

and Ammunition have been purchased by a Committee of Assembly, and sent up in Waggon for the Use of the Back Inhabitants.

We hear that a Place of some Strength is building by the Inhabitants near Penn's Creek, to retire to in case of an Alarm, and that some Swivels have been purchased for their Use by the Committee, and sent up, together with two Cannon given by a Gentleman in this City.

Tuesday last arrived here Capt. Lyon from London, but left from Plymouth, which Place he left the 15th of September, who informs us, that the English Men of War had taken and sent into England about 100 Sail of French Vessels; that the Captain of one of the Prizes, told him that a Declaration of War was read on board Admiral Hawke's Fleet on the 23d of August; That his Majesty was expected to Land in England the Day Capt. Lyon left Plymouth, when it was supposed War would be immediately declared on Shore. [Pensylvania Journal].

ANNAPOLIS, November 6.

Friday Morning last, his Excellency our Governor, accompanied by a Number of the principal Gentlemen of this Place, set out for the Northward.

Sunday last march'd several Companies of Volunteers from Frederick-Town, to assist the distress'd back Inhabitants. And we hear of sundry other Companies from other Parts of this Province for the same Purpose.

Thursday last the Snow was mid-leg deep at some Distance on this Side Fort-Cumberland.

We have frequent alarming Accounts, of the Damages done by the French and their Indians, on our Borders, but have room to hope they are told with Exaggeration: This is certain, that they frequently commit Murders, and have laid much of the Country waste: And that they draw nigher and nigher. It is impossible to tell all Particulars at present.

We are now about Entrenching the Town. If the Gentlemen in the Neighbourhood of Annapolis, were to send their Force, to assist in it, a few Days would compleat the Work.

Mr. GREEN,

You are desired to insert this in the Paper of this Week, as of the utmost Consequence to the Public Safety, providing the wholesome Advice therein delivered, is followed; and if not, the Giver of it has this to comfort himself, that he has done the Part of a faithful and loyal Fellow-Subject and Citizen, which is all that can be required of him.

THE Indians, as we are now informed by certain Intelligence, are within a Hundred Miles of this City, the Metropolis of our Province, and that in a considerable and formidable Body; the Country lies open before them, none of the Militia are out, every Thing for our Safety and Defence, seems either to be wanting or neglected, it is needless to inform the Public why this should be; we all know the Reason too well; and I am afraid, that in a very little Time, this devoted Province will mourn in Blood the Consequence of the Supineness and Inactivity of its Inhabitants.

Are we asleep! Are we stupified or benumbed! by some Charm or magical Power, that we seem to sleep and eat from Day to Day in Security, while Murder and Maffacre, and all the horrid Consequences of a barbarous Foe's getting Footing among us, hang over our Heads.

Our Enemies sure are not fully apprized of our slothful and stupid State, else they would have struck the Blow before now; but they will not long be Strangers to it: The Indians, those Emiffaries of a politic and cunning Enemy, will soon have Instructions to do their Work, and make the Country a Scene of Blood and Slaughter: I say the Country, which, in its present Situation, affords a clear Stage for their Barbarities.

Is there any Way yet to prevent this? Is it not too late? If my Opinion may be relied on, I think not; but we must go to Work very speedily, and not be idle an Hour longer.

It is well known, that in all warlike Expeditions, an Enemy, if he finds no Resistance, will endeavour to make himself Master first of the principal Place of the Country, where Fortifying, and making himself Strong, he may, in Time, be in a Condition to keep all the rest. This is our Case in Annapolis; the Indian Enemy now are within a little Way of us, and while the main Body keep together, and without Resistance, pillage the defenceless Country, and murder its Inhabitants, 'tis very possible, nay highly probable, that a small Party of Twenty or Thirty of these, marching in the Night, and skulking in the Day-time, may come upon us unawares in the Dead of Night, burn our Houses, and cut our Throats, before we can put ourselves into any Posture of Defence.

Some may say they can have no Inducement to do this, and that they will not venture so far; Ridiculous! Don't we know that these Indians will run any risk for a few Scalps and a trifling Plunder; besides, it is not the Indians only we have to fear, but the French, an aspiring, dangerous, and politic Enemy, who slip no advantageous Opportunity to further or promote their ambitious Schemes; and since they are now disappointed to the Northward, in Nova-Scotia, will probably look out for some convenient Port to the Sea elsewhere on the Continent, and the weakest Place will be where they will attempt first to wedge themselves in: I know of, no Place fitter than Annapolis, at present to answer their Purpose; the Places to the Northward are in a proper Posture of Defence: The Metropolis of Virginia, Williamsburg, is not a Sea-Port-Town, and would not answer their Purpose; the Ports in the Carolina's are too far from the Scene of Action; Philadelphia is very populous, and might by her Numbers make a stand; in fine, Annapolis is the Place they will probably pitch on, as being a Place at present utterly Defenceless, and so well situated for Fortifying, that in a little Time they might actually make it stronger than Cape-Bruton, and turn our Great Guns, that now lie idle, upon ourselves.

