

Extract of a letter from York, October 22, 1777.

The slow but sure moving Gates has not yet transferr'd us his glorious inventory, but from pretty direct information we read the list thus: 1 lieutenant general, 2 major generals, 7 brigadiers, 5000 privates, 2 English noblemen, 1 Irish ditto, 15,000 stand of arms, 40 brass cannon, and a quantity of cloathing. This comes by an officer now at Reading, who says he saw general Burgoyne in company with Gates. There is in town the surgeon of the frigate Bolton, who says that he was at gen. Clinton's head quarters, as he travelled from the outward to this place, where he learnt that Burgoyne had not only capitulated for himself and his army, but also for Concordia, and all the posts between Saratoga and T. The same surgeon says, that Sir Henry Clinton was returning down the North river. It seems that gen. Howe has only moved his quarters from German town to Philadelphia, and our army is now at German Town, or was there when our last accounts came from it.

Extract of a letter from York-Town, October 22, 1777.

About an hour ago an officer passed through this town, who says he was informed by a gentleman from the northward, that he saw Burgoyne in company with gen. Gates, and that it is beyond a doubt the whole army are in our possession. We are likewise informed, that gen. Washington is at German town, and Howe's army retreated to Philadelphia. This I believe is the case, though we have no express, nor any authentic accounts thereof. I just now saw an officer of Baylor's regiment, who confirms the above.

I forgot to give you a list or inventory of the prisoners and stores handed about there from this officer, said to be taken by gen. Gates, viz. 1 lieutenant general, 2 major generals, 7 brigadiers, 2 English noblemen, 1 Irish ditto, 5000 rank and file prisoners, 15,000 stand of arms, 40 pieces brass cannon; the major generals are said to be Philips and Keitzler.

Letters, and the French news papers as late as the 12th of August, say the little American fleet under commodore Boscawen had occasioned a great alarm on the coasts of England, Scotland, and Ireland; that the militia were up in arms in Scotland, particularly at a place called Air, to resist their country from an expected invasion. The cruizers were so troublesome in the Irish channel, and took so many prizes, it had put a stop to one of the greatest fairs in England (I think Chester or West Chester) for want of their usual supply of Irish linens. On return of our cruizers into port, the commanders were put under an arrest, to gratify the British ambassador, and at the same time a secret direction to the marine department to have their vessels fitted out with the greatest dispatch for another cruise.

The king of France has issued an edict to all his governors in the West Indies, directing they may demand all vessels who may be captured from any of his ports, under pretence of having American produce on board.

The following gentlemen are elected delegates to represent this state in general assembly:

- For St. Mary's county.—Athanasius Ford, John H. Read, Richard Raines, Edmund Plowden.
- Charles county.—Zephaniah Turner, Thomas Semmes, Alexander McPherson, James Forbes.
- Prince-George's county.—Stephen West, Walter Bowie, Jeremiah Magruder, John Contee.
- Baltimore county.—Thomas Cockey Deye, Charles Ridgely, John Stevenson, Peter Sheppard.
- Montgomery county.—Edward Lurgels, Elisha Williams, William Byrd, jun. Richard Crabb.
- Washington county.—Joseph Sprigg, John Barnes, Samuel Hughes, Henry Schneckely.
- Harford county.—Henry Willon, Jacob Bond, Aquila Hall, William Smithon.
- Frederick county.—Christopher Edelen, Philip Thomas, Jacob Young, Upton Sheredine.
- Cecil county.—John Veazey, John Ward, Amos Alexander, Stephen Hyland.
- Kent county.—Peregrine Lethbrury, John Maxwell, Ezekiel Forman, John Cadwaladar.
- Queen-Anne's county.—James Kent, William Breff, Richard T. Earle, Robert Wright.
- Talbot county.—Nicholas Thomas, James Benson, John Gibson, Howes Goldsborough.
- Dorset county.—John Smoot, John Henry, jun. James Murray, Joseph Larkin.
- Caroline county.—William Douglass, Henry Dickinson, Henry Downes, Richard Malon.
- Somerset county.—Thomas Maddux, William Strawbridge, William Winder, Levin Willon.
- Worcester county.—Peter Chaille, Nehemiah Holland, Josiah Mitchell, Thomas Purnell, son of John.
- Baltimore-Town.—Jeremiah T. Chafe, John Smith.

To the PRINTER.

HEARING many people complain that one half of the salt they purchase melts away, if carried any considerable distance, I apprehend any good method of effectually drying it would prevent that loss, and be of great benefit in the perfecting that most necessary article. I have been informed that the following method of drying has been tried with the best success, and renders it as dry and as good as any imported.

To DRY SALT.

