

some of our ships had been somewhat damaged in their masts and rigging, but much less than those of the enemy, and especially, those which put in the carnage of St. Lucia to refit. No ship of ours has received any damage in the action of the 15th, whilst the van of the English suffered considerably; they had 21 ships in the first action, and 22 in the two last ones, having been reinforced by the Triumph of 74, 2 two decked ships, and a superior number of seventy-four, gave them the advantage of strength. Our fleet was composed in the three actions of 22 ships of war, the Dauphin Royal which joined after that of the 17th of April, added nothing to our number, because the Triton not having stability enough to be able to make use of her lower battery with the advantage of the wind, was not put in line in the last actions.

The captains of ships, the commanding officers of corps, the officers of the marine and land forces, all animated with the same spirit and sentiments, have all equally contributed to the glory of the king's arms; there is no one but has filled the duties of his station as becomes an excellent officer: the soldiers and sailors, filled with a noble emulation, have strove to give constant proofs of firmness and bravery in the three actions. But the misfortunes that attend war, always embitter the public joy by losses which the greatest advantages cannot repair.—Our country cannot enjoy her triumphs without a mixture of sorrow, when she must lose such subjects as the eldest son of Mr. de Guichen, a lieutenant of the royal navy, and the comte de Seguin, colonel of the regiment of Martinique: those two officers possess in an eminent degree the virtues and talents of their profession. Although we regret them in a particular manner, we are not insensible to the loss of the land and sea officers, and so many other brave men who died in the support of the honour of the French flag; it amounts to 13 men in the marine, and 39 in the land forces; the number of the wounded is about 500.

If the English were really possess of that sincerity which they affect, they would frankly acknowledge that in the only action of the 17th of April, they have lost more men than we have in the three battles; they would plainly say that they expected to find in our royal marine a less intrepid and active adversary, they would acknowledge that the king's fleet was always disposed to fight them, and that notwithstanding the movements which they have made to save the honour of the British flag; they have in fact never accepted our gallant invitations, but when they have been forced to it by their position and the superiority of our manœuvres, they would above all things do justice to the superior talents of our commander. But these acknowledgments would cost their pride too dear; it is enough that they be conscious of what they have not the generosity to own.

CHATHAM, Aug. 9.

Certain intelligence having been received, that sir Henry Clinton had embarked the principal part of his force, and had proceeded to Huntington bay, on his way to Rhode-Island, to make a combined attack upon the fleet and army of our allies now there, his excellency general Washington marched from his camp at Prackness the 29th of July, and crossed the North river the 31st, where a junction was formed with the troops under the command of major-general Howe. His excellency had resolved, in case the enemy should continue their course to Rhode-Island, to march immediately to New-York and attack it. All the necessary preparations were made for this purpose, when intelligence arrived, that the enemy had put back the 31st instant. It is to be regretted, that they did not go on with their intended expedition, as our allies were well prepared to receive them, and they could have met with nothing but disgrace and defeat in that quarter; while in this we had every reason to expect, from the number and spirit of our troops, the most decisive and glorious success. Sir Henry no doubt relinquished his project, in consequence of this movement of our army; and it must be confessed, that he abandoned it with much more prudence than he undertook it. The object for which the army crossed the river having ceased, the whole recrossed the 4th instant, and are marching towards Dobb's ferry, in prosecution of the original plan formed for the campaign.

The following, we are told, are the vessels that composed admiral Graves's squadron, viz. the London, Bedford, Royal Oak, Prudent, America, and Shrewsbury, with the Amphetrite frigate.

Last week a party from Staten-Island took off doctor Bloomfield, of Woodbridge.

Last week a party of our troops took, near the English neighbourhood, four of the enemy's light horse, and killed one of their riders.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 13. Last Sunday was sent into this river, by the privateers Fair American, Holker, and Enterprize, the Mercury packet, captain Dillon, in seven weeks and four days from Falmouth, in which came passengers, captain Campbell of the 44th regt. captain Mure of the 2nd, captain Lyman of the Prince of Wales's regt. captain Murray of Wentworth's dragoons, captain Waldop of Knyphausen's regt. and captain Landen, of a letter of marque, with Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Anderson and three servants.

To be Sold at the Printing-Office, L A W S M A R Y L A N D, Passed last Session of ASSEMBLY

Forest of Prince George's, August 17, 1780. RAN away this morning from the subscriber, near the Brick Church, a negro man named CÆSAR, about 25 years of age, five feet 6 inches high, or thereabouts, a likely lively black fellow, an imported negro, but speaks very good English, boasts much of his family in his own country, it being a common saying with him, that he is no common negro, and is a very remarkable mimic; he has been accustomed to go by water, and will perhaps endeavour to get on board some vessel; has nothing on but a jacket and breeches of country cloth kersey wove, very much worn, the breeches particularly almost rags, no hat nor shirt that I know of. Any person bringing the said negro to the subscriber, or securing him so that I get him again, shall be handsomely rewarded for their trouble. All masters of vessels are requested to stop him if he offers himself to them.

RALPH FORSTER. He has short pinched up feet, as if his toes had been cramped by wearing shoes too small, and steps short, as if he was a little lamed thereby.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD. Prince-George's county, Aug. 12, 1780.

