

believes the first from the Belt, but could not swear, as he was behind the foremast. Confirms the account of com. R.

John M. Clark, midshipman. Was in the mizen top. Heard first hail, no reply, and second hail, as stated. Thought the first that came first, as he felt no jar at the first shot, but at 2d. Com. R.'s report confirmed.

Thomas Gamble, second lieutenant. Com. R. division of guns. Com. R. hailed "ho! ho!" "What ship is that?" received his own answer repeated in reply. Hailed again, "what is that?" Then a gun from the Belt. Heard no gun or provocation from President, but round and grape fired after action commenced. Commodore's orders as before. When firing ceased finally, Belt was in a favourable position for firing, but broadside from President would probably have sunk her. Saw no colours on the Belt, took her for a frigate of 36 or 38 guns. Fire on board or sheering off by the President. Statement of com. R. confirmed.

Alexander James Dallas, 3d lieutenant. Com. 2d div. guns. Heard 1st hail and question repeated back from Little Belt, then 3d hail and gun. Was looking at Belt when she fired, when no gun or provocation had been given from the President. Was in the bridgeport when the Belt fired after the shot was received, got into the gun and fired a gun in return, from general orders, without particular direction. Broadside from the Belt immediately succeeded. None but round and grape used in his return; and no fire or sheering off. Broadside more would probably have sunk the Belt. Com. R. was very anxious to stop the firing. The commodore's statement confirmed.

John M. Fink, 4th lieutenant. Com. 3d div. gun-deck. Heard 1st hail, reply, 2d hail, gun from Belt as before. Heard no gun or provocation from President, and certainly none from his division. Gun from Belt returned from President in 5 or 6 seconds, broadside from Belt ensued. Orders of com. R. as before. Round and grape only used. No fire or sheering off. Another broadside would have sunk the Belt. Com. R. exerted himself to stop the firing. Com. R.'s account confirmed.

Peter Gamble, midshipman. Was on deck, at 2d division. Heard 1st shot from Little Belt, and felt no jar on board the President. No gun or provocation from com. R. Confirms the official account.

Edward Babbet, midshipman. Was on gun-deck, at 3d division. Was looking at the Belt, and saw and heard the first gun from her. No gun or provocation had been given by the President. Com. R.'s account confirmed.

Lieut. Creighton testifies that lights were hoisted on board the President the night after the action.

Mr. Mull testifies that the damages aboard the President was 1 by wounded, shot in the mainmast, and another in the foremast, with some of the backstays cut away but not a single shot of any kind from the Little Belt struck the hull of the President.

Edward Rutledge Shubrick, midshipman. Was forward on gun deck, at 1st division. Was looking at the Belt, and saw and heard the first fire from her, before any gun or provocation from the President, and confirms the commodore's account.

Philip Dickerson Spencer, midshipman. Was on the gun deck, at 3d division. Was confident the first shot came from the Little Belt. No gun had been fired from his division, or provocation had been given by com. R. Heard no hail from the Belt. Confirms the commodore's statement.

Breasted Barnes, Carpenter. Was on gun deck, to attend pumps, and looking at the Belt when she fired the first shot, before gun or provocation from com. R. The President did not receive a shot of any kind in her hull, but one in her mainmast and another in her foremast.

John Nesse, captain of 1st gun in the 1st division on gun deck. Was looking at the Little Belt, and saw and heard her fire first.

Eliphail Carr, capt. gun No. 2, gun deck, testifies exactly the same as Nesse.

John Jones (captain absent) was at gun No. 3, and testifies the same.

James Beach, capt. No. 4, testifies the same.

Trophemus Davis, capt. No. 5, testifies the same.

John Leyfield, capt. No. 6, testifies the same.

Benjamin Brown, (1st and 2d captains absent) was at No. 7, and testifies the same.

Edward Fitzgerald, capt. No. 8, testifies the same.

James Cornwall, capt. No. 9, says the Little Belt fired first, to the best of his knowledge.

