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 could 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. 9

December 21, 1787.

ON the petition of James Burnes, of Prince-George's county, to the chancellor, praying the benefit of the act of assembly, entitled, An act respecting insolvent debtors, notice is hereby given to the creditors of the said James Burnes, that the 12th day of February next is appointed for a meeting of the said creditors, at the chancery office in the city of Annapolis, and that a trustee or trustees will be appointed on that day, on their behalf, according to the directions of the said act; and it is ordered that this notice be published six weeks in the Maryland Gazette.

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

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January 3, 1788.

FISH.

A FEW barrels of well cured Patowmack shad of the best quality, to be sold cheap. Inquire at Mr. Couden's. 3X

January 16, 1788.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on Monday the seventh day of April next, an election will be held at the city of Annapolis, for four delegates to represent Anne-Arundel county in convention, agreeably to a resolve of the general assembly.

DAVID STEUART, sheriff. 2

Anne-Arundel county, West river, January 15, 1788.

TAKEN up as a stray, by Joseph Watkins, a dark bay HORSE, about thirteen hands high, neither docked or branded, about five years old, has four white feet, and shod before. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 2

Port-Tobacco, November 2, 1787.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away a few weeks ago, a negro man named BOB, abouth six feet high, a dark mulatto, by trade a blacksmith, and is also a rough carpenter; his cloaths are unknown, as he took with him a variety; when he speaks it is in a loud voice and very earnest; he has a scar in the palm of his right hand. He had in his possession a written permission, signed by Walter Pye, his former master, to hire himself wherever he chose, and with this and a forged pass it is likely he will endeavour to make his escape; he was seen at Annapolis during the last races, and went towards Baltimore. Whoever will secure the said negro Bob, so that we get him again, shall receive the above reward, on application to major John Swan of Baltimore, Robert Couden, Esq; of Annapolis, or the subscribers.

J. H. STONE, and CO.

N. B. All masters of vessels are warned not to take him on board their vessels. 11

August 21, 1787.

LANDS for SALE.

THE subscriber has for sale, all that *Tract of land*, called *Beall's Plantation*, and *Bateman's Field*, (being part of *Snowden's Reputation Supported*) containing from a late survey 676¾ acres, situated on the head of South river in Anne-Arundel county, about 3 miles from navigable water, 12 from the city of Annapolis, 28 from Baltimore-town, 24 from George-town, and about 7 from the inspection houses of Indian Landing, and Queen-Anne, is well adapted for corn, wheat, and particularly tobacco.

This plantation has not been tenanted for 3 years, is a most pleasing and desirable situation, and capable of great improvement at a very small expence; there are 259 acres of timber land, a greater part of the timber is very valuable.—The subscriber would prefer disposing of the whole in one lot, but has no objection to making several of it, the timber land is conveniently situated for making such divisions in equal proportions, and there are many pleasant situations for erecting different buildings; it is also well watered—a very good mill stream runs through it, and there is some meadow ground, and much more may be very readily made. The improvements upon it are, a good dwelling house with three rooms on each floor, kitchen, quarter, corn-house, stables, tobacco house, and two very fine apple orchards, one of which contains 220 trees, together with a number of other valuable fruit trees.

A plan of this estate may be seen at Mr. Vachel Stevens, surveyor, Annapolis, who will shew the premises; also at Messrs. William Paterson, and Brothers, Baltimore, and further information had—for price, terms, &c. apply to

JOHN WADDINGTON, in Philadelphia. 19

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.

CHARLES ALEXANDER WARFIELD. 10

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

Just Published, and to be SOLD, at the Printing-Office, Price 7/6,

THE

LAWS

Of April Session, 1787.

ALSO

The VOTES and PROCEEDINGS Of BOTH HOUSES. 23

St. Mary's county, January 1, 1788.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Townshend Eden, Esq; of St. Mary's county, deceased, are hereby requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having just claims against the said estate are requested to bring them in without delay, regularly authenticated, that they may be settled as soon as possible. All applications for payment or settlement to be made to Walter Stone, at Port-Tobacco.

