and which appears to me to be near at hand. Mr. Paine, the celebrated author of Common Sense, has answered Mr. Burke on hereditary succession in a most masterly manner, and has truly taught us common sense, viz. the uselessness of those paltry and unmeaning titles of king, duke, lord, viscount, baron, knight, esquire, and a long train of such trappings of distinction that answer no other end, and was instituted for no other purpose, than to enslave mankind."

June 11. Notwithstanding the equipments for war in Britain, many circumstances, by accounts to the 19th of April, render the certainty of it very dubious. By a review of the legislatural proceedings in the house of commons of Great-Britain, we find, that many old politicians, and respectable members, have displayed their utmost rhetorical abilities against the principle—that the expediency of assisting Russia against the Porte was false, as the progress of the Russian arms could not affect either the interests of Prussia or England—that it would be an unprofitable war, ruinous to the finances of England—that it would be unjust, and unnecessary. The minister is severely treated—and, on the whole, it is not possible to ascertain, what may be the decisions of government, on this important subject.

Extract of a letter from Bermuda, May 3.

"Your friend Mr.—— had interest enough to obtain me permission to view the new works and fortifications in this island. You may be assured, when complete, it will be a second Gibraltar. A large body of troops are shortly expected here; and from what I can learn, this place will be a deposite both of troops and stores, to supply the West-India islands when occasion requires. I sincerely pity the good people of this island, they being already at a low ebb.

PHILADELPHIA, *June* 13.

The following extraordinary circumstance happened a few years ago.

On a farm belonging to the government of Petersburgh, a young Russian peasant, named Daniel Priputenkow, having been bit by a mad dog, but shewing no symptoms of hydrophobia, went to a wedding, where he had been previously invited; there he eat and drank cheerfully, without any one deeming it necessary to stand on their guard; but before they arose from table, forty-eight men and forty-one women were suddenly taken ill, so rapid was the progress of the venom: some complained of a dreadful pain in the head, some spit blood abundantly, whilst others remained stupified and senseless. Assistance was instantly procured, and those unfortunate guests were observed to have, under their tongue, little pustules, first of the size of a barley-corn, but every instant increasing in bigness. These were bored through with a needle, and evacuated a black gore. The operation was repeated nine times upon some of the patients, and then the wounds were rubbed with fine salt. The same trial was made upon the young man, but to no purpose; and after having shewed all the symptoms of confirmed and incurable madness, he died in all the horror and agony of that dreadful disorder.

The surviving patients were preserved, and even restored to perfect health, by drinking, night and morning, a large tumbler of strong infusion of a plant known to the Botanists by the Latin name of *Ginesta Tinctoria*.

CURIOUS WRITING.

A most extraordinary piece of writing has been lately exhibited to a few curious persons of distinction in Dublin, designed and written in London by Joseph Ganthony, Esquire, F. S. A. which, it is said, has been purchased by a nobleman of the first taste in that country. The following is a description of this amazing display of penmanship, which is justly the admiration of all who have seen it.

It represents the death of our Saviour. The height of the cross five inches, and the length of the body two inches and an half, which seems at first to be drawn with a fine hair pencil, but on a closer inspection you perceive that the strokes which form the piece consisting of exceeding fine writing, that cannot be read with the naked eye, but by the help of a magnifying glass we may be plainly distinguished. The 19th chapter of St. John, in which are 42 verses; the 4th verse of the 53d of Isaiah, and 4th verse of 8th Psalm, which are all verbatim with the Bible; and at the foot of the cross the Lord's prayer is wrote in a line two inches and a quarter long, but in much smaller letters than those that form the body and cross, being scarcely legible with a great magnifier.

In the whole piece, besides 37 figures, are 1206 words, with proper capitals, containing 5062 letters, entirely wrote with the naked eye, and almost finished in seven hours time.

The same person has also written the Lord's prayer, the creed, the ten commandments, and the Gloria Patri, in the size of a silver penny piece.

CHAMBERSBURG, *June* 2.

