

My loquacious companion having at length exhausted his stock of ideas, ended his learned and sage criticism. When he began, I must confess I felt myself in an awkward situation, being so much abused to my face; but before he had half finished, I found it more difficult to refrain from laughter, than to conceal my indignation. Most of the company joined with the critic, in censuring my poor Inspector, and applauded the justness and sagacity of his observations. Finding no one disposed to justify or excuse my performance, I suffered them to enjoy their opinions without molestation, and neither contradicted their assertions, nor found fault with the rules of their criticism.

I have generally found those who are wise only in their own opinion condemn *in toto* every performance which they are either unwilling to examine, or incapable of comprehending. I am not so vain of my abilities, as to suppose the Inspector perfectly free from faults, and that every criticism is ungenerous and ill-founded. When I hear a man of real information, and sound judgment, criticising upon my publication, I always listen with the greatest attention. And I have generally had the satisfaction of finding, that although I have fallen into errors, I am not altogether blameable or contemptible. Nor does the witty observations of my censorious readers by any means discourage me, when, by their own acknowledgment, they often condemn without examination, or at least without understanding. It was really diverting to hear their various conjectures on my first appearance, and their anxiety to discover "who was the author of the Inspector"—as if it was impossible to estimate, justly, the merit of the work, without being personally acquainted with the author.—After this uneasiness was a little worn off, they fell to abusing Mr. Inspector without ceremony—How long this rage for unqualified censure will last, I am at a loss to determine; but the Inspector will regard it as a special favour, if these sagacious critics will continue to criticise as long as he continues to write.

Annapolis, May 30, 1797.

I WANT to hire a single man, who writes a good hand, understands accounts, and can teach reading, writing, and arithmetic—to such an one, if properly recommended, I will give liberal wages.

J. H. STONE.

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 13th of January last, a negro girl called TRACE, she is about eighteen years of age, has a smooth face, small eyes, white teeth, flat nose, and no breasts, and is not very black; she was raised in the neighbourhood of the Mr. WATKINS's, on South river, and was seen there since she left me. Mr. JOHN BRICE, in Annapolis, owns her grand-mother, perhaps she has got with her. I will give the above reward, and all reasonable charges if brought to me, living near Montgomery Court-House.

JEREMIAH BERRY, 3d.

Lewis Neth,

Has imported in the ships Montezuma and Adriana, from London,

A general assortment of Goods

Suited to the present and approaching season—Amongst them are a number of

Fashionable Fancy Articles.

All of which he offers for sale at the most reduced prices.

Annapolis, 24th May, 1797.

THE sale of the books of the late THOMAS JENINGS, Esq; deceased, being finished, on Wednesday the seventh of June next, will commence the sale of the residue of his personal property, consisting of a number of country born negroes, and a great variety of household and kitchen furniture. A credit of six months will be given for all sums above ten pounds, on the purchaser's entering into bond with approved security.

THOMAS JENINGS, Administrator.

A LIST of LETTERS remaining at Piscataway, April 1, 1797.

MR. WILLIAM M'CAUSLAND, merchant, Piscataway. Wm. Armstrong, cooper, at Johnson's Mill. Capt. John Smith, 2. Mr. David Hare, Mat-tawoman. Mr. George G. Burras, Piscataway. Nicholas Blacklock, Esq; Charles county. Mr. James Kellin, Piscataway, P. G. county, State Maryland. Mr. Walter Smith, Charles county. Miss Sarah Harris, near Piscataway. Thos. H. Marshall, Esq; near Piscataway. Mr. Wm. Hughes, Charles county. Nicholas Young, Esq; near Piscataway.

ISIDORE HARDEY, P. M.

THE partnership of Doctors MURRAY and SHAAFF expiring this day, they request all those indebted to them for professional services to call on either of them, or Mr. JOHN OWEN, to settle their accounts.

J. MURRAY,
J. T. SHAAFF.

Annapolis, 30th March, 1797.

