

press of Ruffes, there is scarce any doubt of a peace being brought about, notwithstanding all the difficulties which now seem to be in the way.

A Cheshire gentleman has given a Staffordshire equire 500 guineas, on condition of receiving half a guinea a day from him till the French land ten thousand men in England.

Orders are gone to Limerick, in Ireland, for the East-India ships which are now there, not to attempt the passage home till the French fleet has left the channel, and a sufficient convoy is appointed to see them safe to Spithead.

It is a positive fact, that Sir Charles Hardy is ordered out, with the whole of his fleet to sea again, but not to give battle on any account to the enemy. The ministry know that they would be obliged to turn out in case of a defeat, and they will sooner suffer the honour of their country to dwindle away, than run the least hazard of losing their places.

Advice is received from Petersburg, that another rupture between the Russians and Turks was spoken of at that court with much certainty; an event which the inclinations of the court of Versailles has been the chief instrument of.

Admiral Barrington was yesterday at the admiralty, and it is with the sincerest pleasure we can acquit the public that the report of his having lost a leg is erroneous. That brave and gallant officer, though much wounded in the late engagement of Grenada, walked to the board in seemingly good health.

TRENTON, Jan. 13.

We hear that a large quantity of counterfeit continental money was taken a few days ago, by a party of major Lee's light dragoons, in Monmouth county. We have not yet learned in whose hands it was found. There was also a considerable quantity of goods, which had been sent out of New-York at the same time, for sale. Several persons were taken, among whom was Anthony Woodward's son.

ANNAPOLIS, January 13.

Our bay and rivers still continue shut up. Several persons have gone from this to Poplar-Island, Rock-castle, and Baltimore-Town, on the ice, and are crossing to and from Kent Island every day, which has not been known before by our oldest inhabitants, nor has the like ever happened, we believe, since the memory of man.

A WINTER PASTORAL, Address'd to Mrs. LIVINGSTON.

WHERE flows the Severn, when her streams can but now constricted by the ice and snow, A Bard rejoic'd his lyre, tho' long unstrung, And these rude strains, in bashy notes, were sung. While fierce, the north wind, in his fury, reigns, O'er many a track of joyless woods and plains, And pours the winter of a frozen zone, We are made happy with a Livingston.

The pleasing graces of the gay and wife, Have charms to smooth the year and bless the It is not ours in liquid streams to bring, The richest waters from Castalia's spring; But if fair truth can oft the charin supply, Of heavenly song and nobler melody, These bashy strains shall please the list'ning ear, And you, fair lady, not disdain to hear.

Where Hudson rolls his full majestic tide, Loud fame has told that nature takes a pride, To show fine forms of female beauty rare, And cloathe with virtue the distinguish'd fair. Loud fame has told it, and it must be true, If all are lovely and excel like you.

The pleasing graces of the gay and wife, Have charms to smooth the year and bless the Say, shall we paint the finely arch'd eye, Or cheek suffus'd with a carnation dye? We rather touch the mental charms that please; Rich sense express'd with dignity and ease: For, that fair form, where ev'ry grace is seen, Is but an emblem of the mind within, Where reason steals a ray of light from heav'n, And gives good humour, and a temper ev'n.

The pleasing graces of the gay and wife, Have charms to smooth the year and bless the Have happy instance of connubial love, Which could the rigour of the seasons prove, In thus attending on thy husband, where, He asks sweet health from this our southern air: Sweet health shall spring, and thy fair charms shall New joys to life, and bid him wish to live— To live, and add new honours to his fame, A noble patriot of a patriot name!

Lady of Water Livingston, Esq; of the State of New-York

The patriot's name, ever claims to share, The kind embraces of the tender fair. Then may his fortune, in some hour await, Each rising patriot of each rising state, And health reward the worth it must approve, With equal beauty and with equal love.

The pleasing graces of the gay and wife, Have charms to smooth the year and bless the Say, shall we bid the stormy north winds blow, And still obstruct the roads with frost and snow? We cannot wound the feelings of our heart, To wish it possible you could depart.

Self love in man, takes place of social love; Or the warm passions are together wove. 'Tis ours to make your path with our own, In all things else, we wish'd to be gone; For here, we love ourselves, and wish your stay, Because you have the art to make us gay.

The pleasing graces of the gay and wife, Have charms to smooth the year and bless the Then be resign'd until the vernal gales Shall free the waters and caress the sails. Our life's a storm and let the juncos be, To turn its rigours to fecundity.

And find fair hours beneath the different skies, Where western winds or eastern juncos arise; Where Hudson bids his icy waters fall, Or here, in Ch...s hospitable hall.

The pleasing graces of the gay and wife, Have charms to smooth the year and bless the

In COUNCIL,

Annapolis, Dec. 30, 1779.

THIS board being of opinion, that it would be the means of procuring a higher price for the saltpetre, salt pans, Kettles, and other utensils for making salt and saltpetre, belonging to this state, in the hands of contractors and others, if such persons were directed to sell the same at the places where they are now deposited,

ORDERED THEREFORE, That all contractors and others, having any of the above enumerated articles in their possession, be authorized and directed to sell the same at public sale immediately, and render an account of such sales to this board.

