

they are directly from England, or Ireland, under general Provoft."

Another letter, from Virginia, mentions, that the troops which lately arrived at Cape Fear, consist of but 400, from Charles-town, under command of colonel Craig.

A gentleman from Richmond, advises, that col. Marian, and major Lee, at the head of detachments from the southern American army, had surpris'd and taken George-town, a British post sixty miles northward of Charles-town, South-Carolina, where they killed a number of the enemy, and captured about 200, with a considerable quantity of stores and baggage, the heaviest part of which they destroyed. That after performing this service, with admirable address and gallantry, the brave officers above mentioned retired with their troops, &c. to a more defensible position.

Five British ships of the line, part of admiral Rodney's fleet, and 3000 troops, it is said, left St. Lucia, on the first of December last on an expedition against St. Vincent's, where the French had a garrison of 1000 men, who, apprised of the intended attack, were making vigorous preparation to give the assailants a warm reception.

A letter from St. Eustatius, dated the 5th ult. advises, that "the British fleet and army had made an attack on St. Vincent's, and been repulsed with considerable loss; and that admiral Rodney made the best of his way to St. Lucia, where he remained in a disagreeable situation."

By the HOUSE DELEGATES, Feb. 2, 1781.

WHEREAS this state is indebted on certificates, and otherwise for loans, goods, and provisions furnished on credit, services performed, and provisions taken for the public use, which have not been paid for agreeable to the intention of the legislature, or expectation of the creditors, this general assembly, desirous of doing justice to all, Resolves, That they will, at the next session liquidate and ascertain all just claims that may then be unsatisfied against this state, and if they shall not have means within their power to make immediate satisfaction, will reduce them to a real standard, according to the value at the time the payment ought to have been made, and will allow interest from such time; and to enable the legislature to do the justice intended, those who have certificates given by any person, except the treasurer, are requested to send copies thereof to the auditor general, who is to make a list thereof, and lay the same, with the copies he may receive, before the general assembly.

By the senate, Feb. 2, 1781: Read and assented to.

By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk. True extract from the proceedings of the house of delegates. F. GREEN, clk.

ANY person capable of keeping school and well recommended, may meet with good encouragement, by applying to colonel Richard Harwood, Thomas Noble Stockett, Joseph Watkins, or Robert John Smith, near south-river church.

Baltimore-town, Feb. 6, 1781. On Wednesday the 7th of March next, will be offered for sale, by the subscriber, who will attend for that purpose at Mr. Daniel Grant's tavern,

NUMBER of very valuable HOUSES and LOTS of LAND, in the most advantageous situations in this town. Also several excellent FARMS in the counties of Baltimore and Harford. A long credit will be given the purchasers. The particulars relative to these estates will be published in the Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser.

H. D. GOUGH.

Anne-Arundel county, February 14, 1781.

BY an act of assembly, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the year 1781, amongst other things it is enacted, "That every person having, at the time of the publication of this act, any wheat or wheat flour for sale, or beyond what may be sufficient for the common and ordinary consumption of himself and his family till the first day of August next, or any beef or pork for sale, or beyond what may be sufficient for the common and ordinary consumption of himself and his family till the first day of November next, is hereby obliged to pay off the first part of his tax in the county where he shall have such supplies, or so much of the first part of his tax as the said surplus shall amount to, in the same, or some of the same specific articles; and any contract made by any person for the sale or delivery of wheat, where the delivery shall not have been actually and bona fide made before such publication, shall be void as to the quantity only which shall be paid in discharge of the said first part of his tax; and that every person shall, on or before the 10th day of April next, pay to the collector of the county, or his deputy, in the district where his property was assessed, the sum of fifteen shillings, the said first part of his assessment imposed by this act, rating Spanish dollars at 7/6 each, on every hundred pounds of property, and so pro rata, in such of the following articles as he may be entitled to pay, that is to say; good fresh merchantable pork, delivered before the first day of March next, well fattened on corn, and each hog exceeding ninety pounds weight, at £. 3 per cwt. good beef on the hoof, adding the fifth quarter to the weight of net beef, at 4/5 per cwt. good merchantable barrell'd pork, containing at least 250 lb. of net pork, at £. 8 10 per barrel; good merchantable wheat, weighing not less than 58 lb. per bushel, at 7/6 per bushel; good sweet fresh wheat flour, the bran and shorts well separated from it, and packed in strong seasoned barrels, at 18/9 for each short hundred weight, with allowance of 1/2 for the barrel and nails; transier tobacco inspected since the 15th day of September last, at 17/6 per cwt. crop tobacco, inspected since the 15th of September last, in hog-heads weighing not less than 950 net, at 20/ per cwt. without any further allowance for casks; Spanish dollars (to such as have none of the above specific articles) at 7/6 each; other silver or gold, or new bills of credit of the emission of this state, or of the continental emission in this state at the respective comparative passing value at the time of payment." The commissioners of the tax for Anne-Arundel county, in pursuance of said act, have appointed Mr. Chrysal's in the city of Annapolis, for the delivery of all dead meat which may be paid in the same county in discharge of taxes. They have also appointed the following mills for the delivery and receipt of wheat and wheat flour to be paid as aforesaid, viz. Mr. Ellicott's upper mill, Mr. Jacob Waters's, Mr. John Brice's, Mr. Nicholas Maccubbin's, and Mr. Thomas Iillard's. EDWARD GAITHER, jun. commissary of provisions for said county.

