

...ble difference in the saltness of the bay or river waters, in a tide or two after a rain, from what they were before it.

The opinion that water is saltier at the bottoms of rivers than near their surface, has led some salt-makers to take up with their water a quantity of mud, and other subsiding impurities, injurious to their salt. How- ever, unwilling I am to controvert an opinion so prevalent, I cannot, however, forbear to observe, that though undissolved salt, when put with water in the same vessel, being the heaviest of the two bodies, will sink to the bottom; yet when salt is dissolved and intimately mixed with water, or when fresh water is mixed with salt water, they become from then incorporated into one body, nor again to be separated or distinguished but by an almost entire evaporation of the water, or possibly by filtration; and whilst they remain mixed, the water is equally impregnated with the salt at all depths of it, and, I believe, will continue, even if the mixture rests unagitated. I would not be misunderstood, and have the salt-maker filling his boiler from a river presently after a rain or great thaw, when the fresh water, falling or gliding on the river, floats on the surface of the salt water, until a flood tide or two mixes the two waters together. It would be wise to fill the boilers from the river so freshen'd, till the mixture has happened: but after the second return of tide from the sea, you may fill and boil away to advantage; and then I would always choose my water from near the surface, where it will be purer, and equally strong with that from a greater depth; though indeed no where so strong as before the great thaw or rain happened, until in a course of dry weather it again acquires its former standard.

I do not mean to be positive in these matters, however, my expressions are, I speak my opinion of things, appearing to me worthy of the consideration of the public, with the hope that some ingenious and industrious person may be excited to attend to the subject, and, in the course of his practice, endeavour to fix upon the true principle and solid mode of practice. Should my opinion be erroneous it will be very satisfactory to me, in retuning it, the truth long for be disclosed for the benefit of the public: I thought indeed confident, in the present case especially, ought to be founded on experience rather than on mere reasoning.

In crossing the bay from Annapolis to Kent-Island, when I was abreast of Hackett's Point, the tide being ebb, I tasted of the bay water, and took some up in a bottle: In the ship channel I again tasted of it, and compared it with the water of the channel, and found that from abreast of Hackett's Point to be clearly the freshest. Upon my arrival at Broad-Creek, I tasted of that water, but could perceive no difference in its saltness from that of the channel. That the water abreast of Hackett's Point should be better than that near the eastern bay, in the ship channel, is probably owing to its being protected by Sandy-Point, which turns the course of fresh water, running down the bay, out of the great rivers Susquehanna, &c. in a course, wide of Hackett's towards Broad-Creek: a person who for some time made salt on Kent-Island, first at Broad-Creek (near the bay) and afterwards at the head of Church-Creek, eight or ten miles from its junction with the eastern bay, assured me he found the water at the head of Church-Creek yielded a greater proportion of salt than that in Broad-Creek, which is about two miles from the other, over the land. Such considerations as these, were there no other would probably induce you to prefer a salt-work of any considerable extent, up a creek, to one on the bay or on a river, provided the water be sufficiently clear. But as to the numerous little works carried on with family pots, they may well be set up on the shore of the bay, or rivers, or creeks; just as may best suit the salt-maker's convenience for wood, &c.

T. C. D.

To be SOLD, on the premises, to the highest bidder, on Tuesday the 5th day of December next, if fair, if not, the next fair day (if no former disposal by private contract) for continental currency, or any other species of money.

UPWARDS of five hundred acres of LAND, lying in Frederick county, on Bennett's Creek, about 12 miles from Frederick Town, a stream of water running through it capable of supporting a mill, a considerable quantity of good meadow ground, and a very extensive range. For terms apply to

THOMAS HARWOOD, jun. Queen's-Town, Nov. 15, 1777.

SEVEN hundred and three acres and a half of LAND, near to Coffin's Cross Roads, in Queen-Anne's county. Also two hundred eighty-one acres, near the Rev. Mr. Keene's in Caroline county. Apply to

ROBERT W. COOPER, November 17, 1777.

To be LET for a term of years, and entered upon the first day of January next,

A Small PLANTATION, on Greenberry's-Point, containing about sixty acres of exceeding rich land, the whole capable of making as fine meadow as any on the continent; ten acres were sown last spring with timothy and red clover; there is a small house with two rooms, and the whole under good fencing: It would suit a person who understands the management of a garden, being but a small distance by water from Annapolis market, which in general is the highest in America. The situation, and the many advantages it has got, needs no description. There is likewise a negro woman that can sew, knit, and spin, and has been used to all sorts of house-work; she will either be hired with the plantation, or otherwise. Any person whom this may suit, may know the terms, by applying to Mr. Robert Couder, or the subscriber, near Oxford.

