

Utopia, December 7, 1782.

To EDMOND LUDLOW, Esq; in the Shades.

YOU have been misinformed with respect to the quantity of live lumber contained in our state. Not a man is to be found, who enters within the temple walls in a legislative capacity, but strives to forward the public business with the greatest dispatch and economy. There exists constantly, among the members, a diversity of opinions, respecting the propriety or impropriety of any measure proposed; this causes delay; but it is our misfortune, and not our fault. You know very well, that the long parliament, of which you were a member, did not always agree unanimously. It is true, that we are divided into two parties at present. Formerly we had three among us, but some late successes that we have had in repelling our invaders, hath extinguished one, or united them with one of the other parties now existing. They were called the true blues, the aristocratic blues, and the traitors. The traitors are no where now to be found except among our late invaders, where the worst of them fled for protection, the rest have joined the aristocrats, and, to use the vulgar language of this country, the present existing parties are known by the appellations of *fiabians* and *partridges*. The *partridges* (like the bird of that name) are strutting, dancing, sidgitting creatures. They are very proud of their fine feathers, always timid when danger is near; and because their ancestors were lucky enough (no matter by what means) to lay in a large stock of provisions for them, they look with contempt on the *fiabians*, and will not admit them into company if they can help it. In politics they act by mine and sap, and generally carry on their works in the dark, but sometimes attempt to spring them in daylight. They have always had a warm tide for the traitors, and would wish to restore them to the privileges of free citizens. If they succeed, we shall no doubt have a complete aristocracy; or at least, be delivered up, or sold, to the Vandals, with whom we have been long at war. The *fiabians* are a set of rugged hardy fellows, timid at their first entering into action, but under the conduct of good leaders, will do any thing for their country's good. They have supported the late war, fought our battles, and behaved like men, during the great dangers. In politics, as in war, they act by storm, by which means they often suffer considerably, and the *partridges* now and then spring a mine upon them unexpectedly; but the *fiabians* being the most numerous body, it is thought they will carry the day at last. The most remarkable character we have among us, is an old woman in breeches. This good lady, is said to understand Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and the language of our great ally. She is a remarkable politician, and provided you flatter her sufficiently, and let her have her own way, you may pass with her for a very good citizen. But on the contrary,

"Offend her, and she knows not to forgive." She is an adept in chymistry, and has succeeded in the art of extracting sunbeams out of cucumbers. This she bottles up for the use of courts, and calls it the "grand elixir of court favour." The good old lady, from an over zeal for the good people of this country, hath sometimes had the misfortune to throw cold water on the sacred fire of liberty; but as it has been generally believed that she acted from ignorance, and not by design, except with a view to secure the favour of the populace, for "vox populi, vox Dei," she still holds her place in the sanhedrim, and probably will continue to do so to the end of her days. She sometimes is taken in a little by the *partridges*, who make use of her grand elixir for that purpose, but it is to be hoped that they will not entirely gain her over to their party.

If you think proper to continue your correspondence, you shall probably hear from me again. In the mean time I remain your very humble servant,
UTOPIUS.

Green-hill, Charles county, November 30, 1782. On Wednesday the 1st of January next, if fair, if not the next fair day, precisely at 12 o'clock, will be exposed to SALE, for tobacco of 1780, including 4 per cent. for cast, not inspected more than 3 months, and credit given in part for two or three years, if required; no interest for 6 months, provided the first payment be made in time; and should any of the purchasers incline to pay money, I will take it at the rate of two silver dollars per cent. if offered within 40 days from the time of sale; the following articles, to wit:

A NEAT and fashionable assortment of London PLATE, amongst which are a pair of candlesticks with snuffers and pan for ditto, a chafed coffee-pot, tea-pot and cream-pot, a waiter, a punch ladle, a mahogany silver mounted case, containing a dozen silver handled knives and forks, a mahogany frame with three silver casters, a mustard spoon and two glass cruetts; a silver mounted case with two canisters; a butter-boat two bottle-stands, &c. a quantity of neat London mahogany furniture, consisting of a spinet, tables (one of them for cards), chairs, looking glasses, &c. a very good theodolite, with a two perch chain; a pretty assortment of china and glass ware, with many other articles too tedious to mention. I have also some furniture of an inferior kind to dispose of.