BETTY ANNE EDEN, administratrix.
WALTER STONE, administrator. 4

Annapolis, January 17, 1788.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of James Robinson, late overseer of the poor house of Anne-Arundel county, are hereby requested to make immediate payment, or settlement, and those who have claims upon the said estate, are likewise desired to state the same without delay, that they may be settled as soon as possible, by

RICHARD OWEN, JAMES ROYSTON, } Executors. 3X

December 14, 1787.

FOR SALE, at PUBLIC VENDUE, on colonel Lloyd's plantation, Severn river, the first Monday in March next, if fair, if not the next fair day,

A NUMBER OF VALUABLE SLAVES.

ARTHUR BRYAN. 7X

Talbot, November 24, 1787.

I WINN WINSHIP, of the county of Talbot, and state of Maryland, do intend to petition the honourable the general assembly of the said state, praying an act may pass to annul the marriage with my wife Maria; all persons concerned, who have any objection, are desired to take proper notice of the same. 7

Annapolis, January 1, 1788.

JAMES WILLIAMS

Has just imported, in the KITTY, captain Moore from BOURDEAUX,

A QUANTITY of old Coniac brandy, a few cases claret (vintage 1783), handsome dark ground chintzes, and fine cambrick, to be sold at his store on the Dock.

He has likewise for sale British mold candles, and fine East-India coffee. 5X 5w

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January 1, 1788.

Notice to Pilots.

THE board appointed by act of assembly to examine and license pilots, within this state, do hereby give notice, that the board will sit at Mr. Thomas De Witt's coffee house, in Baltimore-town, from the first to the last day of February next, to examine any person who shall apply for a license as a pilot.

By order of the board,
WILLIAM JEFFERIS, register.

The following abstracts from the law, are published for the information of such persons as intend to apply for examination and license as pilots.

1st. "Every person who desires to be examined, must produce, from the court of the county where he resides, a certificate of his honesty and good behaviour, and he must pay thirty five shillings, *current* money.

2d. "If upon public examination, the person applying appears to the board of sufficient ability, skill and experience, the board is to grant him one of three kinds of licences for one year, either to pilot vessels of any draught of water, or vessels of not exceeding twelve feet draught, or of vessels of not exceeding nine feet draught.—No person to be licensed as a first-rate pilot, unless he hath employed himself for at least three years in the business of piloting vessels of any draught, or unless he hath served at least four years as an apprentice to the business of piloting.

3d. "No person shall act as a pilot, although licensed, unless he, or the company to which he belongs, shall keep one sufficient boat of twenty-six feet keel streight rabbet, at the least, decked and well found; and not more than three pilots can be in company.

4th. "Every pilot, on being licensed, is to give bond, with good security, in penalty of two hundred pounds current money, for the faithful discharge of his duty, agreeably to act of assembly.

5th. "Every merchant vessel of nine feet, or upwards, coming from sea, shall take the first pilot who offers below the Horse-Shoe, or pay him half pilotage to the first port; and every merchant vessel of the same draught of water, going to sea, shall receive the first pilot who applies, or pay him half pilotage to the Capes; and every vessel, having no pilot, who shall follow a vessel that has a pilot, shall pay him half pilotage.

6th. "Rates of pilotage as follows, to wit: From the Capes to Baltimore-town, eight shillings and nine-pence current money, and from Baltimore-town to the Capes, seven shillings and six-pence for every half foot of water the vessel shall draw: From the mouth of Patowmack to George-town, and from George-town to the mouth of Patowmack, there is to be an addition of one fifth to the above rates; for less distance in the same proportion. No allowance for any supernumerary inches under six."

By order of the board,
WILLIAM JEFFERIS, register. 4X

NOTICE is hereby given, that Alpheus Beal and Josiah Beal, mean to petition the general assembly at their next session, for a law to make good their title to a tract of land, purchased by them of Silas Simkin, by the name of Good-will. 7

January 19, 1788.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber, being unable to discharge his debts, means to apply to the justices of Anne-Arundel county court, for the benefit of the act respecting insolvent debtors.

ANTHONY MUSGROVE, of Anthony. 2

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