

West-Indiamen and smaller transports are to lie at Cover. Generals Dundas and Morshead command the troops in them. By a letter from Geneva, dated Jan. 13, we learn, that confident hopes were there entertained of a speedy peace between the king of Sardinia and the French; and that the exchange between Turin and Switzerland, loses 35 per cent.

There are now in the roads at Spithead 76 men of war ready for sea, notwithstanding the continued tempest, besides what are in the docks and harbour.

Feb. 11. Early this morning we received, by express, Paris papers to the 10th inst. inclusive, an instance of dispatch which has never been equalled.

That of the 10th is most particularly important, as it contains a message from the executive directory, with a preliminary convention for PEACE, signed on the 5th inst. at Balle, between the count Lehrbach the Imperial minister, and M. Barthelemy, ambassador from the French republic.

We give as follows, this important paper

#### Preliminary Convention for PEACE.

In the sitting of the council of elders of the 20th Pluvoise, (February 9th) at the moment they were about to rise, the executive directory announced to the convention the following important paper, accompanied by a message which breathed the warmest wishes for the success of negotiations which will finally give peace to France and to Europe.

His majesty the emperor, and the French republic, equally animated with a desire to put an end to the war which divides them, by a solid and general peace, which may comprehend them and their allies, have named their plenipotentiaries for this negotiation, viz. his majesty the emperor, his minister of state the count Lehrbach; and the French republic, the French citizen Barthelemy, its ambassador in Switzerland; who, after exchanging their full powers, have concluded the following

#### PRELIMINARY CONVENTION.

I. There shall be a general armistice, and a full cessation of hostilities for four months, between the armies of the emperor and those of the empire on one side, and those of the French republic on the other; in which shall be comprised all the powers allied to his Imperial majesty who shall signify their consent to this convention in the space of one month.

II. The two contracting powers shall be bound to regard as the basis of all future negotiation, the integrity (the unity) of the Germanic body on the one side, and the renunciation of all pretensions incompatible with the independence and the dignity of the French republic on the other.

III. His Imperial majesty engages that the members of the Germanic body, who may have feudal rights or pretensions in the ci-devant provinces of Lorraine and Alsace, or in whatever other part of the territory of the French republic, shall wholly renounce those rights and pretensions; and he will employ his good offices with his holiness the pope, to make him formally cede all his pretensions to the city of Avignon, and the county Venaissin.

IV. The troops of the French republic, shall evacuate, within a month after the signing this convention, those parts of the states of the Germanic body which they may occupy.

V. There shall be formed, within a month, a congress in the city of Aix-la-Chapelle, to which the two contracting parties shall send their ministers; and the other belligerent powers shall be invited to send ambassadors to negotiate a general peace, under the mediation of their catholic and Prussian majesties.

VI. The French republic shall retire its troops from the territory of the republic of the United States, with the exception of the city of Maastricht; under the express condition that all other powers shall respect the independence of that republic, and that no foreign force shall enter its territory.

VII. The French armies shall continue to occupy all the conquered country which is not herein specified, until its fate shall be determined by a general peace.

Done at Balle, 5th February, 1796, the 16th of the month Pluvoise, and the 3d year of the French republic.

Signed } Le Comte LEHRBACH.  
          } FRANCOIS BARTHELEMY.

Paris, Feb. 10. The enthusiasm which the reading of the convention concluded with Austria produced in the council of elders, leaves no room to doubt but it will be attended with the happiest effects.—The kuis was yesterday 2150.

The foregoing "preliminary convention for peace," between the Emperor and the French republic, has turned out to be an impudent forgery.

#### Annapolis, March 31.

#### Fourth Congress of the United States.

At the first session, begun and held at the city of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the seventh of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

An ACT providing relief, for a limited time, in certain cases of invalid registers.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby empowered to allow to such vessels and their cargoes, whose registers have already, or that they, before the close of the present session of congress, become invalid, by reason of a non-compliance with the terms of the 5th section of the act "concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels," the same privileges and benefits, they would have been entitled to, if no such invalidity had taken place: Provided, if shall appear to him, that such non-compliance did not proceed

from wilful negligence or an intention of fraud: And provided also, that a new register shall be obtained, in the manner prescribed by law, for such vessels respectively; as may now be within the United States, within ninety days from the passing of this act; and for others, within the same time after their first arrival within the United States.

