

By the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS assembled, February 23, 1785.

RESOLVED, That the quartermaster-general, commissary of purchases, commissary of stores, commissary of forage, and all the late heads of departments, or their successors or agents, be required without delay, to forward to the board of treasury or to the comptroller, a list of their respective duties who have been duly authorized to issue certificates. That the heads of departments aforesaid, and each of their deputies who have not settled their accounts, and all other persons who have issued certificates of debts due by the United States, loan-office certificates, and certificates of final settlement excepted, be required forthwith to deliver to the board of treasury, or to some commissioner of accounts in the state where such persons reside, a fair abstract of all the certificates which they have issued, and they shall specify those certificates for which they have taken receipts as for cash paid, and a copy of those abstracts shall be transmitted by the board of treasury to the several commissioners of accounts, to whom they may be of use in detecting frauds.

That a copy of these resolutions be published in the gazettes or public news-papers of the several states, and that if any person or persons so required as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect for the space of two months from such publication, to deliver a full and just account of the certificates; he or they have issued, to the board of treasury, or in case it is not at the time organized, the comptroller, shall take proper steps for causing him or them to be prosecuted according to law.

RESOLVED; That the commissioners of accounts be instructed, to be careful how they admit charges against the United States, on certificates which are not duly supported by the authority of congress, and the accounts of the officers who have issued them.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

An ACT for the discovery of confiscated British property.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the intendant of the revenue be authorized and required, at any time before the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-six, to call on all persons having confiscated British property in their possession, or the title papers thereof or relating thereto, to discover and make known, and deliver up the same; and if the said intendant has probable and good ground to suspect, that any person holds the same in trust for any British subject, or conceals the same, or any deeds, writings or evidence of the title to such property, he may and shall direct the attorney-general to file a bill in the high court of chancery, on behalf of this state, for the discovery of such trust or concealed property, and for delivering up such deeds, writings, and evidence of title to the same, and thereupon proceedings shall be had, and decree made, according to the rules of the high court of chancery in such cases.

And be it enacted, That if any person having possession of any confiscated British property, and not having a fair claim of title thereto, or having obtained the possession of any property formerly belonging to any British subject, in virtue of any gift, grant, sale, devise, or conveyance, made or executed since the nineteenth of April seventeen hundred and seventy-five, and before the first of December seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, by any person declared to be a British subject by the act to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, with intent and design to cover and protect such property from confiscation, or by any conveyance, gift, grant, sale or devise, made since the first of December seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, by any person declared a British subject as aforesaid, not bona fide in pursuance of some contract or agreement made before that day in writing, or for the just payment of a debt due before that day by the person making such grant, conveyance or sale, to the person receiving the same, and shall not discover the same property, and the circumstances under which the same is held, and deliver up the same and the title papers thereof to the intendant of the revenue, by the first day of January in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, such person shall forfeit one fourth of the value of the property; and if any person having possession of any such property shall voluntarily discover the same, the intendant shall have full power and authority to sell the same to such person at a reasonable price, secured to be paid to this state, and after the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-six, the intendant, on waving the penalty, may direct a bill to be filed as aforesaid, against any person having possession of such property.

THERE is at the plantation of J. T. Chaie, Esq; in Anne-Arundel county, taken up as a stray, a dark brown MARE, about ten hands high, and eight years old, a snip on her nose, two hind feet white, one wall eye, and has no perceivable brand. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

RICHARD WHITE, overseer.

Benedict, August 6, 1785.

STRAYED or stolen off Benedict pasture, on Saturday night, the 23d of July, or early the next morning, a bright bay HORSE, lately the property of Mrs. Ferguson, of Benedict; this horse is eight or nine years old, between fourteen and fifteen hands high, has a small lump on his back, occasioned by the saddle; he is light made, trots and gallops, and is particularly remarkable for being dull. Whoever will return said horse to the subscriber, if strayed, shall receive six dollars reward and reasonable charges paid, and if stolen ten pounds for thief and horse.

