

By his EXCELLENCY  
JOSEPH REED, Esquire,  
President, and the supreme executive council of  
the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**A PROCLAMATION.**

WHEREAS, by an inquest held by the coroner of the county of Chester, it appears that William Boyd, while in the discharge of his duty as a collector of the public taxes, was, on the tenth day of this present month, killed and murdered by a certain John Smith or Robert Smith, both of the said county of Chester: And whereas it is of the utmost importance to the security of the lives of the good people of the state, and a due execution of the laws, that the perpetrators of so horrid a crime should be brought to condign and exemplary punishment: We have therefore thought fit to issue this proclamation, hereby engaging that the public reward of twenty thousand dollars shall be paid to any person or persons who shall apprehend the said John Smith and Robert Smith, and secure them in any goal within this state, or the sum of ten thousand dollars for either of them. And we do hereby charge and command all magistrates, sheriffs and other officers, as well as all other the good subjects of this state, to exert themselves, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure the said John Smith and Robert Smith, so that they may be brought to trial, and be punished according to law.

Given by order of the council, under the hand of his excellency Joseph Reed, Esq; president; and the seal of the state, at Philadelphia, this thirtieth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

JOSEPH REED, president.

Attest. T. MATLACK, secretary.  
GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

The above mentioned John Smith is said to be about twenty-five years of age, six feet high, or upwards, is strong made, and a little round shouldered, has brown hair, and is pitted with the small-pox. Robert Smith is seventeen or eighteen years of age, about five feet eight or ten inches high, is slim made, thin visaged, keeps a little as he walks, and has straight light-coloured hair. Their clothing is not known, but supposed to be homespun. They are brothers, and born in the township of Concord, in the county of Chester. They took with them a cheinut sorrel stallion, three years old, which trots and canters; and a cheinut sorrel mare, with a white mane and tail, has a blaze in her face, supposed to be eight or nine years old, and about fourteen hands high; the both paces and trots.

ANNAPOLIS, May 26.

Extract of a letter from CONGRESS to his excellency GOVERNOR LEE, May 19, 1780.

"Circular.

"SIR,

"Congress have received authentic information, that his Most Christian Majesty is preparing to send a powerful naval and land force to some part of the continent of North-America. This force, generally calculated either to produce a diversion in our favour, or to forward the operation of our arms, by being directed to the same object, may either by our exertions be made the means of delivering our country in the course of the campaign from the ravages of war, or being rendered ineffectual, through our supineness, serve only to sully the reputation of our arms, to defeat the benevolent intention of our great ally, and to disgrace our confederacy in the eyes of all Europe.

"Every state, that reflects upon the depreciation of the currency, and their own deficiency in the payment of their taxes, must necessarily conclude, that the treasury is exhausted. The military departments are at a stand for want of money to put them in motion. Congress have no resources, but in your spirit and virtue; upon these they confidently rely. You know the value of the prize for which you contend, nor need you be informed how much you are interested in a speedy termination of this distressing and expensive war.

"But as the smallest disappointment in the requisitions they make, may be attended with most serious consequences, they have endeavoured to limit their demands, as not to exceed your power to comply with them."

Extract of a letter from St. Eustacia, May 1, 1780.

"The two fleets in these seas are nearly equal, they have lately met near Guadaloupe, and had an action, we cannot learn that it was

severe, or by any means decisive. I saw the British return of killed and wounded, which says one hundred and eleven of the former, and three hundred and twenty of the latter. No ships were lost, though several on each side were much disabled. I know not the day which the French sustained, however, from every circumstance, admiral Rodney had not the better. Some of his officers write, that several English captains of principal ships behaved so much amiss, that they did not get into action, this gave the French the superiority, and in consequence thereof it was a drawn battle. The French fleet has not been materially injured, because they have kept the seas since the action, and had they been much disabled they certainly would have gone into port. The day before yesterday a very heavy cannonade was heard greater part of the day, the firing was at or near Antigua.

By his EXCELLENCY  
THOMAS SIM LEE, Esquire,  
GOVERNOR of MARYLAND,  
**A PROCLAMATION.**

WHEREAS the house of senate stands adjourned to the fifth day of June next, and the house of delegates to the twentieth day of August, and matters of the utmost importance requiring the immediate consideration of the general assembly;

I have thought proper, that the general assembly of this state should meet, on Wednesday the seventh day of June next, and do therefore, in virtue of the power with which I am invested by the constitution and form of government, hereby appoint the said seventh day of June for the meeting and holding the general assembly, of which the several sheriffs of this state are hereby enjoined to give public and due notice.

Given at Annapolis, this twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

THO. SIM LEE.

By his EXCELLENCY's command,  
T. JOHNSON, junior, sec.

GOD SAVE THE STATE.

Annapolis, May 24, 1780.

To be SOLD by the subscriber,  
**A HARPICORD**, in good order,  
with a complete set of new strings on it.