John Fitch, captain No. 10, was looking at the Belt and saw and heard the first gun come from her.

Richard Thompson (capt. absent) was at No. 11, and saw the Belt fire first.

John Mason, capt. No. 12, testifies the same.

James Thompson, capt. 13, declares the same.

David Lawson, capt. 14, testifies the same.

James Lee, capt. 15, declares the same.

Edward Walker, capt. 1st gun, 4th division, forecable; from hearing the report and seeing no jar, believed the first that came from the Belt.

Miss Dunbar, 2d capt. (1st abs.) 2d gun, 4th division, was looking at the Little Belt, and saw her fire first.

George Simmons, 2d capt. (1st abs.) 3d gun, 4th division, declares precisely the same.

John M. Cormick, 2d capt. (1st abs.) 4th gun, 4th division, declares the same.

William Campbell, capt. 1st gun 4th division, quarter deck, declares the same.

Thomas Taylor, capt. 2d gun, quarter deck, saw Little Belt fire 6 seconds first.

Philip Warner, capt. 3d gun quarter deck, was looking at Belt, and saw her fire first.

Samuel Brown, 2d capt. (1st abs.) 4th gun, 4th division, quarter deck, declares the same.

Richard Cockle, 2d capt. (1st abs.) 5th gun, quarter deck, saw Little Belt fire 3 or 4 seconds first.

Edward Patterson, capt. 6th gun, qr. deck, declares the same.

John Anderson, capt. 7th gun, qr. deck, declares the same.

James Welch, capt. 8th gun, qr. deck, declares the same.

Lieut. Creighton testified further, that when the Belt was silenced the 2d time she luffed up towards the commodore, instead of keeping away, as she should have done to fire on the President, and would have done if her commander had been free. Com. Rogers expressed much humanity and anxiety to stop the firing.

Mr. Mull testified that the commodore displayed great humanity.

Lieut. Dallas heard 2 reports, one the shot against the President's masts, and the other the report of the gun from the Little Belt.

Silas H. Stringham, midshipman, saw the Belt fire first.

James H. Ludlow, midshipman, saw the Belt fire first.

David Gelsion Ingraham, midshipman, saw the same.

Lieut. Creighton, testified to the offers of assistance from com. Rodgers to the Little Belt the next morning.

Here the examination closed, having, as we understand, embraced every deck officer, as well as captains, of guns, now on board the President, who were present during the action. The hours when the chase took place, with the courses steered, and some technical sea-terms, are omitted as unessential to the material objects of the inquiry.

From the Richmond Enquirer.

THE COMET.

The following are the observations which I have made on the apparent situation of the comet now visible. The distances between it and the fixed stars were ascertained by a good Hadley's sextant: and the right ascensions, &c. were obtained from a celestial globe; not having, at present, leisure to make the necessary calculations in spherical trigonometry for that purpose.

Saturday, 7th Sept. half past seven at night.

Distances.

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Polar Star                   | 50 15  |
| Alpha                        | 21 33  |
| Gamma                        | 16 28  |
| Ursa Major                   | 161 50 |
| Right Ascension              | 161 50 |
| Declination N.               | 41     |
| Longitude 4 Signs 23 degrees |        |
| Latitude                     | 38 50  |
| Distance from the Sun        | 34 15  |

Wednesday, 11th Sept. half past 7 at night.

Distances.

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Polar Star                   | 48 50 |
| Alpha                        | 20 10 |
| Beta                         | 14 44 |
| Ursa Major                   | 13 23 |
| Gamma                        | 27 23 |
| Eta                          | 43 45 |
| Arcturus                     | 165   |
| Right Ascension              | 165   |
| Declination N.               | 42 45 |
| Longitude 4 Signs 28 degrees |       |
| Latitude                     | 34    |
| Distance from the Sun        | 37 45 |

Friday, 13th Sept. half past 7 at night.

Distances.