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WAS lost or stolen, from out of the subscriber's house, at Choptank bridge, Caroline county, and state of Maryland, five state of Maryland certificates, dated September 20, 1784, numbered 5223, 5224, 5225, 5226, for £ 100 specie each, and 5227, £ 62 5 5 specie, on interest from the first of August 1780, issued by Christopher Richmond, Esq; auditor-general, to major Archibald Anderson, late of the state of Maryland, deceased, and received by the subscriber as attorney for Dr. William Molliton, of Dover, state of Delaware, administrator of the said major Archibald Anderson. Any person who hath found them, or who hath obtained possession of them, by bringing them to the subscriber, at Choptank bridge, or delivering them to James Brice, Esq; of the city of Annapolis, (if not stolen) shall have a reward of six dollars. They can be of no use to any one, as disposition is lodged and payment stopped in the proper offices, by the subscriber,

BENEDICT BRICE.

Pig-point, August 17, 1785.

WHEREAS we have been credibly informed, that a set of people hath made a practice of carrying tobacco to Baltimore, and selling it there under the sanction of its being inspected at this place, and having reasons to suspect, from the clandestine proceedings of the sellers, that the said tobacco was not merchantable; we therefore think proper to give this public notice, to prevent our characters from suffering, that we have never since our qualification given a manifest for tobacco to be carried to Baltimore; and to suppress in future the like abuses, we shall spare no pains to detect the worthy gentlemen concerned in this laudable trade, and to bring them to the dishonour they so justly merit.

WILLIAM TILLARD, } inspectors.
EDWARD HALL, }

LAW S OF MARYLAND.

THE subscriber, printer to the state, takes leave to inform all persons who wish to have a copy of the laws of Maryland, from Bacon's arrangement up to the end of the last session of assembly, with the resolutions of the several conventions, the proceedings of the convention that framed the constitution, the declaration of rights and form of government, and the articles of confederation, that, by order of the general assembly, he shall begin that work in a few months, under the direction of Alexander C. Hanson and Samuel Chase, Esquires; and as he intends to strike but a few copies more than what are ordered for the public use, or engaged by individuals, has sent subscription papers to the clerks of the several counties, and a number of other gentlemen in each county, for the purpose of collecting the names of those persons desirous of securing a copy of this useful and necessary work, which will be printed with a new letter, on a good paper, of the same size, and nearly on the same plan, with Bacon's, to be delivered (at a particular place in each county) bound in leather, at three pounds each copy. Having requested a return of the subscriptions by the middle of August, he hopes those who mean to subscribe will do it before that time, or they will lose the opportunity of purchasing so valuable a book.

FREDERICK GREEN.

Annapolis, May, 1785.

July 5, 1785.

RAN away, this morning, from the subscriber, living in Anne-Arundel county, near Queen-Anne, a negro man named POMPEY, about five feet eight or ten inches high, twenty-five years of age, very black and smooth faced, stammers in his speech; had on when he went away, a white shirt and a pair of new striped holland trousers; it is probable he may change his name and dress, as he took with him other cloaths, and pass for a free man; it is likely he will either make for Annapolis or Baltimore town, and endeavour to get on board some vessel, as he has formerly been used to this way. Whoever takes up said negro; and secures him in any goal so that I may get him again, shall receive a reward of five pounds, paid by

ROBERT SANDERS.

THERE is at the plantation of Walter Williams, in Prince-George's county, taken up as a stray, a forrel MARE, about thirteen hands high, branded with the letters M T, on the off buttock, has a blaze face, and hind feet white, with a wall-eye on the near side, and is a natural pacer. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

ROBERT SANDERS.

APETITION will be offered to the next general assembly, praying that an act may pass empowering certain commissioners to lay off convenient roads to Hamburg warehouse, in St. Mary's county. A petition will also be offered to suppress or discontinue inspection of tobacco at Piles's and Chaptico.