3w 1 SAMUEL HANSON. TAKEN up as a stray by Thomas Drane, living in Prince-George's county, near Queen-Anne, a black mare, about thirteen hands high, four years old, branded on the near buttock supposed to be an M. The owner may have her again on moving property and paying charges. 10/10/3

Worcester county, Maryland, Nov. 2, 1782. NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that Leah Kennett intends to prefer a petition to the general assembly, to have an allowance on her husband Tirvel Kennett's estate, in consequence of the depreciation of the continental money. 6

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

December 2, 1782. RAN away from the subscriber, living at Allen's fresh in Charles county, Maryland, on the 25th of November last, a MULATTO man named Daniel Cain, but calls himself Thomas or James Proctor, 19 years old, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, is well made though somewhat slender, middling face and a remarkable small short nose, wears his own short black hair; on the inside of one of his legs (I think the left) is a small scar just below his knee, occasioned by the kick of a horse; on examination, on his back, perhaps may be seen the scars or marks of some stripes he received some time ago (not for his goodnefs); he intends to pass as a free man, and is either going to camp or to sea; he was sold to me by Charles county court until the age of 31 years; had on when he went away, a new pair of breeches and jacket of mixed country cloth, cuffs and collar to the jacket of the same, a new pair of white yarn stockings, new shoes with strings, cotton shirts, and a new straw hat; he may likely change his dress, as he is an artful fellow and a notorious liar. Whoever apprehends the aforesaid runaway, and secures him in any goal so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by BENJ. PHILPOTT.

1 THERE is at the plantation of Samuel Middleton, at Poinoukey, taken up as a stray, a dark bay GELDING, about 14 hands high, branded on the near shoulder WL connected, and on the near buttock with something like the letter M, though very imperfect; he is shod before paces pretty fast, has a very small tail, a few white hairs in his head, and appears to be about 7 or 8 years old. The owner may have him again on paying property and paying charges.

On Wednesday the 18th of December next, at 12 o'clock, will be offered to public sale, at the plantation of the late John Leistrange Brogden, SUNDRY likely country born SLAVES, consisting of men, women and children. Likewise will be offered to sale on that day, the noted running horse CHATHAM. The above effects will be sold for ready money, by HUMPHRY BELT, } executors. T. WALKER, }

2 CORNHILL STREET, ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 3, 1782. THE subscriber has for sale, a large quantity of buck and doe skin breeches, gloves, and shamy linings. Any gentleman wanting any of the above articles, may be supplied at a reasonable price as they can purchase them in Baltimore town; and as Mr. Charles Landale resides post from the said city to Prince-George's, Charles, and St. Mary's counties, by sending their orders they may have them postage free. JOHN BREWER. N. B. The subscriber also begs leave to inform his old customers and the public in general, that he keeps tavern as well as private entertainment, and will make it his study to give satisfaction to every gentleman who will be kind enough to favour him with their custom. 2 J. B.

SIX DOLLARS REWARD.

ANNAPOLIS, November 16, 1782. RAN away from the subscriber, on the 4th of this present month, a NEGRO woman named Beck, about 38 years of age, stout and well made, and has a white lock in the fore part of her wool or hair; had on and took away with her a white kersey jacket and two lincey petticoats striped with black and yellow, a calico jacket and skirt, and sundry other wearing apparel; half of a large blanket, and a pair of high-heeled shoes and no buckles; and as she is a cunning artful wench, she will endeavour to pass for a free woman, and make towards Calvert county, where she was bred. Whoever takes up the said wench, and secures her so that I may get her again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges paid if delivered to me in Annapolis; 2 THOMAS PRYSE.

September 20, 1782. NOTICE is hereby given, that the trustees of Charlotte-hall school will attend at the Cool Springs, in St. Mary's county, on the first Tuesday in February next, if fair, if not on the next fair day thereafter, to receive plans and proposals, and agree and contract with any person who may be willing to undertake the building of a school sufficient to receive and accommodate sixty scholars, masters, and servants. All persons who have subscribed towards the erection of the said school, are requested to pay forthwith their several subscriptions unto the treasurer, or to some one of the trustees. Signed per order, 6w 5 HENRY TUBMAN, register.

SIX DOLLARS REWARD.

STOLEN out of the stable belonging to the subscriber, an English made SADDLE, with a hog-skin seat, and a pair of holsters; there are two rings in the back part of the seat to tie a coat on with, and a slit in the fore part of the flaps to fasten the holsters on; had a new blue broad-cloth saddle-cloth bound with white. Likewise taken from off another saddle, a pair of PLATED STIRRUPS, very flat on the rims. The above reward will be given for the saddle, and three dollars for the stirrups, paid by me, 0X GEORGE MANN.