DAVID KERR, November 18, 1777.

THE Subscriber will serve any gentleman as an OVERSEER, either in Anne-Arundel, Prince-George's, or Baltimore counties, who will make it worth his trouble: Or will rent any man's hands and plantation in the said county.

WILLIAM WELLING-

FOUR DOLLARS REWARD. GOT away from the subscriber, a bay MARE, about 4 hands high, with a small star in her forehead, and a small spot on her nose, with a saddle and bridle on. Whoever finds the said mare, saddle and bridle, and will deliver the same to Mrs. Tilly, at South river ferry, shall be entitled to the above reward; or the one half for either the mare, or saddle and bridle, to be delivered as above directed, and there to be paid.

GEORGE THORNTON. N. B. The mare got away from me between South river ferry and M. Cooper's.

CAME to the plantation of Francis Pinkney, near Annapolis, some time in July or August last, a large brindled STEER, marked with a crop in each ear. The owner is desir'd to prove ownership, pay charges, and take him away.

THEKE is at the plantation of James Powe, near Pig Point, on Patuxent river, Anne-Arundel county, taken up as a steed, a bay HORSE, about 12 hands 3 or 4 inches high, with a small white spot on his forehead, and a white patch on his chest, about two years old. The above horse is all marked with a crop and a horn in the right ear, and is up in the left. The owner or owners thereof are desir'd to prove ownership, pay charges, and take him away.

THEKE is at the plantation of Joseph Howard, near Pig Point, on the head of the river, four stry cattle, viz three steers, and one about five years old, a black and white heifer about 3 years old, and a heifer about two years old, with a white about him, and a black heifer with a white face, &c. about two years old. The above cattle are all marked with a crop and a horn in the right ear, and is up in the left. The owner or owners thereof are desir'd to prove ownership, pay charges, and take them away.

COMMITTED to Queen-Anne's county jail, is a NEGRO fellow, between twenty and thirty years of age, a negro cloth, his name is Charles W. who has been run away a great while; that his name is Charles Todd, upon Park-Creek river, and that he stole the bay, no one does know from what county. I Judge Muddick, in Virginia. His master is desir'd to take him away, and pay charges, otherwise he will be sold for the same according to law.

W. WRIGHT, Sheriff Q. A. C. Charles county, Oct. 20, 1777.

To be SOLD, on the premises, to the highest bidder, on Thursday the 27th day of November next, if fair, if not, the next fair day (if no former disposal by private contract) for continental currency, or any other species of money.

PLANTATION in 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, between Magruder's warehouse, and five from Benedict-Town. The situation of the buildings is very elevated, overlooking a large tract of country, and part of the river, so that, whilst it enjoys the benefit of sun and air, it is remarkably healthy, and exempt from the fever and ague, and malarious. The dwelling-house has four rooms, a hall, &c. 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 hundred trees of various kinds of well chosen fruit, just beginning to bear. A considerable part of the ground is fine meadow, of which ten acres are now in meadow, and nine acres more are cleared and directed for further improvement; on the branch is a mill-pond, with a mill 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 county, in which is a tannery, 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 shown, on application to

JAMES BATE.

AGREEABLE to the will of Mr. BENJAMIN BERRY, deceased, will be SOLD by public vendue, at Mrs. Gibbon's, in Upper-Marlborough, on Wednesday the 26th of November, for ready money, several NEGROES, consisting of men, women, boys and girls.

SARAH BERRY, Executrix. DAVID CROFORD, JOHN BERRY, Executors.

LOST, yesterday morning, between S. uton-river ferry and Mr. Lottel's tavern, a large silk POCKET-BOOK, of lead-colour'd taffety, with a polished steel rasp and catch, with some money in, the quantity unknown exactly, but supposed to be about fourteen pounds; of which is between three and four pounds of old Maryland money, and the rest in continental money. In one of the pockets of said book there were two gold rings set with garnet, one with four hearts very small set; the other large heart, single. Whoever finds, or can give any information of said book, so that the owner may get it again, shall be entitled to the above reward, if brought to Mr. Jonathan Selman's, on Road-river; Mr. Ferguson's, in London-Town, South River; Mr. Christopher Harvey, at Mr. Jacob Myers's, Baltimore; or to the subscriber, living at Leigh-Furnace, Little-Pipe-Creek, Frederick county, Maryland.

