

By his EXCELLENCY
JOHN HENRY, Esquire,
GOVERNOR of MARYLAND.

WHEREAS the following proclamation, signed by the President of the United States, has been transmitted by the Secretary of State, and it being desirable that the said proclamation should be known to the citizens of this State, I have thought proper to order and direct that it be published for the term of two weeks successively in the Maryland Gazette, of Annapolis, the Federal Gazette, of Baltimore, the Herald, at Easton, the Rights of Man, at Fredericktown, the Washington Spy, at Elizabeth-town, and in one of the George-town papers.

Given under my hand, the seal of the State of Maryland, at the city of Annapolis, this second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

JOHN HENRY.

By the GOVERNOR,
NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk
of the Governor and Council.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

AS the safety and prosperity of nations ultimately and essentially depend on the protection and the blessing of Almighty God; and the national acknowledgement of this truth is not only an indispensable duty which the people owe to him, but a duty whose natural influence is favourable to the promotion of that morality and piety, without which social happiness cannot exist, nor the blessings of a free government be enjoyed; and as this duty, at all times incumbent, is especially in seasons of difficulty or of danger, when existing or threatening calamities, the just judgments of God against prevalent iniquity, are a loud call to repentance and reformation: And as the United States of America are, at present, placed in a hazardous and delicate situation, by the unfriendly disposition, conduct and demands of a foreign power, evinced by repeated refusals to receive our messengers of reconciliation and peace, by depredations on our commerce, and the infliction of injuries on very many of our fellow-citizens, while engaged in their lawful business on the seas:—Under these considerations it has appeared to me that the duty of imploring the mercy and benedictions of Heaven on our country demands, at this time, a special attention from its inhabitants.

I have therefore thought fit to recommend, and I do hereby recommend, that *Wednesday the ninth day of May* next be observed throughout the United States, as a day of solemn humiliation, fasting and prayer: That the citizens of these States, abstaining on that day from their customary worldly occupations, offer their devout addresses to the Father of mercies, agreeably to those forms or methods which they have severally adopted as the most suitable and becoming: That all religious congregations do, with the deepest humility, acknowledge before God the manifold sins and transgressions with which we are justly chargeable as individuals and as a nation; beseeching him, at the same time, of his infinite grace, through the Redeemer of the world, freely to remit all our offences, and to incline us, by his holy spirit, to that sincere repentance and reformation which may afford us reason to hope for his inestimable favour and heavenly benediction: That it be made the subject of particular and earnest supplication, that our country may be protected from all the dangers which threaten it; that our civil and religious privileges may be preserved inviolate and perpetuated to the latest generations; that our public councils and magistrates may be especially enlightened and directed at this critical period; that the American people may be united in those bonds of amity and mutual confidence, and inspired with that vigour and fortitude by which they have in times past been so highly distinguished, and by which they have obtained such invaluable advantages; that the health of the inhabitants of our land may be preserved, and their agriculture, commerce, fisheries, arts and manufactures, be blessed and prospered; that the principles of genuine piety and sound morality may influence the minds and govern the lives of every description of our citizens; and that the blessings of peace, freedom, and pure religion, may be speedily extended to all the nations of the earth.

And finally, I recommend, that on the said day, the duties of humiliation and prayer be accompanied by fervent thanksgiving to the bestower of every good gift, not only for having hitherto protected and preserved the people of these United States in the independent enjoyment of their religious and civil freedom, but also for having prospered them in a wonderful progress of population, and for conferring on them many and great favours conducive to the happiness and prosperity of a nation.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the United States of America, at Philadelphia, (L. S.) this twenty-third day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and of the independence of the said States the twenty-second.

JOHN ADAMS.

By the President,
TIMOTHY PICKERIN,
Secretary of State.

CAME to my plantation in Charles county, near Port-Tobacco, some time in November last, a hindle COW and YEARLING, the cow hath a crop in her right ear, the yearling no perceivable mark. The owner is desired to prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

HUGH MURRAY.

In CHANCERY, March 20, 1798.