JONATHAN DAYTON, Speaker of the house of representatives.

JOHN ADAMS, Vice-president of the United States, and president of the senate.

Approved, March the tenth, 1796.

GEO. WASHINGTON, President of the United States.

Deposited among the rolls, in the office of the department of state.

TIMOTHY PICKENS,  
Secretary of state.

#### MAP OF MARYLAND.

Griffith's Map of Maryland,  
Sold by  
John Shaw.

Annapolis, March 30, 1796.

#### To be Sold,

A HEALTHY NEGRO WOMAN, about nineteen or twenty years of age, with a male child about seven months old; she has been accustomed both to domestic services and to the work of a farm, and will be sold for a term of eight years; the child, for twenty-one years. Apply to the PRINTERS, March 30, 1796.

I WILL sell that corner LOT, in Upper Marlborough, which I lately occupied, with the improvements thereon, consisting of a dwelling house, containing three spacious rooms and passage on the first floor, two large chambers on the second, a large garden and yard, well paved, &c. Its vicinity to the court-house and public offices, renders it an eligible situation for a merchant or inn-keeper; the purchaser, on giving a bond with approved security, will be indulged with a year's credit. The terms, which will be moderate, may be known by applying to Mr. JOHNSON M. O'REILLY, near Upper Marlborough, or the subscriber, in Annapolis.

HUGH MAGUIRE.

Annapolis, March 29, 1796.

#### Archibald Golder

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends, and the public, that he has opened a DRY and WET GOODS STORE, in the house of his nativity, in West-street, in the city of Annapolis, where he intends constantly keeping a very extensive assortment of goods, of the first quality, which he is determined to sell at the most reduced prices; being solicitous to please, he will ever exert himself to give satisfaction to those who will obligingly give him their custom.

He likewise intends to transact the conveyancing business, and from his long experience he hopes to have it in his power to give general satisfaction.

He wants to hire two sober, honest, and attentive labourers; and to employ two young men to act in the store.

#### For SALE,

One two story brick HOUSE, subject to a ground rent of £.4 5 0 sterling; two second hand single top CARRIAGES, and a negro GIRL, about 15 years of age, she can be recommended; the lowest price is £.75; to any person in Baltimore, the city of Annapolis, or vicinity.

#### To RENT,

Three small framed dwelling HOUSES.  
March 27, 1796.

#### A STRAY MARE.

WAS taken up as a stray, on the 19th of March, 1796, a small bay MARE, about four or five years old, without brand or any other perceivable mark, by the subscriber, living in Anne-Arundel county, near South-river ferry. The owner may have her again by proving property and paying charges.  
10/7/0 L. ROBINSON.

ALL persons having claims against HENRY WARFIELD, late of the city of Annapolis, attorney at law, deceased, are requested to exhibit them to the subscriber for settlement, and all those indebted to the deceased will be pleased to call and pay the amount to

THOMAS WARFIELD, Administrator.

N. B. All those persons who employed the said Henry Warfield as an attorney, are hereby informed that all his law papers are lodged in the hands of RICHARD RIDOLLY, Esq; of Annapolis, and are subject to the directions of those entitled to receive them.  
Head of Severn, March 22, 1796. T. W.

To be SOLD, on Monday the 11th day of April next, at the subscriber's,

A GREAT variety of valuable household furniture, consisting of FEATHER-BEDS, and FURNITURE, &c. The terms will be made known on the day of sale.

VACHEL STEVENS.

Annapolis March 24, 1796.

#### WANTED to HIRE,

A NEGRO BOY, as a waiter, in a small family, on a plantation, in the neighbourhood of Annapolis; the highest wages will be given to any who can be well recommended. Also one for garden and plantation work. Inquire at the printing-office.

