their rear and disabled ships, which had retired astern. We at that time captured the Wladslaw, a copper bottomed ship of 74 guns, carrying 32 and 42 pounders, and 783 men. The engagement finished soon afterwards, at 10 P. M. Night coming on I judged it prudent to form the fleet on the other tack, in order to avoid the danger of Kalkboden, cover our prize, and consult the honour of your majesty's fleet, by endeavouring to retake the Prince Gustave who was disabled and without a flag. But this last piece of service did not succeed, as the Russian admiral and his whole fleet wore to protect their prize. During the night, the enemy hauled their wind close, and left the field of battle, whereas we carried lights in our tops all the night, and frequently fired signal guns. In the mean time reports were brought me from several ships, that they were in great want of ammunition, had several shot between wind and water, and some of them their masts and rudders damaged.

I gave orders to make the most of their time by repairing their damages, and made a distribution of ammunition as far as it went. At day-break I formed the fleet in a line of battle on the starboard tack as well as the faint breeze would let me. On the other hand, the Russians had, during the night, got their disabled ships a great way to windward, all their fleet keeping close on a wind to cover them, which put it out of my power to renew the attack, particularly as the wind died away when the day advanced. I thereupon judged it most prudent to return to Helsingfors Road, not only to repair the ships, but especially to supply them with ammunition, of which most of them had none whatever left. It appears from the prize your majesty's fleet has taken, that the enemy was our superior by nearly one third in point of force. Their fleet had been for some time fitted out, and in the most expensive and complete manner, with very heavy artillery, being intended for an expedition to the Mediterranean. We lost two post captains, one master and commander, and had five officers wounded.

It is evident, from the many disabled ships of the enemy, and from several confirmed reports that one of them had gone down, as well as the hauling their wind, from the fire of the Swedish fleet; the zeal for your majesty's person, and love to their country, warmed the breast of every one under my command. All the captains paid the utmost attention to signals and evolutions, and maintained the line in a manner that did honour to the Swedish name. The enemy attacked us with all that confidence of success which their great superiority in size and force of ships, the situation of the field of battle, and the wind totally in their favour, in some measure seemed to warrant: But although the engagement was fought under many great disadvantages on our side, their temerity was checked in a manner which reflects the greatest honour on every officer and seamen in your majesty's fleet.

CHARLES.

Gustavus, the Third, at anchor, on Helsingfors Road, July 20, 1788.

Copy of admiral Greig's letter to the empress of Russia, dated July 18, 1788, written on the field of battle the day after the action, on board the Rostislaw.

I most humbly inform your imperial majesty, that on the 17th July, about noon, we discovered the Swedish fleet, consisting of fifteen ships of the line, of from 60 to 70 guns, with eight large frigates, which carrying 24 pounders, on account of their weight of metal, were brought into the line, five smaller frigates, and three tenders, commanded by the prince of Sudermania, with an admiral's flag, and having under his command a vice-admiral and two rear-admirals. I immediately made the signal to make sail towards the enemy, they formed the line and waited for us: our fleet as it came up, formed also. The weather was clear, with a light breeze from south-east. We bore right down on the enemy's line, and the Rostislaw, my flag ship, engaged the Swedish admiral. As our line approached, the enemy began firing upon us about 5, P. M.

The engagement was very hot on both sides, and lasted without intermission, till six. The Swedish fleet attempted twice to retreat, but as, during the engagement it fell quite calm, and the ships would not answer to the helm, the two fleets fell into some confusion. In the mean time the fire was kept up with great briskness on both sides till quite dark, and then the Swedish ships, by the help of their boats, got a distance from our fleet.

In this action we have taken only one ship, the Prince Gustavus, of 70 guns, which carried the vice-admirals flag. She was defended with great bravery for more than an hour against the Rostislaw, and had above 200 men killed and wounded before she struck, having before engaged the Wicheslaw. On board of this ship was the count Wachtmeister, aid-de-camp-general to the king of Sweden, and who commanded the van division of the Swedish fleet. He came on board of my ship with an officer whom I had sent to take possession, and deliver to me his flag and sword. In consideration of his gallant defence I restored to him his sword.

I am sorry to inform your majesty, that in the night and after the battle had ceased, the Wladslaw dropped behind our line, and fell in among the enemy's fleet, by whom she was taken, as the darkness of the night and above all the thickness of the smoke, concealed her from us. I received the first notice of this disaster about midnight, from a petty officer, who was dispatched to me before the enemy took possession.