W. J. BUCHANAN and C. SMITH, M.

THERE is at the plantation of Charles Hestline, living near Chaptico, in St. Mary's county, taken up as a stray, a dark bay horse, about four years old this spring, about 13 hands and an half high, roach backed, branded on the near buttock with P. paces, trots, and gallops. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

Commissioners office, Annapolis, May 3, 1780.

THE honourable general assembly having on the 7th of May resolved, "That the commissioners for stating and settling the public accounts be directed to call on the several collectors to make immediate payment, and in case of neglect, to put their bonds in suit, and also to call on all public debtors to settle their accounts, and in case of neglect, to compel payment without delay;" in conformity thereto the commissioners hereby give notice to the several collectors and public debtors to comply with the said resolution.

Signed per order  
T. GASSAWAY, clerk.

**ACCOUNT** and pocket books, writing, wrapping, and bonnet paper, lampblack, wafers, sealing-wax, and a variety of books and stationary too tedious to enumerate, or cash, may be had of M. K. Goddard, at the printing-office in Baltimore-town, in exchange for clean linen and cotton rags, coarse or fine, old sail-cloth, and junk.—A large quantity of those articles are now much wanted, at the paper-mill, near Elk-Ridge Landing, where, as well as at the printing-office in Baltimore, the highest prices will be given.

If the mill above mentioned is supplied with such rags as have been usually thrown away, they will be immediately converted into good paper, and offered for sale at the printing-office in Baltimore, and Annapolis, at a much cheaper rate than any imported paper can possibly be sold.

Clean linen and cotton rags are also taken in, and the highest prices given, by Frederick Green.

Kent-Island, April 20, 1780.  
**TAKEN** up adrift this day in Chesapeake bay, a large lighter, forty feet long and about twelve feet wide; she appears to be old, but seemingly found and clear from any perceptible leak, had nothing in her, only the appearance of brick-dust, as if she had been lately used in carrying bricks. The owner is requested to apply for further particulars to,

W. S. AQUILA BROWN.

Somerset county, April 4, 1780.  
**NOTICE** is hereby given, that I intend to petition the next general assembly, for a road to lead from the main road leading from Princess-Anne to the lower ferry, to the plantation whereon David McGrath formerly lived, and now is the possession of

MARY WAGGAMAN.

May 30, 1780.  
**TAKEN** up as a stray near London-town, a bright bay mare, 14 hands 3 inches high, about six years old, switch tail, and has no perceivable brand. The owner is desired to come and prove his property, pay charges, and take her away.

W. J. JAMES DISNEY.

Annapolis, May 10, 1780.  
To be SOLD by the subscriber,

**A N ENGINE** for extinguishing fires; it may be worked by four men; but to play a full stream will require six, throws the water upwards of forty feet high; it is exceeding useful for watering of gardens by the means of a copper fan that fixes on the end of the pipe, that spreads the water in such a manner as causes it to fall like rain; the cistern holds about forty gallons, and may be drawn by one man when empty.

JOHN SHAW.

N. B. Was left at the subscriber's shop, about a year ago, to be mended, a mahogany framed dressing-glass, the person that brought it forgot; the owner may have it by applying to J. S.

**TAKEN** up some time in January last, between the Bodkin and Mountain bars, three Hogheads of tobacco, the hogheads bare without heading, and part of the tobacco lost. The owner, upon proving property and paying all charges, may have the tobacco by applying to John Traggall, on the Seven Mountains, near the mouth of Magothly. Also at same time and near the same place, were taken up, two hogheads, much hurt, and a great part of the tobacco lost. The owner, upon proving property as above, may have the tobacco by applying to William Trowell, near the Bodkin.

Saint Mary's county, April 7, 1780.

**A PETITION** will be offered to the next session of assembly after this notice has been published eight weeks, for an act to amend the recording and to give effect from the date of a deed executed in this county, by Philip Redd and Anne, his wife, to George Medley, for a tract of land lying in Medley's Neck, in the county aforesaid.

GEORGE MEDLEY.

SILVER-TAIL

**WILL** cover this season at Tulip-Hill for three guineas. Country produce or continental currency will be received for the value at the time paid.

Silver-Tail was got by Old Tanner, his dam by Selim, his grand dam by Panton's Arabian; his great grand dam by the Godolphin Arabian, his great grand grand dam was Mr. Panton's famous Witherington mare; he is a fine bay, fifteen and a half hands high, with great bone (strength and beauty). Good pasturage for mares at five pounds per week, and care will be taken of them.

**STOLEN** out of the stable of the subscriber, at his quarter near the city of Annapolis, on the night of the twentieth day of February last, a cheinut sorrel MARE, about thirteen hands three inches high, eight or nine years old this spring, flaxen mane and tail, one hind foot white, branded on the near buttock with C. D. paces and gallops, and carries her head when rode very low. Any person who will give information, or secure the said mare so that the owner may have her again, shall receive one hundred dollars, and if brought home one hundred and fifty dollars, and any person securing the thief, so as he may be brought to justice, shall receive a reward of one hundred dollars, paid by

WILLIAM WATSON.