JONATHAN SELLMAN, son of John.

To be SOLD by public vendue, on Tuesday the 25th instant, at the house of Mr. Benjamin Linn-Creek, Calvert county,

A Parcel of LAND, lying on Chesapeake Bay, containing three hundred and fifteen acres, with a good dwelling house, thirty-six by twenty, three rooms on a story, with a twenty square cellar under, kitchen, twenty feet by twenty, corn-house, quarter, and several other out-houses, joining to it, about eight acres of good meadow, and more may be made, with fifty acres of marsh, and upwards of two hundred apple-trees, one hundred and upwards of peach-trees, besides fruit-trees. The chief part of the land is very fertile and well adapted for farming. The house is very pleasantly situated, having a fine prospect of the bay. There is a landing belonging to it, that is very convenient for fishing and sailing. Any person inclined to purchase, may view the same before the day of sale, by applying to the subscriber. The purchase shall be made at Christmas, but may forewarn to take pleasure before. The sale to begin at one o'clock the afternoon.

SAMUEL BIPCKHEAD, Calvert county, November 1, 1777.

To be SOLD, on the premises, to the highest bidder, on Tuesday the 5th day of December next, if fair, if not, the next fair day (if no former disposal by private contract) of which twenty notice will be given.

PLANTATION on which the subscriber now dwells, containing five hundred acres of land, lying in Calvert county, on Patuxent river, about three miles below Lower-Marlborough, which is a large dwelling-house, with four good rooms and a large passage below, and three rooms and a passage up stairs, an exceeding good kitchen and necessary out-houses, together with a good store-room and cellars, a new paved garden, two apple orchards, and a new double ground grist-mill, with a pair of French hurrs and a pair of Coligny-stones, bottling chest, and every other necessary thing, it may be very good grounds as well and as fast as most in the state, where crabs can go to her. The situation is delightful, having a fine prospect up and down Patuxent river, and very convenient for fish and oysters, having a landing, almost at the door, where fish may be got plenty the whole year. The land is very good for planting or farming, having a great deal of ground, about twelve acres of which is in fine meadow, and the other may be made such with little trouble, as to a very fine hard marsh. In short, its conveniency will suit either the planter, farmer, or trader. At the same time will be sold 8 or 10 valuable country negroes; likewise sundry horses, among which are four very fine breeding mares, and a young stone horse. Any person inclinable to purchase, may view the premises, and know the terms of sale, by applying to

W. ALLEN, To be sold to the highest bidder, on Monday the 5th day of December next, if fair, if not, the next day.

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

BASIL BURGESS, for MARY COLE, Administratrix.

To be SOLD by public vendue, on the 5th or 6th of November, at Mr. Werrall's tavern,

A LOT of ground in Chest. Town, on which stands a three story BRICK HOUSE, conveniently situated for any kind of public business, and has been formerly occupied as a tavern, for which it is extremely well situated. The terms will be made known to Mr. John Galloway, who will attend the sale.

Prince-George's county, July 23, 1777.

WILLIAM WATERS takes this method of stating with him unsettled twelve months, to make immediate payment, which will prevent trouble and expense to them as well as to himself.

WANTED, a sober, discreet person; to instruct 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.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD. Elk-Ridge, Anne-Arundel county, near Green-mill, Patuxent river, July 7, 1777.

RAN away from the subscriber, a convict servant man, named GEORGE HOLT, about 5 feet or 5 inches high about 43 or 24 years of age, sandy hair, tressed, back, has a weakness in one of his thumbs: Had on a country hat half worn, and coarse country shirt, almost new, one linsley jacket with a yellow cotton cape, and one striped ditto with yellow metal buttons, coarse striped country trousers, shoes newly-sealed, old stockings black and blue, old razor, and an old day-book with his name in many places in it. It is imagined he has forged a pass, and will endeavour to get on board some vessel. Whoever secures the said servant, so that his matter may get brought again, shall have ten dollars reward, and, if brought home, all reasonable charges paid, by me,

WILLIAM RAY, St. Mary's county, Sept. 18, 1777.

DRIFTED up along shore, upon Patowmack river, near the mouth of Clement's-Bay, a POCKET-BOOK, with a sum of money in it. The owner is desir'd to prove his book and the sum of money, by charges, and take it away.

NEHEMIAH HUBERT BLAKISTON, w6