ABSCONDED, on the 14th instant, from my bed and board my wife RACHEL HAYS; this is to forewarn all persons from crediting her on my account, as I am determined to pay no debts of her contracting.

WILLIAM HAYS, sen.

Charles county, Maryland.

To be SOLD, for CASH, on the 8th day of June next, by virtue of a writ of *hæc facias* to me directed by the honourable the judges of the General Court of the Western Shore, State of Maryland.

THREE hundred and twenty five acres of land, called BIRKHEAD'S PARCEL, and BIRKHEAD'S MEADOWS, lying in Anne-Arundel county, near Herring creek church, the property of JOSEPH DIALE, to satisfy debts due JOHN ROGERS, and others. The sale to commence, on the premises, at 11 o'clock, in the forenoon.

RICHARD HARWOOD, Sheriff
of Anne-Arundel county.

May 17, 1797.

JAMES MACKUBIN

Hath received,

By the last arrivals from Europe,

A VERY general assortment of seasonable Goods, among which are, (ains of different lengths, and sein twine, all of which he will sell on the lowest terms for CASH, or at the usual credit, to his punctual customers.

Annapolis, May 15, 1797.

Notice.

THE COMMISSIONERS of the TAX for Prince-George's county will attend at Upper-Marlborough, on Monday the 5th day of June next, in order to make such alterations as have taken place in the property in this county since their meeting in June last, and that they will continue until the 21st day of the said month.

SAMUEL HEPBURN, Clerk.

April 17, 1797.

THE parish of WILLIAM and MARY, in Charles county, is now vacant, the vestry are desirous of employing a minister of the Protestant episcopal church, and will receive applications until the first of July next.

By order,

THOMAS HARRIS, Register.

Charles county, May 10, 1797.

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on Tuesday the 4th day of April last, negro NATT, he is about 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, very black, small crooked legs, and long feet, his upper fore teeth broad, and shews them when spoken to with a most obsequious grin, his under fore teeth are wanting; he had on a dark cloth jacket, breeches of the same, with blue waistbands; he may, however, have changed his cloathing. He will probably make for Baltimore or Annapolis, or may be lurking about a Mr. Thomas Lane's, near Mount Pleasant ferry, where he has a brother, a tree negro. Whoever delivers said fellow to me, near Bladensburg, shall have the above reward, with reasonable expences, or if committed to gaol, so that I get him again, the above reward.

JAMES WARING:

Prince-George's county, May 15, 1797.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of JOHN ALLEN THOMAS, late of St. Mary's county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are requested to bring them in, legally authenticated, to Mr. JOHN WELSH, at Leonard town, or to the subscriber, at Annapolis.

JAMES THOMAS, Executor.

April 6, 1797.

JOHN MUNROE,

Boot and Shoe-maker,

HAVING been some time without Morocco leather, takes this method to inform his customers, and the public in general, that he has received from London, per the Montezuma, a large and handsome assortment of prime Morocco leather, of various colours, fancy and plain; kid ditto of different colours; Morocco and kid sandal vamps, handsomely worked, boot legs, vamps, and bend soles, and a parcel of excellent seal skins, suitable for ladies or gentlemen, all which he will make in a neat and fashionable manner, or according to direction.

He returns his sincere thanks to a generous public, and his friends in particular, for past favours, and hopes to merit a continuance of their patronage:

Annapolis, April 12, 1797.

COMMITTED to my custody as runaways, three negroes, two men and one woman, one committed on March 12th, by the name of DICK, who says he belongs to Mr. JOHN WASTNEYS, of Anne-Arundel county. One committed on April 18th, by the name of ZELIM, a French negro, who says he belongs to Mr. NICHOLAS FEBRUARY, of Georgetown, near the Federal City; his cloathing is a short blue upper jacket, brown under jacket and trousers. And RACHEL, committed on April 19th, who says she formerly belonged to Mr. THOMAS FREEMAN, but was sold to Mr. GEORGE SMITH, of London county; her cloathing is a calico gown, a calico shawl, and blue under petticoat. Their masters are desired to take them away in two months from their several dates, or they will be sold for their prison fees, and other expences, agreeably to law.

