PROPOSALS

For printing by subscription,

A Geographical and Topographical

HISTORY OF AMERICA,

Containing, exclusive of the History of South-America:

A DESCRIPTIVE account of the thirteen United States of America, generally and individually.

In justification of the attempt, to undertake so arduous, so necessary, and expensive a publication, the author can only assure a generous and spirited public, whose indulgence he has already experienced, that he is totally detached from every occupation which would impede his progress in completing this great work with care and precision.

Independent of that assistance necessarily derived from a profusion of materials on this subject, it is his intention, as well as duty, to collect information from seminaries of learning and men of letters, wherever dispersed in the respective states.

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The history of South-America.

The history of North-America.

The history of every state in the union, from personal observation, and such documents, journals, and records as may appear conducive to complete an historical treatise of such importance.

This part of the history will necessarily assume a biographical form; as the life, death, and misfortunes of illustrious characters concerned in the memorable contention for American independence will be delineated—without prejudice, from authorities whom *prejudice itself*, at his hour of calmness and candour, would not easily suspect of partiality or misrepresentation.

CONDITIONS.

1. That this history shall consist of four volumes, each containing 400 pages, printed on fine paper, octavo, and a new letter—Price 5 dollars.

2. That three volumes shall be delivered to the subscribers in the year 1788, and the first as soon as possible, for which they are to pay 4 dollars, principally on the delivery of the work.

3. These volumes will contain, exclusive of maps, a variety of elegant engravings, taken from the Abbe Saviero Clavigero's new history of Mexico.

4. *The fourth* volume will then go to press, and be delivered on the payment of one dollar. This is to contain a map of the western territory.

5. As the actions and events of wars within the United States in this century; but—particularly the great scenes of the late revolution, may amplify materials to exceed the limits above described, gentlemen, disposed to continue subscribers in supporting the continuation of this history, are to pay considerably less than the price stipulated for the first four volumes.

These volumes are to be printed by Messrs. Prichard and Hall, in Philadelphia.

The whole of this history will be collected, digested and compiled by JOHN O'CONNOR, Esq; a barrister at law in the kingdom of Ireland, and now a traveller in America. 2

THREE POUNDS REWARD.

Kent county, November 28, 1787.

DRIFTED from the harbour of Broad Creek, in the night of the 20th of this instant, a FLAT, supposed about 18 or 20 feet long, 7 feet wide, cieled at the bottom, some slips of wood nailed on her inside, for the convenience of getting horses into her; she is pitched all over, has very low sides, a bolt and ring forward, stern sheets, and a place cut in her cieling for the convenience of bailing; she is pretty well known by gentlemen who have travelled by the way of Kent Island ferry. Whoever will give information where said FLAT may be, shall be generously rewarded, or if brought home the above reward.—She had a grapnel to her when drifted.

2 HATTERSLEY and HURST.

TO BE SOLD at the PRINTING-OFFICE, 2

ALMANACKS,

For the year of Lord 1788.

Kent county, November 7, 1787.

TAKEN up on the east side of Chesapeake bay, in Hunting-field creek, opposite Swan-point, a Moses-built BOAT, ten feet keel, four feet ten inches wide, has three row-locks, two thwarts, and one small oar eight feet long in her. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

2 JAMES EAGLE.

November 21, 1787.

Valuable Lots of Ground, to be let on reasonable terms.

THE subscriber has to let on ground-rent, a parcel of valuable lots of ground, lying on Green-street.—Also several lots on Gloucester-street; the situation is very agreeable, as it will suit well for tradesmen of any denomination, being near the market.—The terms may be known by applying to the subscriber, in Annapolis.

3X JACOB HUSK.

Annapolis, November 24, 1787.

NOTICE is hereby given, that there is at the plantation of the subscriber, on Severn river, and has been for upwards of two years, a stray dark brindled BULL, without any marks, except that his horns are broke at the points, he appears to be about five years old. The owner is desired to come and take him away and pay charges.