Prepare a bed of sand, the finest is the best, of a size proportioned to the quantity of salt you make; add from time to time as you use it, fresh sand, or make a new bed, as most convenient: The sand, when used, must be wetted with fresh water, but not more than enough to make it stick together, and must be covered with a thin linen cloth. When the salt in your baskets is drained as well as it can be without suffering it to grow cool, spread it over the linen about an inch thick, or two inches at most; and within ten minutes, I am informed, it will be perfectly dry. In making of salt, care should be taken to pour off the bitter, which I have heard is not always done; if it is suffered to remain, it will hurt the salt, and make it unwholesome. Water taken out of the bay or rivers, presently after or during rain, will not answer in making salt.

S. W.

Charles county, October 20, 1777.

On Thursday the 20th of November next, will be let up for sale to the highest bidder,

THE PLANTATION on which I now dwell, containing about five hundred and forty-three acres of land, lying in Charles county, near Port-Tobacco; on which are a dwelling-house, with seven rooms and two passages on the lower floor, and five rooms and a passage above stairs, an exceeding good kitchen with a brick floor, a brick dairy, a spinning-room and lumber-room, under one roof; a large granary, corn-house, stables, two tobacco-houses, cow-house, a dwelling-house, calculated to suit a weaver, and other out-houses; a peach orchard, containing about six hundred trees; a young apple orchard, just beginning to bear, and other fruit trees. This land is rich, and capable of producing any commodity suited to the climate; there is a considerable quantity of low ground, which might be converted into fine meadow.

The situation is high, dry, and healthy, the prospect delightful, having a fine view of Potomack river, Virginia, Port-Tobacco creek, and the neighbourhood all round; very convenient to two places of public worship, a protestant church, and Roman catholic chapel, which last is an elegant building, full in view, and adds to the other beauties of the place; two grist mills within a mile and a half, and Port Tobacco warehouse almost at the door, plenty of fish in their season, and frequent opportunities in the winter of getting oysters—in short, this seat has every advantage to make life delightful and happy. Any person inclinable to purchase may view the premises, and know the terms of sale, by applying to

WILLIAM HANSON.

To be sold to the highest bidder, on Monday the first day of December next, if fair, if not, the next fair day.

A Parcel of likely, healthy, country born SLAVES, consisting of one negro man, about 30 years of age, three negro boys and one negro girl, the oldest boy about 18 years of age. Also a parcel of household furniture, plantation utensils, and stock, consisting of horses, black cattle, hogs, and sheep. The sale to be at the late dwelling-house of Edward Coe, and to begin precisely at ten o'clock, and to continue till all is sold, by

BASIL BURGESS, for MARY COLE, Administratrix.

To be SOLD,

A Very good PHAETON, and general harness for a pair of horses; to be seen at Mr. Brown's, near Seven ferry. To prevent trouble, the price is one hundred and fifty pounds.

Also a pair of exceeding good grey horses, upwards of fifteen hands high; they go remarkably well in chairs or tukies.

Port-Tobacco, October 21, 1777.

Agreeable to the last will and testament of M. S. Anne Halkerston, late of Charles county, deceased, will be sold (for ready money) at public vendue, on Wednesday the 12th of November,

A Variety of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, two negro women, and two negro children; one of the women a very good spinner, cook, and washer; some milch cows, hogs, &c. &c.

All persons indebted to the estate of the said Anne Halkerston, are requested to make speedy payments; and all those who have any claims are desired to bring them properly authenticated, and they shall be paid.

JOHN HALKERSTON, Executor.

Annapolis, October 30, 1777.

ALL persons who have any demands against the estate of JAMES MAWE, late of this city, deceased, are desired to bring in their accounts properly attested; and those who are indebted to said estate are desired to pay off their respective balances to the subscribers,

THOMAS and JUDITH DOYLE, administrators.

To be sold, the lease of a house and lot, on the same estate, now occupied by William Williams, in Fleet-street and Cornhill-street. For particulars enquire of the subscribers.

Annapolis, October 29, 1777.

THE subscriber begs leave to acquaint his friends and the public, that he attends at his house in Church street, on Tuesdays and Fridays in every week, to receive any commands they may favour him with. On the intermediate days, any commands for him, left with Mr. Edward Fox, shall be carefully attended to.

RICHARD BURLAND.

October 24, 1777.

WANTED, as an OVERSEER, on a small plantation in the neighbourhood of Annapolis, with seven or eight working hands, a sober, diligent man, with a good character. Such a one may hear of a place, by applying to the printer hereof.

WANTED, a sober, discreet person, to live in a gentleman's family in the country, for the purpose of teaching two young ladies reading, writing, and arithmetic. Such a person, on being well recommended, will meet with great encouragement, by applying to the printer.