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Polar Star            | 48 5   |
| Alpha                 | 19 55  |
| Beta                  | 14 4   |
| Ursa Major            | 12 15  |
| Gamma                 | 168 50 |
| Right Ascension       | 168 50 |
| Declination           | 43 45  |
| Longitude 5 Signs     |        |
| Latitude              | 35     |
| Distance from the Sun | 59 30  |

Saturday, 14th Sept. half past 7 at night.

Distances.

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Polar Star                  | 47 50 |
| Alpha                       | 19 12 |
| Beta                        | 14 3  |
| Ursa Major                  | 11 42 |
| Gamma                       | 24 23 |
| Eta                         | 42 26 |
| Arcturus                    | 169   |
| Right Ascension             | 169   |
| Declination N.              | 44    |
| Longitude 5 Signs & 45 mts. |       |
| Latitude                    | 35 45 |
| Distance from the Sun       | 40 30 |

Sunday, 15th Sept. four in the morning.

Distances.

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Alpha               | 19 10 |
| Beta                | 14 1  |
| Gamma               | 10 35 |
| Alpha of Orion      | 82 15 |
| Sirius Canis Major  | 88 55 |
| Procyon Canis Minor | 63 55 |

Ursa Major

With respect to the changes which have taken place in the comet since first observed, its brightness as likewise its tail have considerably increased.

Whether this comet be one of those which have a periodical return is extremely uncertain. I do not find that it corresponds exactly with any on record. From its situation and appearance several conclusions may however be drawn:

1st. That its ascending node is in Leo, and its descending node in Sagittarius.

2d. That the atmosphere of the comet is either extremely dense, or that the comet is removed at a much greater distance than Jupiter from the sun; for as the comet is enlightened by the sun in like manner as the planets, it would be equally bright as Jupiter were it at the same distance, and not obscured by a dense atmosphere. On account of the great apparent magnitude of its body, it is however more probable, that its distance from the earth is much less than that of Jupiter; and that a dense atmosphere, and not its distance, causes its obscurity. Its effects upon the globe will principally depend upon its distance from the earth when passing the descending node.

Dr. Halley, in speaking of the comet of 1680, says, "had the earth then been in the part of her orbit nearest to that node, their mutual gravitation must have caused a change in the plane of the orbit of the earth and in the length of our year; and that if so large a body with so rapid a motion as that of this comet were to strike against the earth, a thing by no means impossible, the shock might reduce this beautiful frame to its original chaos."

Mr. Whiston attributes the universal deluge to the near approach of a comet. His opinion was "that the earth passing through the atmosphere of the comet attracted therefrom great part of the water of the flood; and that the nearness of the comet raised a great tide in the subterraneous waters, so that the outer crust of the earth was changed from a spherical to an oval figure." Thus he accounts for trees and bones of animals being found at very great depths in the earth.

As the most remarkable comets have been generally attended with extraordinary tides and tempests, it were wished, that those who have an opportunity would be particularly careful in noticing such natural phenomena as may take place during the appearance of the comet. Such an opportunity may not again present itself for many years.

JOHN WOOD.

Richmond, Sept. 15.

B. CURRAN,

RESPECTFULLY informs the Citizens of Annapolis, and the Public generally, that he has this week opened an assortment of Well Selected Goods, amongst which are a choice collection of Superfine Cloths, Cassimers, and Cords of various descriptions—also a bale of Assorted Flannels, all of which will be sold low for cash, and as usual to punctual customers.

Annapolis, Oct. 3, 1811. tf

NEW STORE.

NEW & SEASONABLE GOODS.

Childs & Shaw,

HAVE received an assortment of New Goods, comprising most of the articles suitable for the season, which they offer for sale at reasonable prices.

Annapolis, Oct. 3, 1811.

Taken up Adrift,

ON the back of Greenbury's on the 18th Sept. last, a SPAR, about 60 feet long. The owner is requested to come, prove property, pay charges and take it away, otherwise it will be sold to pay expenses.