Annapolis, Jan. 19, 1779.

WHEREAS, by an act for the more effectual preventing foreclosing and engrossing, and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the eighth day of November, 1779, the governor and council are authorized and requested to lay out and divide the several counties of this state into eight districts, in pursuance whereof, it is hereby ordered, that the several counties in this state be divided and laid out into eight districts, in the following manner, to wit: Harford and Baltimore the first, Washington and Frederick the second, Montgomery and Prince-George's the third, Anne Arundel and Calvert the fourth, Charles and St. Mary's the fifth, Kent, Cecil and Queen-Anne's the sixth, Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester the seventh, Somerset and Worcester the eighth district.

By order, T. JOHNSON jun. cl.

A PETITION will be offered to the first session of the general assembly after this notice shall have been published eight weeks, for an act admitting to record and giving effect from the date to a deed executed in Prince-George's county, by Mary Athey to John Webster, for part of a tract of land called Athey's Choice.

THIS is to acquaint the public, that Thomas Price, of Kent-Island, in Queen-Anne's county, is indebted to Mr. Thomas Ringgold of the aforesaid island a sum of money, for which the aforesaid Thomas Ringgold has Thomas Price's bond, and Thomas Price having offered Thomas Ringgold to pay the debt and take up the bond, which he has refused before evidences, this is to forewarn all persons not to intermeddle with the aforesaid bond.

January 22, 1780.

DESERTED from Annapolis, in the month of December last, ANTHONY SMITH, a private in the first Maryland regiment, about seventeen years of age, near 6 feet high, was born in Anne-Arundel county, and is supposed to be in the neighbourhood of West-River. Whoever takes up the said Smith, and secures him in any goal, or delivers him at my quarters in Annapolis, shall receive sixty dollars reward.

URIAH FORREST, lieut. col. com.

FOR SALE.

THE UNITED STATES LOTTERY TICKETS in the third class. They go off very rapidly, from the advantage of the adventurer in this class compared with the preceding ones: the holders therefore of tickets in the second class, who purchased of the subscribers being entitled to pre-emption in this, are requested to be speedy in their application to renew, otherwise they will be disposed of to others.

JOHN DAVIDSON.

In COUNCIL, Annapolis, Dec. 17, 1779.

A N.Y. gentleman having vessels to let for freight to Europe or the West-Indies, and willing to treat with the Governor and Council are requested to transmit their proposals as speedily as convenient.

T. JOHNSON, jun. cl.

NOTICE is hereby given, that by an act of assembly, made and passed at a session of assembly of the state of Maryland, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on the 8th day of November, 1779, the bills of credit, dated January 1, 1767, emitted and made current by an act of assembly, passed November session, 1768, are directed to be brought in and deposited with the western shore treasurer, on or before the 1st of June next, or thereafter irredeemable; if which the holders of said bills of credit may, at their option, receive either bills of exchange drawn on the trustees of said state at London, or state loan-office certificates, bearing an annual interest of six per cent.

N. B. The printers in the adjacent States are requested to insert the above in their respective papers.

FIFTY POUNDS REWARD.

Head of Severn, Jan. 17, 1780.

STOLEN from the subscriber, on Thursday morning the 13th instant, a coat, jacket and breeches, a pair of mittens, a comb, an ax, some powder in an osnabrig bag, and shot in a leather one. They were stolen by one PATRICK RILEY, an Irishman, about 5 feet 10 inches high, has yellow hair, a dark brown country cloth coat and breeches, and a whitish jacket, the breeches have a hole torn in the thigh; he has a cast in his eyes, a full red face, and very large limbs. He has a pass, which mentions his having had one from the governor of Virginia, which he lost, and that he is a deserter from the British army; he had with him a white bitch, with yellow spots, short ears and tail. Whoever will procure the said Riley so that he be brought to justice, shall receive one hundred dollars if taken in the county, and it out of the county the above reward, paid by

JOHN MCPHY.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

January 6, 1780.

RAN away from the subscriber's plantation, about seven miles from Annapolis, on the main road leading from thence to Baltimore, on Monday the 21st day of December last, a likely young NEGRO man, named TOM, about five feet eight inches high, a stout well set fellow with thick lips, and his legs rather large: but when he went away, a light coloured country made cloth jacket, with a red throat waistcoat under it, a pair of light coloured country cloth breeches, and also took with him a pair of leather breeches, dark coloured yarn stockings, and two pair of shoes. It is apprehended that he may have endeavoured to get over into Virginia, from whence he was brought when a small boy and was then the property of John Morton Jordan, Esq; deceased. Whoever will apprehend the said negro, and bring him to the subscriber, shall receive the above reward if taken in Maryland, and if out of Maryland a further reward of one hundred dollars, besides all reasonable charges, paid by

ELIZABETH SCOTT.

A PETITION will be offered to the first session of the general assembly after this notice shall have been published eight weeks, for an act admitting to record, and giving effect from the date to a deed executed in Prince-George's county, by George Conn to Josias Shaw, for part of a tract of land called William and Anne's

RICHARD HENDERSON.

CASH given for clean Linen and Cotton RAGS.