Having suffered a good deal in my stock, by their being made wild and untractable, and some destroyed by people's gunning and shooting on my said plantation, I hereby forbid it in future. 6 w

3 WILLIAM PACA.

Calvert county, October, 1787.

THE subscibers being appointed by the honourable the chancellor, trustees for George Lang, an insolvent debtor, hereby give notice to all persons indebted to the said George Lang, to make immediate payment, in order that they may discharge the trust reposed in them.

3X WILLIAM ALLEIN, CHARLES WILLIAMSON, } trustees.

THE partnership of Philip Key and Co. being since the 4th of last October expired, the subscriber calls on all persons indebted to the said concern, to discharge their several balances to him without delay, and all those who have any demands against the same, to produce their accounts for settlement and payment.

3X PHILIP KEY.

Annapolis, November 23, 1787.

A CARPENTER well acquainted with his business, and capable of taking the direction of three or four negroes, who will live on a counrty estate, with or without a family, will receive from the subscriber twenty-five guineas per annum, and be himself and family provided with good house room and provisions. 4 w

3 JOHN F. MERCER.

NOTICE is hereby given to all the subscriber's creditors, that being unable to discharge his debts, he means to apply to the justices of Somerset county court, at their next March term, to liberate him agreeable to the act of assembly, entitled, An act respecting insolvent debtors.

3X SOLOMON KIMMAY.

November 27, 1787.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I intend to apply to the next court for Montgomery county, for a commission under the late act, to ascertain and mark the lines of a tract of land in said county called Brightwell's Hunting Quarter. 4 w

3 GEORGE PLATER.

November 27, 1787.

NOTICE is hereby given to all the subscriber's creditors, that being unable to discharge his debts, he means to apply to the justices of Anne-Arundel county court, at March term next, for the benefit of the act respecting insolvent debtors.

3 JEREMIAH CROSS.

Anne-Arundel county, November 26, 1787.

THE subscriber being unable to discharge her debts, gives this public notice to all her creditors, that she intends to apply to Anne-Arundel county court, to be held by adjournment on the third Monday in January next, for the benefit of the act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

3 MARY RANKEN.

Forty Silver Dollars, or *Five Half Joes Reward*,

FOR apprehending one of the most unprincipled fellows in the state of Maryland, a dark mulatto slave named DICK, who absconded yesterday evening; he is about five feet eight inches high, well made and active, is about 28 years of age, has a scar by the right eye, which is very obvious upon examination; had with him an old turn'd cloth coat, jacket and breeches, yarn stockings, osnabrig shirt and trousers, a felt hat, a pair of shoes and steel buckles, with a few other cloathes, but if possible by any stroke of villainy to acquire more, I make no doubt he will effect it.—If caught great care ought to be taken to secure him properly, as he is master of such address that there is few people on whom he would not impose; he ran away about three months ago, and was brought from Red Stone, but I conjecture that he will now make to the eastern shore, or to the Delaware state, or Pennsylvania, or endeavour to get on board some vessel. I will give the above reward to any person who will put him in Baltimore gaol, so that I get him again, or in addition thereto all reasonable travelling charges when delivered to me in the upper part of Anne-Arundel county and state of Maryland. 3

CHARLES ALEXANDER WARFIELD.

N. B. All masters of vessels and others are forewarned harbouring or carrying him off at their peril.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

Upper-Marlborough, November 27, 1787.

STOLEN from the lands of doctor John Sprigg, deceased, on Friday night the 23d instant, a gray MARE, about fourteen hands high, between ten and eleven years old, shod all round, and has been lately trimmed, so as the mark of the shears is very perceiveable on her neck and jaws, paces, trots, and gallops, no perceiveable brand, holds out her head remarkably as she goes. Whoever apprehends the thief and mare, shall be entitled to the above reward upon prosecuting the thief to conviction within three months from the date hereof, or whoever brings the mare only to Mr. William Bowie's, the 3d, near Upper-Marlborough, shall receive three dollars, and all reasonable charges, paid by 3X DANIEL A. BOGET.