RICHARD HARWOOD, Sheriff
of Anne-Arundel county.

April 22, 1797.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of AGOTLOVE STERNBACK, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased, are requested to bring them in, legally authenticated, and those indebted to said estate are desired to make immediate payment, to

MARY STERNBACK, Administratrix.

May 27, 1797.

ALL persons who are indebted to the estate of JOHN HALKERSTONE, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment, and those who have claims against the said estate are desired to make them known to the subscriber.

ELIZABETH HALKERSTONE, Admx.

Upper-Marlborough, April 5, 1797.

FERRY BOATS.

THE subscribers beg leave to inform the public in general, that they have built two large convenient FERRY BOATS, for the conveyance of gentlemen and their horses and carriages, &c. THOMAS TUCKER, on West river, in Anne-Arundel county, runs to Kent Island and Talbot county, on the Eastern shore; WILLIAM W. HADAWAY, on the Bay side, in Talbot county, opposite to West river, runs to West river and thereabouts. As this is by far the most convenient rout from the Federal city or Alexandria to Baton, Cambridge, or any of the adjacent towns or counties on the Eastern shore, and will be attended with much less expence than any other passage to the before-mentioned places, we are determined to pay the greatest attention, in order to give every satisfaction in our power to those that will please to favour us with their custom.

THOMAS TUCKER,
WILLIAM W. HADAWAY.

March 28, 1797.

Imported Millinery

Of the latest and most elegant fashions.

MRS. WILLIAMS

HAS the honour of acquainting the ladies, she has imported in the Montezuma, from London, part of her spring patterns, amongst which are, the Jockey, Caroline, and Telegraphic bonnets; also, the elegant full dress cap, as worn the queen's birth night, 16th January last. Likewise received, by the Patrioten, from Liverpool, a handsome collection of ostrich and fancy feathers. Mrs. Williams will shortly receive the remainder of her spring patterns from a different milliner in London, that the ladies may have a greater choice of variety. She being determined to spare no pains or expence to merit a continuance of commands from the ladies of this city and the country adjacent. By the Adriana (daily expected) she will receive a very handsome collection of silk goods, also every article used in the making of millinery.

Ladies at any distance sending their orders in writing will be served same as if present, and the articles forwarded with the utmost care, by land or water carriage.

The ladies are most respectfully informed, no abatement will be made from the price asked, or can any article of millinery be returned or exchanged.

London millinery store, Lemmon-street, first street above Gay-street, nearly opposite South street, leading to the new theatre, Baltimore, April 3, 1797.

Twelve Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY on the 25th September last, from the subscriber, living in Anne-Arundel county, a negro woman named HENNY, formerly the property of Mr. GASSAWAY RAWLINGS, of said county, she is about 35 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, slender made, and dark complexion, large eyes, long hair, and on close examination you may discover, on the top of her forehead, a few white hairs; her common apparel when she left my service was striped country cloth jacket and petticoat, her under waistcoat is of course white country cloth, bound round with red, but as she has taken a variety of cloathing it is expected she will change as may best suit her own purpose; I do expect she has obtained a forged pass for her freedom, and that she is harboured in or near Annapolis. Whoever takes up the said negro woman, and confines her in any gaol, so that the subscriber gets her again, shall receive the above reward, and if brought home reasonable charges paid, by

SAMUEL MACCUBBIN.

N. B. All persons are forbid harbouring or carrying off said woman at their peril.

S. M.

Mulberry Hill, March 16, 1797.

Duvall & Rigby,

BEG leave to inform the public, and their friends, that they have taken the house lately occupied by Mr. WM. ALEXANDER, in Cornhill-street, where they have just received, and offer for sale, a general assortment of GOODS, suited to the present season; they have also an excellent assortment of GROCERIES, which they will sell on the most reduced prices for cash.

For SALE,

A FEW acres of LAND, adjoining the College Green, very suitable for clover land. Apply to W. ALEXANDER.