JOHN JACKSON.

Annapolis, Oct. 3, 1811. 3w.

In Chancery.

September 28, 1811.

ORDERED, that the sale made by James McCulloch, trustee for the sale of the real estate of James Dick, deceased, shall be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown before the first day of December next, provided a copy of this order be inserted three successive weeks in the Maryland Gazette before the first day of November next. The report states that the sale of a tract of land containing 100 acres, was sold at \$ 10 45 cents per acre.

True copy.

NICH. BREWER,

Reg. Cur. Can.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY,  
EDWARD LLOYD, ESQUIRE,  
GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND,  
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it is directed by the forty-ninth section of the Act entitled "An Act concerning crimes and punishments," passed at November session eighteen hundred and nine, that as soon as the Penitentiary House in Baltimore county is ready for the reception of criminals, that the Governor of this State shall notify the same by proclamation. And whereas, the inspectors of said institution have reported to me that the said building is completed, and the requisites of the said law have been in all other respects complied with: I have therefore thought proper to issue this my proclamation, hereby declaring the said Penitentiary House to be ready for the reception of criminals who may be condemned to work and labour therein, as the said law requires.

Given under my hand and the seal of the state of Maryland, this 30th day of Sept. in the year of our Lord one (L. S.) thousand eight hundred and eleven, and of the independence of the United States of America the thirty-fifth.

EDW. LLOYD.

By his Excellency's command,  
NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk of the Council.

The Proclamation to be published twice in each week for six weeks in the Whig, American, Sun, and Federal Gazette, of Baltimore; the Maryland Republican and Maryland Gazette, at Annapolis; the Maryland Herald at Hagers-Town; Bartgis's paper and Herald at Frederick-Town; the Star and Monitor, at Easton; and the National Intelligencer.

By Order,  
NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk of the Council.

RUNAWAY.

WAS committed to the goal of Anne-Arundel county, as a runaway, on the 12th instant, a negro man who calls himself JEM WHITE; says he was sold by a Mr. Wicks, Dorset county, Eastern Shore, 12 or 13 months ago, to a Mr. Thompson state of Georgia, where he was carried, and from whence he made his escape. Jem is about five feet five or six inches high, supposed to be 34 years of age, commonly black and well set, has a scar over his right eye, and one opposite his left eye. Had on when committed a gold ornaburg shirt, nankeen pantaloons, of jacket and a wool hat. His master is requested to release him from goal, or he will be sold agreeably to law. JOHN CORD, Sheriff. A. A. county.

Oct. 3, 1811.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post-Office Annapolis October 1st, 1811.

JOSHUA B. BOND, Eleanor Butler.  
M. O. Champin, Clerk of A. A. C. Court, (2) the hon. S. Chancellor of Maryland, (3) William S. Green, Jonas Green, Richard Gray, Grand Lodge of Maryland, Barbara Goszler John Huett. Aaron Jones. William Kilty, Esq. Elizabeth Knight. Nathaniel Lyde, Esq. John M-Farland, John M-Knikin. Moses Orm, (2) Dr. William Pinkney, (2) Richard Ridgely, (2) Mess. Ridgely and Johnson, Attorneys at Law, William Russel Larkin Shipley, John Smith. William Tod, (2), Richard Thompson, Ann Timmons. Michl. Walton, John White—Annapolis.

John Burns, Isaac Baldwin, John Beal. Isaiiah Burd, Nicholas Fountain, Isaac Garretson, B. Thomas Jeffries, George M'Donel, Thomas Pearse, Phillip Tully, Doct. Samuel Russell Trivott—on board Frigate Constitution.

Thomas Bicknal, Jeremiah Berry. Augustine Gambrell, (2) Joseph Howard. Thomas Lee, Esq. Joseph M-Gill. Gas-bay Pindell. Mary Robeson, William Richardson. William Stewart, James Slack, Richard Snodon. Keely Tydings—Anne-Arundel County. Samuel Everett, Kent Island. JOHN MUNROE, P. M. October 3, 1811. 3t.