#### HIGH FLYER,

Will stand this season, to cover mares, at South river ferry, four miles from Annapolis, from the 15th of April to the 15th of July, at six guineas and one dollar for each mare, if credit is expected, but three guineas and one dollar will be taken if sent with the mare, or paid at the end of the season.

HIGH FLYER was bred by Richard Tattersall; got by his High Flyer, which covers now in England at thirty guineas a mare, and never was beat.

THISTLE, the dam of High Flyer, was got by Syphon, she was the dam of Mr. Hutchison's Thistle, which was own brother to High Flyer, who was a good runner, his grand-dam by Cade, she was the dam of Mr. Shatto's hunter Omnium, Herald, Miss Barforth, &c. his great-grand-dam by Pittner, she was the dam of Toy, Madam, the dam of Twig; Diowsy, Torismond; Alcides, the dam of Young Cade, the dam of Omnium Filly, by Cade, the dam of Privateer and Villager, all capital runners, his great-great-grand-dam by Makelefs, Brimmer, Places White Turk, great-grand dam of Carouch, Dodsworth, Layton Barb Mare.

JOHN CRAGGS.

A large lot will be enclosed for favourite mares at 3/6 per week, but not accountable for escape or accident.

RAN away, on the evening of the 18th instant, a negro DANIEL, thirty-five years of age, five feet eight or nine inches high, very black, his legs very small and feet remarkably long for one of his size; he has lost a part of one of his ears, his teeth are very long and remarkably yellow; had on when he made his escape a new cotton jacket and trousers of the same, an under waistcoat of brown cloth, patched with white, a round hat, a pair of negro shoes, cut down a small distance before to prevent them from pressing the upper part of his feet, with nails in the soles and heels, and an old pair of yarn stockings; his wool is short, having been not long since cut off. He has been several times on these trips, and has been in Baltimore, Frederick, Leesburgh and Alexandria gaols, and taken from the latter in July last. It is expected he will change his dress, and that he may have a pass, as he had when last out one, which he says he had from a person in the neighbourhood. A reward of TWENTY DOLLARS will be paid for securing him, so that he be had again, if thirty miles from home, or FIVE POUNDS, if a less distance.

WILLIAM BROGDEN.

February 26, 1796.

#### To be SOLD,

A COMMODIOUS DWELLING-HOUSE, in a pleasant part of this city.—Apply to the PRINTERS.  
20 Annapolis.

#### For SALE,

A N elegant PHAETON, built on the most fashionable construction, with a set of the best London plated HARNESS. The carriage is in no manner injured. Apply to the printers hereof.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to petition the next April court of Anne-Arundel county for a commission to mark and bound the lines of the following tracts of land, viz. the fifth line of a tract of land called BARWELL'S PURCHASE, also the fifth line of a tract of land called LOCKWOOD'S GREAT PARK, and the fourth line of a tract of land called LOCKWOOD'S PARK, they being contiguous and adjoining to the land now the property of the minor heirs of AARON PARISH, deceased; and all the other lines of the said lands are contiguous to and adjoining the lands in the possession of the subscriber.

THOMAS NORRIS, of THOMAS.

March 7, 1796.

TAKEN up as a stray by ROBERT REYNOLDS, living near Elk-Ridge Landing, a dark brown horse COLT, about twelve hands high, three years old the ensuing spring, has a star and snip in his face, and one hind foot white. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

TAKEN up on the shore of Chesapeake Bay a BATTEAU, about fifteen feet long, marked on the inside of her stern SWIRT of BALTIMORE. The owner thereof is requested to make application to

RICHARD IRELAND.

Calvert county, March 6, 1796.

TAKEN up as a stray, by the subscriber, living at South river ferry, in Anne-Arundel county, a red COW, about five or six years old, marked with a crop and slit in each ear, and has some white on her belly and the end of her tail. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

JASPER EDWARD TILLY.

March 1, 1796.

#### An APPRENTICE

Wanted at this Office.