of the best lump and loaf sugar, blankets, broad coating, shabraigs, pins and needles, wood compasses, Russia sheeting, handkerchiefs, and salt. JENIFER and HOOE.

I Beg leave to inform my acquaintance and others, that I have opened SCHOOL at the same place I taught about a year ago, at Mrs. Lansdale's plantation, in Prince-George's county, where I teach Greek, Latin, and the English language. Any gentlemen or ladies, who shall think proper to entrust me with the tuition of their children, may depend I will exert all my abilities to make them masters of these so useful and necessary tongues, and shall at all times be very assiduous in teaching them to speak English correctly; the better to accomplish which, I propose having public examinations and rehearsals, twice or thrice a year, before gentlemen whom I shall select to visit my school regularly for that and also the purpose of laying down proper rules and orders by which my little academy shall be governed. My school is in a neighbourhood of great plenty, therefore board may be easily had. As to my moral character, I must refer strangers to those who know me; and as to my abilities as a teacher, I have to shew the very best credentials. THOMAS LLOYD.

N. B. Those gentlemen who have promised to favour me with their children are requested to send them as soon as possible.

Annapolis, April 26, 1777.

PURSUANT to a resolve of the General Assembly, we hereby give notice, that we will attend on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of every week (and oftener if required) at the house where the assembly is usually held, to audit and pass all accounts due from or to the state of Maryland: And all persons that have heretofore had public monies advanced to them, are requested to transmit their respective accounts to us of the expenditure thereof. The late treasurers, under the old government, are also requested to render an account of their proceedings, and the balances in their hands respectively, if any: And all committees of observation, and collectors of fines, are also requested to render an account of all monies by them respectively received.

THO. B. HODGKIN, J. JOHNSON.

A clerk to the board is wanted. Any person, well qualified to act, may receive a salary of 1250. per ann.

To be SOLD at public vendue, on Thursday the 25th of May, by the subscriber, at his dwelling-house on Rock-Creek, Montgomery county, near major Crab's.

PARCEL of land, including his dwelling plantation, containing 436 acres, about 17 miles from George-Town, the same distance from Bladenburg, 40 miles from Baltimore, and about 30 from Frederick-Town. The farm is in good order, fencing chiefly new, and the fields laid off in such a manner as to be very convenient for pasturage of stock, whereon is a large young orchard just getting into prime, a comfortable dwelling-house, kitchen, barn, &c. about one hundred acres of said land is well situated for meadow, some of which is already cleared and in grass. The main branch of Rock-Creek runs through said land, and affords a valuable mill-seat. Continental or convention currency will be received in payment, and two years credit will be given for one third of the purchase money, on giving bond on interest, with approved security.

JOHN KENNEDY.

P. S. The sale to begin at one o'clock.

April 16, 1777.

ALL persons who have any demands against the late contractors for victualling the Maryland troops, are requested to bring in their accounts to the victualling-office, at the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-Town, in one month from this date, that they may be discharged, as they are desirous of settling their accounts.

BUCHANAN and CUMMINS.