December 3, 1782. WANTED, for an overseer, a single man of a sober and honest character, who will be allowed great encouragement, by applying to the subscriber, near Annapolis. WILLIAM THOMAS. To be sold, two or three negro girls, about 14 or 15 years of age, healthy and fit for work. 2

ONE HUNDRED SPANISH DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber's plantation, in Montgomery county, the 6th day of February last, a NEGRO MAN, named CESAR, about thirty years of age, five feet five or six inches high, and made of a yellow complexion; he is an artful designing fellow, and I expect he will endeavour to impose himself on strangers as a free man, and probably may have got a pass as such. He understands something of the carpenters and coopers business. I apprehend his design was, when he ran away, to join, as a recruit, either the enemy or the American army. Had on, when he went away, a cotton jacket and breeches, tow linen shirt, coarse shoes and stockings, and a tolerable good hat. Whoever takes up the said negro, and delivers him to me, at West-river, in Anne-Arundel county near Annapolis, or secures him so that I may get him again, shall, if taken up and secured in this state, receive fifty dollars, and if out of the state of Maryland the above reward, paid by RICHARD COWMAN.

JOHN RANDAL, At his STORE on the DOCK, has for SALE at the lowest prices, for cash or tobacco at cash prices, A GENTEEL assortment of the following articles, viz.

- Superfine & second clothes. Fine and coarse linens and briaunians. Writing paper. Ink powder. Indigo and fig blue. Sewing threads and silk. Pins and needles. Mens and womens white and coloured gloves. Mens fine hats. Umbrellas. Ribbands, Gilt and pearl buttons. Steel hat pins. Clasp and pen-knives. Razors. Scissors. Small iron & brass padlocks. Frying-pans. Window glass, 10 by 8. Coffee and chocolate. Hyson and bohea tea. Loaf and brown sugar. Apple brandy, spirit rum, old French brandy, by the quarter cask or gallon.

Office of Finance, November 8, 1781. NOTICE is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that counterfeiters have appeared of the notes issued from this office, struck on copper-plate, in the following form: "At sight pay to the bearer twenty dollars, for which this shall be your sufficient warrant;" which notes are signed by me, and directed to Mr. John Swanwick, Philadelphia. There were some notes of the same kind for fifty and some for eighty dollars, which may perhaps be also counterfeited, though none have been yet discovered. The counterfeiters are badly executed, and might with care be detected; but, from an apprehension that such arts would be practised, I long since desisted from issuing them, and cancelled those which were brought in for payment. There are now out only sixteen thousand five hundred and seventy dollars, and as no great inconvenience can arise from putting a stop to the circulation of so trivial a sum, the public are cautioned against receiving any notes struck on copper plate, and signed with my name. All persons holding those which are genuine, are desired to send them to Mr. Swanwick, and receive the money. 4 ROBERT MORRIS.

JOHN BAKER, TAILOR and HABIT-MAKER, TAKES this method to inform his friends and the public in general, that he has taken the house formerly in possession of Mr. Joseph Selby, where he intends to carry on his business, with the assistance of the public, in the best and most expeditious manner. Those ladies and gentlemen, who please to favour him with their custom, may depend on his utmost exertions, and most grateful acknowledgments, from the public's humble servant, 3X JOHN BAKER. N. B. Cash or country produce will be taken in payment.

November 11, 1781. RAN away last night from the subscriber, living near Monocacy manor, in Frederick county, a NEGRO man named SAM, a well set fellow, five feet six or seven inches high, and about thirty years of age; had sundry sorts of good cloathing, and I suspect he will endeavour to pass as a free man, as he is fluent with his tongue and very cunning; perhaps he will endeavour to go to Baltimore, as he is well acquainted there, or to Annapolis, or London-town, where he says he was born and his relations live. Whoever takes up said negro and secures him so that his master may get him again, shall have five pounds specie reward, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by JOSEPH WOOD. N. B. All masters of vessels are forbid taking him off at their peril. 4X

Worcester county, Maryland, Nov. 2, 1781. NOTICE is hereby given, that Alexander M^r Allen intends to petition the next assembly, to have an act passed to make valid the last will and testament of his father Arthur M^r Allen. WANTED, as an apprentice by the printer hereof, a lad who can read and write well. 19