In this engagement several of your majesty's ships received considerable damage, and the whole fleet so much in the masts and rigging, that I was not in a condition to pursue the enemy, who, by reason of the little wind that blew during the night, were at no great distance from us; but a breeze springing up from south-east in the morning, they took the advantage of it, and crowded all the sail they could to gain the coast of Finland, to the east of Cubo de Grund, and we lost sight of them steering north-east.

The action began between the island of Schten Seaker and the bay of Cubo de Grund, the former bearing S. E. E. distant three German miles, and the latter N. W. W. at about the same distance, seven miles and a half east of Höghland. I subjoin a list of the killed and wounded. * The whole fleet is now employed in reparing their sails and rigging. I must say, on this occasion, that I have never seen a battle maintained with more spirit and courage on both sides, and we have nothing to boast of but the capture of the commander of the van division, and that the enemy left us in possession of the field of battle.

All the flag officers, and the greater part of the captains, gave proofs of the greatest courage and firmness; and the bravery of the subaltern officers and sailors in general is intitled to praise; but it is with great grief that I am obliged to declare myself very much dissatisfied with the conduct of some of the captains, whom I shall be under the necessity of suspending. This, however, will be done after a more particular inquiry, the account of which I shall transmit to your majesty. If they had all done their duty like good officers and faithful subjects, I have reason to believe that this action would have been completely decisive, and would have produced consequences equally satisfactory to your majesty and glorious to your empire.

I shall not fail, at the same time, to make a particular report of those who have personally distinguished themselves by their courage and conduct on this occasion.

* *The total amounts to 319 killed and 666 wounded.*

To be SOLD, by the subscriber, at PUBLIC SALE, on Saturday the 20th of December, on the premises,

UPWARDS of 300 acres of good level LAND, lying in Anne-Arundel county, on Patuxent river, about half way between Queen-Anne and the Governor's Bridge. The sale to be at 12 o'clock, and the terms made known, by

1 THOMAS HARWOOD.

NEW RED CLOVER SEED,

Sold by

Messieurs THOMAS and SAMUEL HOLLINGSWORTH, at BATIMORE.

At ANNAPOLIS, by Mr. JACOB HUSK.

At TALBOT, by Mr. JOHN ESKINE. 1

At NEW-TOWN CHESTER, by Mr. JAMES PIPER.

JAMES MACKUBIN,

At head of the Dock,

Has just IMPORTED, in the ship NANTES, from LONDON, and now opening,

GRAY FEARNOUGHT, white and Devonshire kersey, Welch plains, halfthicks, cottons, bearskins, German serges, frizes, coatings, forest clothes, fine and superfine broad clothes, double milled drabs, cassimers, flanels, baize, rose and duffil blankets, rugs, shalloons, figured stuffs, durants, callimancoes, moreens, crapes, bombasin, camblets, corduroys, thicksets, satinets, velverets, fashionable waistcoat patterns, cardinals, yarn, worsted and silk hose, cotton and thread ditto, fearnought jackets and great coats, blue duffil ditto, sailors blue and green jackets and trousers, hats well assorted, German and British osnabrigs, hempen rolls, Russia drabs and sheetings, 7-8 and yard wide Irish linens, housewife ditto, pewter plates and dishes, hair brooms, scrubbing, comb, shoe and cloth brushes, queen's china assorted, white grain, coloured, black beaver and wash welted gloves, powder and shot, hob nails, 8d, 10d, 20d and 30d flat point nails, brown stone butter pots, jugs, mugs, Dutch chamber pots, fashionable gilt buttons, all which, together with a variety of other articles on hand, form a large and very general assortment, which he will sell on reasonable terms for cash, good bills on London, or in advance to those who will engage to ship tobacco to Wallace, Johnson and Muir, and give him an order for amount of sales.

N. B. He has likewise for sale, old spirits, West-India and New-England rum, brandy, wine, sugars, coffee, chocolate, and most articles in the grocery line. 1

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,
ARCHIBALD GOLDER, clk.