Calvert county, Jan. 26, 1781.

STOLEN from the subscriber, near Hunting-town, a bay horse with a switch tail, branded under the mane thus, S. Whoever secures the said horse so that the owner may have him again shall receive one hundred pounds, paid by 3W RICHARD TURNER.

N. B. The person who stole the horse is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, pale complexion, gray eyes, short white hair; he has also a down look and is a little round shouldered; he passed sometimes by the name of Benj. Sea, and sometimes by the name of Benj. Everit. 2 R. F.

TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD.

Treasury office of the United States Philadelphia January 23, 1781.

WHEREAS William Sowerby keeper of a livery stable in this city, did on the 19th of November last as he says, receive from John Hollister Esq; commissioner of the continental office for the state of Virginia, a package the cover whereof was gray paper, the contents to him unknown; which package appears, by a letter from the loan officer aforesaid, to have contained bills of exchange, drawn on the American ministers in Europe, to wit, eight sets of exchange, containing four bills to set, drawn on the honourable Benjamin Franklin, at the court of Versailles, and eight sets of exchange of four bills to set, drawn on the honourable John Jay at the court of Madrid. The aforesaid William Sowerby further says, That Bush-town in the state of Maryland, on his way from Virginia to Philadelphia on the 15th day of December last, he had his saddle-bags with the package, which were the bills aforesaid, and that he hath not since heard of them.

The above reward will be given for the bills aforesaid, if delivered at the board of treasury in this city, and reasonable charges paid.

JOHN L. CLARKSON, sec. pro. tem.

BROKE gaol yesterday evening made their escape, the two following fellows, to wit: A negro man committed to my custody as a runaway, on the 21st 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 of linen breeches, and a felt hat. And a negro man named PETER, the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, committed to my custody on the 10th inst. for poisoning he is much stricken in years, and talks but 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 forevery mile above thirty.

13 BENJ. CAWOOD, jun. Sheriff.

Allen's-fresh, Feb. 5, 1781.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 4th inst. a mulatto lad named Daniel Cain, about seventeen years of age well grown, his dress an over and under jacket and breeches of white yarn, cloth shoes and white yarn stockings, an imported fan-tail hat marked on the lining H G; he rode off a bay horse, well made natural pacer, about fourteen hands and a half high, and hath a remarkable short tail, and I believe a star on his forehead, his brand if any forgot, a man's saddle which lately hath been seated with hog skin, a blue fringe housing and a leather girt. Whoever will apprehend the aforesaid runaway, horse and saddle, so that get them again, shall receive 250 continental dollars, paid by 2 BENJ. PHILPOTT.

THERE are at the plantation of Richard Haynes, near the fork of Patuxent bridge, five stray cattle, viz. One small black cow, both her ears about cut off, with a small slit in each; one red steer, with a white face and white belly marked as the aforesaid cow; one brown and pied steer, marked as above; one black steer and a small red bull with white face, neither of them marked. The owner or owners may have them again proving property and paying charges.