Greenbury Ridgely } THE object of the bill is to
against } obtain a decree for record-
William Reynolds } ing a deed, executed by the said
William Reynolds on the 24th day of March, 1789, for conveying unto the said Greenbury Ridgely part of a tract of land called HAMILTON'S CONTRIVANCE, lying in Anne-Arundel county; it is stated, that the said William Reynolds is out of the jurisdiction of this court, and resides in Virginia; and it is thereupon on the complainant's motion, ordered, that he cause a copy of this order to be inserted at least three weeks successively in the Maryland Gazette before the 13th day of April next, to the intent that the said William Reynolds, or any other person who may conceive himself interested, may have notice of the complainant's application to this court, and of the object of his bill, and may be wanted to appear here, in person or by solicitor, on or before the second Tuesday in August next, to shew cause wherefore a decree should not pass as prayed.

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

I HEREBY forewarn all persons from hunting with either dog or gun on my plantation called BEALE'S NECK, or passing through the same, without permission, or business with the overseer, as I shall deal with all offenders as the law directs.

MARY WEEMS.

Annapolis, March 27, 1798.

BELSIZE,

A fine bay colt, rising five years old, sixteen hands high,

STANDS this season at Mr. SPRIGG'S farm on West river, and covers at six dollars a mare, and 7/6 to the groom, provided the money is paid when the mare is first covered, or ten dollars and 7/6 to the groom if the money is not sent with the mare. Excellent pasturage at 3/9 per week, under a good fence, but will not be answerable for escapes or any other accidents.

BELSIZE was got by the high bred imported horse *Paymaster*, his dam by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq's. well known horse *Badger*, his grand dam by col. Lloyd's *Traveller*, his great grand dam by col. Tasker's imported horse *Othello*, his great great grand dam by the famous imported horse *Old Spark*, out of the high bred imported mare *Queen Mab*.

The mares and money will be received and attended to by the overseer on the farm.

Also covers on the said farm,

DON PEDRO,

A Jack-Ass, (got by Royal Gift) at five dollars—money sent with the mare, or ten dollars credit, and 3/9 to the groom.

West river, March 20, 1798.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscribers, living in Frederick county, about four miles from Fredericktown, on the 31st of January last, two negroes, DANIEL, the property of PETER STILLEY, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, 25 years of age, very black, has a down look when spoken to, with a high or bow nose, and has but little to say; he formerly belonged to major WILLIAM BROGDEN, in the neighbourhood of Annapolis; had on and took with him, two full lined coats, waistcoat and overalls of a light colour, and a long blue broad cloth coat. PRISS, alias PHILLIS, the property of JACOB SMITH, of John, about 27 years of age, very black, 5 feet high, well made, of a bold rough countenance, and fond of talking; had on when she went away a striped linsley dress, the colours brown, yellow and white, but took with her sundry other cloaths; she formerly belonged to a Mr. MITCHELL, of Charles county. Whoever will secure the above described negroes in any gaol, so that they are recovered again, shall be entitled to the above reward, or in proportion for either of them, with all reasonable expences, if brought home, paid by

PETER STILLEY, and
JACOB SMITH, of JOHN.

March 18, 1798.

WAS committed to Kent county gaol, on the 23d instant, as a runaway, a negro man who calls himself FRANCIS THOMPSON, says he belongs to JOHN GIBSON, of Anne-Arundel county, he is about six feet high, large features, his nose flat, one long tooth before in his upper jaw; his cloaths are, a kersey over jacket and trousers, yarn stockings, and coarse shoes. Unless the owner releases him in two months from the date hereof, he will be sold for his prison fees agreeably to law.

BEN. HATCHESON, Sheriff
Kent county.

March 24, 1798.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE, on the first day of June next, if fair, or the first fair day after, at the farm now in the occupation of ZACHARIAH BALDWIN,

THE undivided sixth part of the said FARM, lying in Prince-George's county, and agreeable to the will of TYLER BALDWIN, deceased, of Anne-Arundel county. The terms of sale for cash.

NICHOLAS BALDWIN, Receiver
of TYLER BALDWIN.

March 19, 1798.