1

THE right of administration on the estate of Miss RACHEL BROOKE, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, being in the subscriber, he conceives it necessary for the claimants to said estate, to meet in order to agree on the distribution thereof, and has appointed Monday the 15th day of December next to meet in Upper Marlborough for that purpose. The subscriber also gives notice to whom it may concern, that he intends to petition the next general assembly for the state of Maryland, to confer the right of a tract of land called THE VINEYARD, whereon the said Rachel Brooke did lately live, to him, for reasons that will be shewn by said petition.

Mr. Richard Brandt, living near Piscataway, in the county aforesaid, is appointed by the subscriber to receive all just accounts against the said estate, being first proved according to law.

Nov. 13, 1788. THOMAS BROOKE.

Charles county, November 10, 1788.

A DAKK mulatto man, about thirty-five years old, was committed to my custody the 27th ult. he is a fat well looking fellow, appears to be sensible, and is about five feet ten inches high; has on a blue country cotten jacket, crocus trousers, felt hat, and osnabrig shirt; he says his name is EDWARD PROCTOR, that he made his escape four or five weeks ago, and that he is the property of Mr. Bernard O'Neil, of George-town. The owner of the above described mulatto is desired to prove property, pay charges and take him away.

1 THOMAS A. DYSON, sheriff.

November 24, 1788.

I HEREBY give notice, that I will prosecute all such as I may find hunting, with either dog or gun, on the plantation of the late ROBERT DAVIDG, deceased.

1 JOSHUA YATES.

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
JOHN KNAPP, Clk.

3.

Annapolis, September 26, 1788.

JUST IMPORTED

In the ship WILLING TOM, captain GEORGE JEFFERY, from LONDON, and for sale, on the most reasonable terms, for

CASH OR COUNTRY PRODUCE, by

JOHN PETTY, and Co.

A general assortment of merchandize suitable for the present and approaching season.

9

November 19, 1788.

FOR SALE,

SEVERAL hundred young APPLE TREES, of the best kind of fruit for cider or keeping in the winter.

2 MORDECAI STEWART.

November 19, 1788.

THE subscribers, being appointed by the honourable the chancellor of the state of Maryland, trustees on behalf of the creditors of WILLIAM SPURRIER, of Anne-Arundel county, an insolvent debtor, requests all persons indebted to him to make immediate payment, and those to whom he is indebted are requested to exhibit their claims properly attested, on or before the 27th day of December next, on which day the creditors are desired to meet at said William Spurrier's tavern, at twelve o'clock.

2 HENRY GRIFFITH, jun.
THOMAS COALE.

November 19, 1788.

I HEREBY give notice, that I will prosecute all such as I may find hunting with either dog or gun on the plantation I now occupy, commonly called GREENBURY's POINT. I do likewise forewarn all watermen and others to land on said plantation, or any part thereof, under any pretence whatever. Such as do not pay regard to this notice may be assured I will deal with them as rigorously as the law will admit.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

N. B. It has been with extreme reluctance that the above notice has been given, but I have lately detected so many stealing my rails under pretence of being in search of drift-wood, and have had such cause to suspect hunters of injuring my stock, as well as committing the same offence, that my interest has been too much at stake to forbear it any longer. 2 W. C.

To be SOLD, on Saturday the 6th of December, if fair, if not the next fair Saturday,

A VALUABLE LOT of GROUND adjoining Pig-Point, containing TWO ACRES, on which is a DWELLING-HOUSE, with four rooms and a closet, on the lower floor, a good room on the upper floor, a kitchen, store-house and stable. The situation is beautiful and healthy, and remarkable for good water. Likewise, for SALE, on the said day, a stout strong country-born NEGRO MAN, about forty years of age. The terms of sale will be made known on the above day. If the above-mentioned houses and lot should not be sold, they will be RENTED, on MODERATE TERMS.

3 A. ALLEIN.

Eight Dollars Reward.

STRAYED or stolen out of Mr. Henry Hall's pasture, near the Governor's Bridge, on the 4th of this instant, a kind of a dun sorrel MARE, about fifteen hands high, eight or nine years old, trots all, has a star in her forehead, and snip on her nose, short tail, and blind in her off eye, has lately been hurt by drawing, which has raised a very perceivable lump on her near shoulder. Whoever brings the said mare to Mr. Henry Hall, or Mr. Reigle, at Queen-Anne, or the subscribers, shall receive the above reward if stolen and the thief brought to justice, or four dollars, for the mare alone, and all reasonable charges, paid by

JAMES CAIN, or
Nov. 9, 1788. RICHARD FLEMMING.