RAN away from the subscriber, living near Rock-Creek church, a negro man named CYRUS, about 24 years of age, rather slow, both in his speech and walk, though very active when he chooses to exert himself; he is a stout likely fellow, near six feet high, was born in Talbot county, and may attempt to travel thither; it is also highly probable he may try to pass for a free man, and get on board some vessel at Baltimore or Annapolis. He had on and took with him, when he went away, a blue broad-cloth coat which had been formerly an uniform, lined and faced with buff, but the buff facing has been taken off, and blue substituted, (which may readily be seen by a little examination) has inside pockets and yellow buttons, a scarlet waistcoat with gold basket buttons, one brown frize waistcoat with a belt, a straw hat, an old white shirt, and a black silk stock, besides his other coarse clothing.

Whoever takes up and secures the said negro, so that I get him again, shall, if taken within 20 miles from home, receive 150 dollars, if 40 miles 400 dollars, if 60 miles 600 dollars, if 80 miles 800 dollars, and if 100 miles, or upwards, the above reward, besides reasonable expences if brought home.

JOHN THOMAS BOUCHER. N. B. All matters of vessels are forwarned from taking him off at their peril.

ALL officers of the Maryland line, and all soldiers belonging to the continental army, who are within this state, are ordered to repair immediately to the places herein mentioned; those on the eastern shore to Chester-town, and those on the western to this city.

U. FORREST, Lieut. col. And commanding officer.

WHEREAS I made over a tract of land, lying in Little Choptank river, in Dorchester county, to William Steele, for which I received his bond, which he never discharged, and who since died insolvent; I therefore do give this public notice, that I intend to petition the general assembly for an act to pass, confirming my title to the said tract of land.

ROBERT WILSON.

AUGUST 14, 1780. TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD. For apprehending two MULATTOES, one named DICK, and the other JACK SMITH.

DICK is about 18 or 19 years of age, has a scar by one of his eyes, had on a country linen coat, a blue worsted damask jacket, Irish linen shirt, with a large patch on the left part, a pair of country made breeches, very similar to Russia drab, a pair of country linen trousers, a pair of shoes with buckle straps and a straw hat covered with tow; he is the property of doctor Warfield. JACK SMITH is about 26 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, a well set likely fellow, wears his hair neatly combed up; had on and took with him an old white broad-cloth coat very dirty, a brown figured ditto, white country jacket, a pair of buckram breeches, a pair of old spotted velvet ditto, two country linen shirts, a pair of crocus trousers, an old felt hat, and a pair of old shoes with buckles; he is the property of James Howard. As they are artful chaps, it is more than probable that they will change their cloaths. We conjecture that they will make either to Baltimore-town or Annapolis, and that their intention is either to enlist as soldiers, or endeavour to get on board some vessel that is bound from one of the above places, to some of the islands; as they are exceedingly artful and plausible, there is no doubt but they will exert every faculty that they are possessed of, to induce their countrymen to believe that they are not slaves. Whoever will apprehend them and lodge them in any gaol, so that they may be got, shall have one thousand dollars for each, and it brought to their masters, in the upper part of Anne-Arundel county, the above reward and reasonable travelling charges paid by CHARLES ALEXANDER WARFIELD, JAMES HOWARD.

Frederick county, Maryland. WHEREAS the subscriber obtained a warrant out of the land-office in the year 1763, which warrant was executed, and a certificate returned to the land-office, by the name of Hill in the Middle, agreeable to the rule and practice of said office, and all other requisites complied with; but before the issuing of a patent, he was under the necessity of bringing an action of trespass and ejectment, which action is now depending in the general court; there are therefore to give public notice, that after this shall have been advertised eight weeks, he intends to apply to the general assembly for an act to pass, to direct the register of the land-office to issue a patent, or to enable him to prosecute the said suit, in as good and ample a manner as if the said patent had issued.

JOHN TRAMMELL.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to apply to the general assembly of the state of Maryland, to pass a law for recording and enrolling a deed of bargain and sale from John Starkey, lately deceased, to Joshua Donoho, for conveying and assuring all that tract or parcel of land lying in Cecil county, called Worth Little which said deed has not been recorded and enrolled, agreeable to the laws of this state.

JONATHAN BOOTH.

Charles county, April 17, 1780. I HAVE in my custody, committed as runaway, a negro man who calls himself Down, and says he belongs to Mr. James Lloyd on James river; he says he is about twenty-three years of age, he is a middle sized fellow, remarkably black, and speaks good English; had on, when delivered to me, a striped country cloth jacket and breeches, country linen shirt, one pair white yarn hose, and one pair black coloured mixed yarn ditto, a pair of old shoes and an old country cotton cap. His master desired to pay charges and take him away.

BENJAMIN CAWOOD, Sheriff.

Annopolis, July 27, 1780. LOST, about the ninth instant, A WATCH, the outside case silver, the inside pinchbeck, maker's name Jonathan (abridged) Beake. A reward of 100 pounds will be given to any person who will bring said watch to the subscriber. If offered to be sold, it is requested that it may be stopped.

A. GOLDBER.