On Monday last, about three o'clock in the afternoon, the house of Mr. James Lindsay, on the Falling Spring, was struck by lighting, and one of his children, a lad of about 13 years of age, was killed by it. There were six persons in the room at the time, all sitting very near each other, and this lad was nearest the fire-place; the lightning had descended through the funnel of an upstairs chimney, and breaking through the hearth, came directly on his head—he fell back in his chair, and expired instantly. The hair on the crown of his head was burned off, and his skin, though unbroken, was in some places much blistered. Three other persons who were near him felt the shock, but escaped without material injury.

Peters Township, *May 27th*, 1791.

After several weeks of dry weather, a heavy cloud arose last Tuesday evening, and advanced from N. N. W. In its course it appeared to have been met by another from the south of east. This last had the ascendency, and the consequence was a most violent hail storm, which proceeded in a direction nearly from east to west, across a considerable part of this and Montgomery townships.—The track of the main body of the current was nearly two miles wide in some places, in others not so much; great quantities, however, fell some miles on each side. The farmers over whom it came have suffered exceedingly, from Mr. Joseph Irwin's, where it appears to have been heaviest, through Mercersburg, to the north mountain. The storm continued nearly half an hour, without intermission; the hailstones were in general as large as walnuts, and so numerous as entirely to destroy all the crops of wheat and rye, and every green thing in its course. It stripped the timber entirely of its leaves in some places; and killed some cattle, sheep, hogs, geese, and other domestic fowls.

Some persons who were exposed to the storm were much hurt; and the terror of those who were under cover must have been very great, as by the violent wind, and incessant rattling of the hail, for so long a time, their houses appeared in danger of such damage as to be but an imperfect security.

Instances of this nature, against which there is no provision, shew the farmers how dependent they are for their success on the government of Divine Providence—and should teach them to value the property they obtain through so many hazards, as well as by so much labour, as the means of doing good, and of real enjoyment, and not profusely waste it on superfluities, or hurtful extravagances, which do as certainly, and more perniciously destroy it, as the storms of hail and rain.—Such as suffer by these inundations, also are to consider, that they are, like other calamities of life, not to be repaired by giving way to complaints of Divine Providence, or a desponding distress of mind, but by an active diligence and industry, which has the promise of success.

PETERSBURG, *May* 27.

On Friday last an express arrived here from the Western Country, who has brought very disagreeable accounts of the distressed situation of our western frontiers, and whose business was to make application to the executive for immediate assistance. Several settlements have been entirely cut off, and others deserted, owing to the general apprehensions which the inhabitants experience from the daily outrages and savage barbarity of the Indians, who have lately committed many cruelties in the very heart of the settlements, and are likely to continue their depredations unless some assistance is obtained to enable our unfortunate brethren in that country to drive them away.

By Virtue of a Power of Attorney from Messrs. *Tennison Cheshire, & Benjamin Burch Cheshire*, lately of St. Mary's County, but now of Cumberland County, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, I hereby offer to SELL, at PRIVATE SALE,

ALL the LAND whereon the aforesaid Tennison and Benjamin Burch Cheshire formerly lived, containing three hundred and one acres. This land lies within a mile and a half of Chaptico, by far the most public trading place in the county. The soil is fertile, and well adapted to the produce of Indian corn, wheat, tobacco, flax and cotton, and affords good pasturage for stock, having a fine swamp running through the whole tract, twenty acres of which might, with little expence, be made as fine meadow ground as any in this part of the country. About one fourth part of the whole is now in woods, abounding in excellent rail stuff, and a sufficiency of board and shingle timber, also a number of gum and poplar for scantling, plank, &c. This land is at present let out in three tenements, at the rate of four thousand five hundred pounds of crop tobacco per annum. Two of these tenements are well improved, having on each a good dwelling house, and other necessary out-houses, every way suitable for the accommodation of a large and genteel family. There are on the aforesaid plantations two young apple orchards, which, at present, will produce, in a favourable year, upwards of two thousand gallons of cider, and from the present appearance there may be made on the land this year more than a hundred gallons of peach brandy. The situation is healthy and agreeable, commanding an extensive view of the country around. One third of the purchase money will be expected in hand, and for the other two thirds likely young negroes will be taken. Any person inclinable to purchase is desired to view the land. The price will be made known on application to the subscriber, who will engage to ensure the purchaser a good title.

