

That the board of admiralty give orders not to exchange any British sea officers or seamen, until the enemy have returned to some of their garrisons in America, such seamen as they have taken upon the American coasts, and sent to Great-Britain, or other parts beyond sea; and that the board of admiralty give orders for continuing the treatment of prisoners as herein directed, until they receive orders to the contrary from congress or the commander in chief.

Published by order of congress,
CHARLES THOMSON, fecr.

January 13, 1780.

CONGRESS, taking into consideration the eminent services rendered to the United States by brigadier-general Sumpter, of South-Carolina, at the head of a number of volunteer militia from that and the neighbouring states, particularly in the victory obtained over the enemy at the Hanging-Rock, on the 6th of August—in the defeat of major Wemyss, and the corps of British infantry and dragoons under his command, at Broad-river, on the ninth day of November, in which the said major Wemyss was made prisoner—and in the repulse of lieutenant-colonel Tarlton and the British cavalry and infantry under his command, at Black-storks, Tyger-river, on the 16th day of November last: in each of which actions, the gallantry and military conduct of general Sumpter, and the courage and perseverance of his troops were highly conspicuous:

Resolved therefore, That the thanks of congress be presented to brigadier-general Sumpter, and the militia aforesaid, for such reiterated proofs of their patriotism, bravery and military conduct, which entitle them to the highest esteem and confidence of their country; and that the commanding officer of the southern department do forthwith cause the same to be issued in general orders, and transmitted to general Sumpter.

Extra from the minutes,
CHARLES THOMSON, Sec.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 23.

Extra of a letter from Petersburg, Virginia, dated the 15th instant.

"We have for some weeks past expected our town to be reduced to ashes. The enemy have been within 12 miles of it, and some of their privateers within 6, but luckily for us they received a small check, which occasioned them to fall down to the fleet at Westover, on James river, and yesterday the whole of them went down, as we expect, to Portsmouth. They have burnt a number of valuable houses on James-river, and carried off a great many negroes. We have every reason to believe they intend to quarter in this state—should that be the case, there must be a total stop to all kind of business.

"General Arnold obliged the inhabitants of Richmond to turn out all their rum, sugar, &c. into the street, and then destroyed the whole, which makes me conclude every thing will take a rapid rise here.—We are all in the greatest confusion here, so that you'll excuse my not being more particular."

ANNAPOLIS, January 25.
The following advertisements are taken from the Royal South-Carolina Gazette, of the 21st of November last.

IN consequence of the powers in me vested by the right honourable earl Cornwallis, and warrants received from his lordship and the commandant of Charles-town; I do hereby make public to all whom it may concern, that I have given the necessary orders for the seizure of the estates, both real and personal, of those persons whose names are under-mentioned, excepting such property in Charles-town, as is secured to those who were in the town at the time of capitulation. And I do hereby strictly prohibit, all and every person or persons from attempting to conceal, remove, or in any way injure the said property, on pain of

being punished, as aiding and abetting rebellion.

JOHN CRUDEN,

John Rutledge, Henry Laurens, Thomas Ferguson, Christopher Gadsden, William Moultrie, Pierce Butler, Ralph Izard, Arthur Middleton, Charles Cotesworth Pinkney, Francis Marion, John Harleston, jun. Isaac Harleston, Isaac Motte, Nicholas Breleigh, John Lewis Orrain, Stephen Bull, Peter Horry, Hugh Horry, Thomas Heyward, William Clay Snipes.

Charles-town, 13th Nov. 1780.

WANTED,

PERSONS properly qualified to act as overseers of estates in this province; such persons properly recommended, and of approved loyalty and integrity, will meet with suitable encouragement by applying to Mr. Cruden, No. 10, Bay-Continued.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I intend to let on lease for one year, from the first of January next, all these valuable plantations, with all necessary buildings, &c. thereon situated on Wateree river, four miles below Camden, now, or lately possessed by William Whitaker, James Whitaker, Joshua Denkins, &c. &c. Any person inclined to treat for the whole, or part, may send their proposals, or apply to me in Charles-town.—If not let by the fifteenth of December, they will be put up at public auction at Camden, and due notice given of the day of sale.

I am in want of an overseer for a plantation, most agreeably situated, and well known in the above neighbourhood, and will give extraordinary encouragement to a person, who is thoroughly qualified to take charge of it; but none need apply whose character will not bear the strictest scrutiny.