PROPOSALS FOR PRINTING A DIGEST OF THE LAWS OF MARYLAND;

FROM THE YEAR 1785, TO THE PERIOD OF
PUBLICATION:

Containing all the Laws from that to the present time,
inclusive.

THE object which this intention contemplates, is to publish every Law, now in force, in periodical order, with marginal references and notes, to obviate obscurities created, the consequence of progressive subdivisions, which necessarily resulted, to answer the annual purposes of legislative convenience. The Laws within this space of time, include all our STATUTES, since HANSON'S COLLECTION, and many of them, of the first importance to the people.

The complaints which have been frequently made by the student, in toiling through the dreary course of many perplexing sessions, unavoidably clouded by enumerated additions, amendments and repeals, often produce to his inquiries both doubt and uncertainty. The MERCHANT and FARMER have also frequently evidenced a solicitude, that these Laws were comprised in a clearer view, to abate the difficulties that occur in perusal. Hence it becomes the duty of the citizen, during intervals of leisure from necessary avocations, to digest a plan to remedy the evil.

The multiplicity of Laws is one of the grievances attendant on free governments, for when a Law, which is the "rule of our civil conduct," is enacted at the will of a despot, or aristocratic body, it generally remains fixed, and without frequent alteration or addition. On the contrary, when a REPRESENTATIVE, or FREE GOVERNMENT, LIKE OUR OWN, act in a legislative capacity, from the very freedom and spirit of the organization, our codes are naturally swelled to a more bulky size; sometimes from the frequency of change in our representation, and sometimes from kindred causes. Though this is one of the consequent defects (for human perfection is unattainable) of free governments, yet when we consider the unparalleled privileges and blessings we enjoy, under our Constitutions and Laws, unknown to any nation in the civilized world, we should not be unmindful of our duty, unanimously to co-operate in the most earnest and zealous benedictions to Heaven, for such signal marks of divine favour.

This plan, more copiously displayed, will be presented to the next session of Assembly, for their approbation; because the author is of opinion, that it is not right to interfere with any acts of the constituted authorities, without their previous acquiescence. The glaring injuries that have grown out of such evil practices, have already been too manifest to require abridgement, and too severely felt by us a people, not to discourage repetition. The whole, it is trusted, will be found useful to the magistrate, the merchant, the farmer, and the mechanic. If it should prove so in event, the labours of the compiler will be abundantly rewarded.

CONDITIONS.

- I. That this work will be printed and bound in one volume, and put to press as soon as the subscription is sufficiently enlarged to defray the expences of printing.
- II. That the whole will be printed on good paper and good type.
- III. That each subscriber, at the time of subscribing, shall pay *Five Dollars* in advance, for every copy subscribed for, (to enable the printer to go speedily through with the work) and the balance on delivery of the book.
- IV. That the price will be as moderate as books

of the same kind, containing the same quantity of matter, are sold for: it cannot be ascertained at present, with accuracy, what the expence of printing will be, and therefore no fixed price can yet be promulged.

V. That if any invisible accident should counteract this plan, so as to produce miscarriage, or to prevent it from being carried into execution; in such case, or cases, the money advanced, shall be returned to the respective persons subscribing.

Subscriptions received by Messrs. James Rice, & Co. and George Hill, bookfellers in Baltimore, and by Frederick Green, Annapolis.

ALL persons having any claim or demand against the estate of col. WILLIAM FITZHUGH, formerly of Calvert but late of Washington county, deceased, are requested to exhibit them, properly authenticated, to PHILIP B. KEY, of Annapolis, JOHN T. MASON, of George-town, or the subscriber, near Hagar's-town, in Washington county, on or before the 10th of August next.

WILLIAM FITZHUGH, Executor of
WILLIAM FITZHUGH, deceased.

For SALE,

A FEW families of NEGROES, consisting of four families, the first, two women and four children, all boys, two fit for service; the second, one ditto, four ditto, two boys fit for service; the third, one woman and two children, both boys; the fourth, a young man, his wife and child; they have all had the small-pox except a few small ones. They are as likely negroes as any in America. The women that have got husbands may be purchased in the same neighbourhood.

GEORGE SMITH.

Calvert county, Lyon's creek, Dec. 2, 1797.