THOMAS KUNTON, on Thursday the 30th day of November next, if fair, if not, on the next day, in THOMAS ELLIOTT's old fields, a PURSE of FIFTEEN POUNDS, free for any horse, &c. not exceeding half blood; aged to carry nine stone weight, and to fall seven pounds for every year under. Any horse winning two clear heats to be entitled to the purse, and the second best horse to be entitled to the purse of the first day's race. And on the day following, a PURSE of TEN POUNDS, on the same terms as above, the two winning horses the first day only excepted. Subscribers to pay thirty shillings entrance the first day, and twenty shillings the second, and non-subscribers to pay double entrance. Proper judges will be appointed to determine all disputes that may arise. Certificates to be produced of the breed of the horses, if required. The horses to be entered with Mr. Thomas Elliott the preceding day.

Charles county, Oct. 20, 1777.

To be SOLD, on the premises, to the highest bidder, on Thursday the 27th day of November next (if not sooner disposed of by private contract) for continuing currency, or any other species of money,

THE PLANTATION on which the subscriber now dwells, lying in Charles county, and containing upwards of six hundred acres of very good land, about four miles from Patuxent river, seven from Magruder's warehouse, and five from Benedict-Town. The situation of the buildings is airy and elevated, overlooking a large tract of country, and part of the river; so that, whilst it enjoys the benefit of fishing and oysters, it is remarkably healthy, and exempt from the fever and ague, and maulketoes. The dwelling-house has four rooms, a passage, and much other conveniency, on the lower floor, and is surrounded by almost every necessary out-house (all of them built within the last nine years) a garden, two orchards, one of them a young one, containing upwards of a thousand trees of various kinds of well chosen fruit, just beginning to bear. A considerable part of the ground is fine swamp, of which ten acres are now in meadow, and nine acres more are cleared and ditched for farther improvement; on the branch is a mill-seat, within a mile and a quarter of navigable water, known by the name of Wilkinson's-Mill, and long esteemed one of the best in that part of the country; on which is a tub-mill, which he was about to convert into a fulling-mill; it has twelve feet fall of water, and within a few yards is a greater fall of nineteen feet eight inches, now in great forwardness of improvement for a grist-mill, with an overshot wheel and two pair of stones; the stream is fully sufficient for both, and the business will continue to be carried on with vigour until the day of sale: In short, there are few plantations which enjoy more for conveniency, or suffer less from defect, than this.—Should a sale be made by private contract before the time appointed for the public sale, notice will be given in this Gazette. The title will be shewn, on application to

JAMES BATE.

EIGHT DOLLARS REWARD.

Prince-George's county, Sept. 1, 1777.

RAN away from the subscriber, living near George-Town, on Monday the 1st instant, a NEGRO man named Charles, 20 years of age, near six feet high, rather clumsy about the ankles, and knock-kneed; had on, when he went away, a country linen shirt, a pair of brown corded breeches, a blue gray jacket, trimmed with black, without sleeves, a pair of half-worn country shoes. I bought him of Mr. George Nailor of Nottingham; it is supposed he will sculk about in that neighbourhood. Whoever takes up said negro and secures him in any gaol, so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home.

JOHN THOMAS BOUCHER.

TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Baltimore county, about 10 miles from Baltimore-Town, some time in March last, a NEGRO man, named JACK, commonly called Jack Gutrick, formerly belonged to col. Hooe, of Charles county, and sold by him to Dr. Walter Jenifer, of said county; he is a short, well set fellow, remarkable thick lips. Whoever takes up said negro, and secures him in any gaol, so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home.

Captain CHARLES RIDGELY.

N. B. Whoever may happen to take said negro and desired to confine him well in irons.

Piscataway, July 1, 1777.

For SALE,

MY lot in Piscataway: The improvements thereon are, a dwelling-house two stories high, thirty by eighteen, two rooms below, and two above, a stone cellar the dimensions of the house, a stable thirty by fourteen, a story and a half high, and an old store-house, now covered about three years ago, and with a small expense may be made either a convenient store-house or kitchen; the lot is inclosed with locust posts and oak paling, and contains near an acre. Part of the price may be made easy to the purchaser, on giving proper security, with interest.

ALEX. HAMILTON.

ANY person or persons, who will undertake the STOCKING of MUSKETS for this STATE, may have any number, and all the materials found, by applying to

JOHN SHAW, Annapolis, for which a good price will be given.

PATAPSCO SLITTING-MILL.

THIS is to inform the public, that the subscriber's MILL is completely finished, and now at work, where he sells NAIL RODS of all sorts, SHEET IRON, thick and thin, and HOOPING 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 NAILORS are wanted, to whom great encouragement will be given, by

W. W.

THE subscriber, having the management of the TANN-YARD belonging to this state, will give encouraging prices for any quantity of sound green or dried hides, delivered in this city; where proper encouragement will be given to a good tanner, and the best price paid for those thread, by

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH.

ALL persons indebted to the late Dr. JOHN SHAW, on bond, note, or open account, are desired to make immediate payment, as this is the last time of asking, and may depend that suits will be brought against them without further notice.

ISAAC HARRIS, } Executors. RUTH HARRIS, }