CHARLES OGILVIE,

No. 10, Bay-Continued.

January 30, 1781.

CAME to the subscriber's plantation, beyond Elk-Ridge, a sorrel mare, about thirteen hands high, a star in her forehead, four white feet, docked, not branded, three years old last spring, is a natural pacer. The owner is desired to prove his or her property, take her away, and pay charges.

JOSEPH EASTMAN,

Annapolis, Jan. 3, 1781.

THE copartnership of Eastman and Neth being this day dissolved by mutual consent, all persons who have accounts to settle with the said partnership are desired to apply to Joseph Eastman.

JOS. EASTMAN,
3^d LEWIS NETH.

Charles county, August 23, 1780.

BROKE gaol yesterday evening and made their escape, the two following fellows, to wit: A negro man committed to my custody as a runaway, on the 28th of July last, by the name of GEORGE, the property of John Nelson; (I have been since informed of Frederick county) he is a small fellow, and appears to be young, he is a Guinean, but speaks tolerable good English, and appears to be very artful and cunning; had on and took with him when he made his escape, an old white linen shirt, a country linen ditto, a pair short linen breeches, and a felt hat. And a negro man named PETER, the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, committed to my custody on the 20th inst. for poisoning, he is much stricken in years, and talks bad English; had on a country linen shirt, and old country cloth breeches. Whoever apprehends the said negroes, and secures them in any gaol, so that I get them again, shall receive a reward of one hundred and fifty continental dollars for each, or either of them, and all reasonable charges paid, and if brought home to me, one dollar for every mile above thirty.

10 BENJ. CAWOOD, jun. Sheriff.

St. Mary's county, Dec. 24.

MADE his escape from the subscriber, the said of this negro man who called himself was committed about a month ago; he at first said he belonged to Thomas Gaunt, of Carver county, but two before he went off he belonged to a Mr. Johnson, of this county; he appears to be about five years of age, five feet nine inches high, well made; had striped country cloth jacket, also jacket striped, with a belt, an linen shirt and cotton long breeches had a pair of leg irons on when off, but I have reason to believe them off the same night; his ankles are galled with the irons, takes up the said negro, and so that I may get him again, the two hundred dollars reward, dollar for every mile if brought home.

JOSEPH FORBES.

BELOW are the numbers of office certificates which were in Chesapeake bay, about the 21st of November, on board the Luzerne, sharp, by the privateer, rimmed Phillips, from N. York No. 1702, dated the 20th of February, each 1000 dollars, payable to Coale, emitted by Thomas continental loan-officer, Philadelphia No. 6395 and 6396, dated March 6th 1780, each, payable to Hodgkin, emitted by Thomas Elq; continental loan-officer, in his description of the above is lodged in both the loan-offices be stopped, if presented for payment.

JOSEPH DOWD.

THERE is in my custody a man, committed as a runaway, the name of JACK, who says he belongs to Mr. Robert Knox, in Charles near Maryland-Point, and that from a plantation in Virginia. He is desired to pay charges and away.

T. HARWOOD, Sheriff
Anne-Arundel

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR REWARD.

ANNAPOLIS, January 10.
STRAYED or STOLEN the subscriber, about a month ago, a dark bay horse, about 13 and a half high, 11 or 12 years old, has spots, a hanging mane, a short snout, and branded on the buttock something like J. W. Who give information where said horse had, shall receive two hundred dollars and if brought home to the subscriber above reward, with all reasonable and thanks, by

JOHNATHAN PAUL
N. B. The said horse was purchased by Mr. James Marr, in the neighborhood of Figg-Point.

HEREBY forewarn all persons from hunting within any of my lands with either dog or gun.

ROBERT DAVIS

PURSUANT to a commission directed by the court of this county, for the purpose of ascertaining the boundaries of Denby, Maryland, Aberdeen, and Kingston and Hills, the property of Mr. John of said county, we do hereby give to all persons whom it may concern we will meet on Denby the third of March next, for the purpose of examining all evidences that produced respecting their knowledge of their boundaries, and after proceeding to different tracts, and examining respect to them. Given under our hand and seal of office, this ninth day of January, 1781.

WILLIAMS
W. B. SMOOT