May 31, 1787.

TAKEN up by the subscriber, living near the Sugarlands, a dark bay GELDING, judged to be about fourteen or fifteen years old, fourteen hands high, has had a fistula, has one shoe on his fore foot, the brand is not known, it is not visible; he trots, paces and gallops. The owner may have him again by proving property and paying charges, by applying to 2 JOHN BAPTIS PIERCE.

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS,

NOTICE is hereby given, that the committee of claims will sit every day during the present session, from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon. By order,

3X ARCHIBALD GOLDER, clk.

By the COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE,

NOTICE is hereby given, that the committee of grievances and courts of justice will sit every day during the present session, from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon. By order,

3X WILLIAM PINKNEY, clk.

December 3, 1787.

IT is ordered, that public notice be given to the creditors of George Sibbald to attend at Upper Marlborough, on Monday the seventeenth day of December instant, to consult with his trustee with respect to the disposition of the property of the said George Sibbald, and to produce their respective claims.

Test. SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD, Reg. Cur. Can.

2X

To be SOLD, on Saturday the 15th of December, at PUBLIC SALE, at 3 o'clock, P. M. on the premises,

A LOT of ground in the city of Annapolis, distinguished on the plot of said city by the letter Q, with the improvements thereon, likewise several articles of household furniture; the whole to be sold for the benefit of the creditors of Richard Thomson, an insolvent debtor.

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH.

All persons that are indebted to the said Thomson, are requested to make immediate payment, and those who have claims against him are requested to make them known to 3X W. G.

November 18, 1787.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber, being unable to pay his debts, intends to apply to the justices of Prince-Geogre's county court, at their next sitting, in order to take the benefit of the act respecting insolvent debtors.

3X JOHN MITCHELL, son of Burgess.

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FOR PRINTING BY SUBSCRIPTION,

THE

CONTRAST;

A

COMEDY.

WRITTEN BY MAJOR TYLER.

MR. WIGNELL, who has been favoured by Major TYLER, with this opportunity of presenting to the public the first dramatic production of a citizen of the United States, in which the characters and scenes are entirely American, respectfully solicits the patronage and assistance that are necessary to enable him to print and embellish this work, in a form suitable to its intrinsic merit. A performance so interesting to the national feelings, and so honourable to American genius and literature, will naturally recommend itself to general attention, and command in the closet, a confirmation of that applause which it has already received from the stage: The editor, therefore, can only, upon this ocasion, evince his respect for the author by the manner of introducing it to the public; and, to render that as perfect as possible, he proposes the following

CONDITIONS.

First, That the Comedy shall be printed in large octavo, with an elegant type, upon superfine paper.

Secondly, That the most interesting scene in the Comedy shall be prefixed in an engraving, executed by an American artist.

Thirdly, That each subscriber, on the delivery of the Comedy, shall pay half a dollar, unless he resides at a distance from any town where subscriptions are received, when the money shall be paid at the time of subscribing.

Subscriptions for the above comedy are taken in at Mr. George Mann's, and at the Printing Office. 4X

Just IMPORTED from IRELAND, via Baltimore, and to be sold by JOHN FRIN, at the store lately occupied by Messieurs Charles and William Steuart, next door to the Printing-Office,

A LARGE and general assortment of chintzes, calicoes, printed linens and cottons, striped, plain and flowered lawns and muslins, needle worked aprons and handkerchiefs of the first quality, Barcelona handkerchiefs, Marseilles quilting, camblets, tammies, durants, moreens, corduroys, Irish linens striped hollands, checks, mens, womens and childrens worsted and cotton hose, ladies stuff shoes, green and white ivory handle knives and forks, shoe buckles of the newest fashion, shawls, hard ware, and many other articles too tedious to mention, all of which will be sold on the most reasonable terms for cash, old gold, silver, copper, brass or pewter. 3X