ELISHA JOHNSON.

St. Mary's county, June 13, 1791.

FOUND,

Between *Annapolis* and *Baltimore*,

A Silver Watch,

Which the owner may get by applying at the Printing-Office, and paying the charge of this notice.

STOPT,

On SUSPICION of being STOLEN,

A LARGE huckaback TABLE-CLOTH, with fringes at each end. It was left at the house of the subscriber for sale, by a person unknown. The owner is desired to come and prove his property, pay the charge of this advertisement, and take it away.

SAMPSON SALMON.

Annapolis, June 21, 1791.

Will be SOLD, *at Public Sale*,

On TUESDAY the 12th day of July next, if fair, if not the next fair day, at the late dwelling of Mrs. *Anne Boarman*, deceased,

NEGROES, STOCK of different kinds, PLANTATION UTENSILS, HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE, CORN, WHEAT and TOBACCO. The terms will be made known at the sale. w3

Wm. THOMAS, jun.

All persons having claims against the estate of Mrs. *Anne Boarman*, late of St. Mary's county, deceased, are requested to bring them in legally proved.

Wm. THOMAS, jun. Administrator.

St. Mary's county, June 15, 1791.

To be Sold, or Rented,

THE house lately occupied by Mr. CHARLES STEUART, in this city. For terms apply at the Printing-office.

Annapolis, June 22, 1791.

WILLIAM ROSS,

CABINET & CHAIR MAKER,

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public, that he has removed his shop to a house in Church-street, two doors below the dwelling house of Mr. Thomas Hyde, where he purposes carrying on the above business in all its various branches; and as he has laid in a good stock of the best materials, he hopes to merit the encouragement and patronage of a generous public. He will perform all orders from both town and country with neatness, punctuality and dispatch, and as cheap as any one of his profession.

Annapolis, June 20, 1791.

TAKEN up as STRAY, at the late plantation of RICHARD GREEN, deceased, on the manor near Pig-Point, a dun coloured HORSE, about fourteen and an half hands high, his mane and tail much hacked by cutting, trots and gallops, appears to be nine or ten years old, has no perceivable brand, and appears to have been used to drawing in geers. The owner may have him again by proving property and paying charges.

LANCELOT GREEN.

May 28, 1791. w3

TAKEN up as a STRAY, by THOMAS CRUCHLY, living at Carroll's Manor, in the lower part of Anne Arundel county, a yellow bay MARE, five years old, about thirteen hands and an half high, two white feet, and a part of the third white, has a star in her forehead, and a snip on the end of her nose, and trots and gallops. The owner is requested to come and prove his property, pay charges, and take her away.

NOTICE.

ALL persons who are indebted to the estate of THOMAS ORRICK, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are desired to discharge their respective balances immediately with WILLIAM ALEXANDER, of the city of Annapolis, who is fully authorised by me to receive the same, that those to whom the estate is indebted may be paid, who are hereby requested to bring in their accounts properly attested.

JAMES WEST, Administrator.

May 25, 1791.

NOTICE is hereby given,

THAT a petition will be presented to the next general assembly for an act to lay off the town of LOWER-MARLBOROUGH, in Calvert county, agreeable to the original plan. 8w

April 19, 1791.

All persons having claims against the estate of WILLIAM PRICE, or of JOHN PRICE, executor of said William Price, both late of Queen-Anne's county, deceased, are requested to produce them properly authenticated, and those who are indebted to either of the said estates are desired to make immediate payment, to w8

JOSHUA KENNARD,

Administrator de bonis non, on the estate of *William Price*, and administrator with the will annexed to *John Price*.

Red Clover Seed,

SOLD BY

JOHN FISHER, Brush-Maker,

MARKET-STREET, BALTIMORE.

And by JACOB HUSK,

ANNAPOLIS.

Baltimore, March 8, 1791.

June 12, 1791.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Dr. EPHRAIM HOWARD, deceased, are requested to bring in their claims, legally authenticated, by the first Monday in August next, and it is expected that all those indebted to said estate will make payment on or before that day, as a longer indulgence will not be given. w5

ACHSAH HOWARD, Executrix.