For Sale

FOR A TERM OF YEARS,  
For no fault, only and for want of employment, three healthy young Negro Women,  
from fifteen to eighteen years of age, who have been mostly brought up in the country, and are used to house work, and are not corrupted by town habits.

Inquire of the Printer.  
Sept. 4, 1811.

Notice is hereby given,  
THAT an election will be held at the different election districts in Anne-Arundel county, on the first Monday in October next, for the purpose of electing four delegates to represent said county in the next General Assembly of Maryland.

JOHN CORD, Shf. A. A. C.

Farmers Bank of Maryland,  
September 25, 1811.

THE president and directors of the Farmers Bank of Maryland, have declared a dividend of 4 per cent. on the stock of the said bank, for six months ending the first of October next, to stockholders on the western shore at the Bank at Annapolis, and to stockholders on the eastern shore at the Branch Bank at Easton, upon personal application, on the exhibition of powers of attorney, or by correct simple orders.

By order,  
JONA. PINKNEY, Cashier.

Lands for Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the court of chancery, the subscriber will expose to sale on Tuesday, the 22d day of October next, at Allen Dorsey's Tavern, at the Poplar Springs, three hundred and fifty acres of land, part of a tract called

HAMPTON COURT,

originally granted on the 3d November, 1776, to Thomas Johnson, and lying in Anne-Arundel county.

These lands are part of the quantity of 1,060 acres, purchased by the late general John Davidson, of Annapolis, from Thomas Johnson, the patentee, on the 28th May, 1783, for himself, a certain Benjamin Brooke, and the heirs of Col. Benjamin Ford. Davidson on the 24th April, 1796, conveyed 410 acres, his own part, to Caleb Dorsey, son of Thomas, having on the 25th April, 1786, previously conveyed 300 acres, his part, to Benjamin Brooke; the remaining 350 acres are now sold because the same will not admit of division between the heirs of Benjamin Ford.

The subscriber is unacquainted with these lands, and of course can give no description either of their particular situation, their soil, or improvements. He supposes that persons inclined to purchase will view them previous to the sale. Mr. Henry Wayman, who lives near the lands, will show them to any person who will call upon him. The title is indisputable.

The terms of sale are these, the purchaser to give bond, with approved security, for the payment of the purchase money, with interest, within twelve months from the day of sale—Upon the payment of which, and the ratification of the sale by the chancellor, the trustee is authorised to give a deed.

A plat of these lands is left at the Union Tavern, which Mr. Brewer will shew to any person requesting a view of it—also an extract from the patent of Hampton Court—the deed from Johnson to Davidson, and extracts of the deeds from Davidson to Brooke and Dorsey.

THOS. H. BOWIE, Trustee.

Sept. 26, 1811.

State of Maryland, sc.  
By Anne-Arundel County Orphans Court, Sept. 17, 1811.

ON application, by petition, of Benjamin Wells, junior, administrator of Thomas Tucker, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered that he give the notice required by law for creditors to bring in their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once each week for the space of six successive weeks in the Maryland Gazette.

JOHN GASSAWAY,  
Reg. Wills for A. A. C.

This is to give Notice,  
THAT the subscriber of Anne-Arundel county hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Thomas Tucker, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the thirteenth day of February next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 15th day of September, 1811.

BENJ. WELLS, Jun. Adm'r.

CERTIFICATE.

I DO hereby certify, that John Hobbs has brought before me, as a stray, a brown horse, about fifteen hands high, the hind off foot white, five or six years old, paces, trots and gallops, has a long tail, appears not to have been shod.

ARCH. DORSEY.

THE above described horse, came to the subscriber's on the 30th August last; the owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take him away.

JOHN HOBBS.

Sept. 26, 1811.

Vision of Don Roderick,  
By Walter Scott—for Sale by  
GEO. SHAW, & Co.