The subscriber has just imported a large and extensive assortment of books, stationary, jewelry, &c.

AMONG which are, books in history, biography, poetry, voyages, and travels, &c; medical, philosophical, and political, with a great collection of novels, most of them in elegant bindings; folio, quarto, octavo, and pocket bibles; English and French prayer book; manuals, hymns, psalters, &c. large and small testaments; Dilworth's, Dyché's, Watts's, and Fisher's spelling books; Wertenhall's Latin and Greek grammars; Brightland's, Priestley's, Greenwood's, and other English grammars; Johnson's, Bailey's, and Dyché's, and other dictionaries; superfine thick and thin folio and quarto post; thick and thin gilt and black edge ditto, foolscap, and pot writing paper; blue and demy blotting and brown paper; large royal broad folio, medium, demy, and foolscap ledgers, ruled and plain, with proper alphabets, bound in rough calf; long and broad folio, quarto, demy, and foolscap account books; common place books, neatly bound and clasped; demy and foolscap, long and broad, ruled and plain, folio and quarto waste and day books, in marble covers; demy and foolscap red leather memorandum books, ruled and plain, interleaved, &c. large and small superfine message cards; demy and foolscap paper cases; large and small drawing and copy books; paste board files; marble palettes; lead note presses, round and flat rulers; paint shells and painting brushes; square and round pewter and lead ink stands; ivory and polished leather ink pots; large and belt English and Dutch pens and quills; large and small flates, with blue pencils; a great variety of the most fashionable and superb large and small gentlemen and ladies etwée cases, with silver edges and locks; demy and foolscap red Morocco and black Liverpool itropt pocket books; asses latin memorandum books of various sizes; gentlemen and ladies writing and shaving boxes; black leather pocket ditto; fine razors and razor itrops; shaving boxes, with fine scented soap; black hair riband and pins; fine tortoiseshell and other large and small tooth combs; tooth-pick cases and brushes; fine enamelled with cut glass smelling bottles; nutmeg graters, and needle case ditto; elegant tortoiseshell and fine polished leather silver mounted snuff boxes; paper and japan'd ditto; a great variety of ladies sit and paitt shoe buckles; gentlemen's knee ditto; paitt broad pins; gold lockets, rings, and ear-rings; gold and silver vellum lace; elegant gold and silver spangled buttons; sleeve ditto; gilt and fine steel watch chains, and seals with elegant cyphers; cane ittrings; fine sliding silk purses; gentlemen's fine beaver gloves; plated shoe and knee buckles; metal and punchbeck ditto; plated and steel spurs; fine ivory and black horn table knives and forks; sugar nippers; fine pen knives with cases; scissars; temple spectacles; cork-screws, &c. a great variety of children's red and green Morocco pumps; little histories, &c. drawing instruments with surgeons lancets; German flutes and instruments for ditto; fowling pieces, and silver mounted pistols; elegant aquatintoes, mezz-tintoes, and engraved prints, some of them executed in a masterly manner; charts of the Chesapeake bay, and maps of North America on cloth and framed; a great assortment of plays and farces; fine shining patent blacking cakes; buckle brushes; fishing hooks and lines; gentlemen's elastic hat bands; lawyers red tape; black lead pencils; superfine sealing wax and waters; gold leaf, &c.

STEPHEN CLARK.

N. B. Binding in all its various branches, port folios of all sorts and sizes executed in a neat and elegant manner, and on the shortest notice, by S. C.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I intend to petition the next general assembly to make void and good in law, a deed of bargain and sale from Erasmus Gill, sen. to me, for two tracts of land called Barneby Refurveyed, and Clovin Courts, lying in Montgomery county, the deed is dated the sixth of June 1775, executed and acknowledged by Erasmus Gill and Cassandra his wife, not recorded as the act of assembly requireth.

THOMAS CONTEE.

To be SOLD at the PRINTING-OFFICE,

LAW S

OF MARYLAND,

Passed November Session, 1784.

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