If this Place then be in Danger of being soon attacked, from its present Weakness and advantageous Situation, by what Means are we to secure it? the Answer is easy; Fortify the Place, by throwing up a Rampart, and placing a Number of our Great Guns on Carriages, and planting them on that Rampart across the Isthmus; let the Inhabitants Arm themselves and stand ready on their Defence; this would be easily done, if every Hand in this City would go to Work, as they ought, for the common Safety; this would either prevent the Enemy from making a Descent upon us this Season, or, if they did, we should soon have strength enough here, by the Country-People retiring hither as to a proper Sanctuary: There would be no Want of Provisions, which we could be supplied with from the Eastern Shore, and the Enemy would be then kept at bay, and prevented from fixing their Seat here, till Assistance came to us from our Mother Country.

Some People may laugh at this Proposal, and think it altogether Silly; but I very much dread, that if Affairs go on in the indolent Way they have for some Time past, we shall have more occasion for Lamentation than Laughter.

If this Advice of Fortifying the Town is not followed, I have one Piece of Council to give those, who have any Value for the Lives of themselves, or Children, to pack up and be gone with all speed, and seek out some safer Habitation, than this desolate and insatuated Place; for there is no Time to lose, and they cannot now go to Bed of a Night in Safety, it being probable that the Enemy will burn their Houses and cut their Throats, while they are sunk in Sleep.

Yours, &c. A. B.

To be Sold by PUBLIC VENDUE, At George-Town, in Frederick County, on Tuesday the 16th Day of December next,

THE following Tracts of Land, viz. Philip and Jacob, containing 400 Acres. Part of Whitehaven, containing 409 Acres. Part of Friendship, containing 1200 Acres. These are all adjoining, and make a Body of well-timber'd Land; on which are Two Plantations, with good Orchards, four new Tobacco-Houses framed, and all other necessary Houses; and are very convenient for Trade or Cröpping, lying on Patowmack River, about three Miles above George-Town, in Frederick County. Part of Addison's Choice, containing 860 Acres. This Tract lies on Manockaff, within two Miles of Frederick-Town, in Frederick County. JOHN ADDISON, WILLIAM MURDOCK.

JOHN AND MARY RIVERS, Living in Annapolis, near the Church,

TEACH Dancing, French, Singing, all Sorts of Embroidery, and every curious Work which can be perform'd with a Needle, suitable for young Ladies. Children may be taught and boarded, at Thirty Pounds a Year. N. B. All those who are inclinable to send their Children, are desired to give them Notice as soon as possible.

CORNELIUS HOWARD, BLACKSMITH, At his Shop, over against Mrs. McLeod's, near the Gate, in ANNAPOLIS,

MAKES or Repairs any kind of Blacksmith's Work, either with the Hammer or File, and all Sorts of Gunsmith's Work, and likewise Shooting of Horses, having lately engaged one of the best Shoers and Farriers in the Province; in the best Manner, and at the cheapest Rates. N. B. He keeps the County Standard for Weights and Measures.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Baltimore County, about 7 or 8 Months ago, an Apprentice Lad, named Charles Orrick. He is supposed to be with his Mother, who lives in Anne-Arundel County, near Patapsco Ferry. Whoever takes up the said Apprentice, and brings him to his Master, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward, paid by EDWARD PUNTERNEY.

THERE is at the Plantation of Heathcoat Pickett, on the South Side of Gunpowder Falls, in Baltimore County, taken up as a Stray, a Black Mare, about 13 Hands high, has a small Blaze in her Face, Part of her off hind Foot is white, and branded on the near Buttock and Shoulder thus M. The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

TO BE SOLD,

On Wednesday the 10th Day of December next, to the highest Bidder, at the House of Mr. Thomas Hamar, in Queen-Anne's County, betwixt the Hours of 10 and 12 in the Forenoon,

A TRACT of Land called Robotham's Park, containing 500 Acres, more or less, lying on the Unicorn-Branch, by Spence's Mill, near the Head of Chester River, in Queen-Anne's County. Any Person inclined to purchase may be informed of the Title by applying to JAMES DICK.

To be SOLD by the Subscriber;

A TRACT of Land containing 462 and a Half Acres, at present in the Possession of Mr. Henry Watson, lying upon Patowmack River, about a Mile below the Mouth of Rock-Creek, having a most pleasant Situation, with very good Improvements, consisting of a Dwelling House, a Brick Washing House, a Store and Warehouse, and other convenient Out-houses, with four young Orchards. Any Person inclined to purchase may be informed of the Price and Title, by applying to JAMES DICK.

TO BE SOLD,

A VERY good Tract of Land, containing 550 Acres, or thereabouts, lying within two Miles of the City of Annapolis, on the North Side of South-River, whereon is a very good Dwelling House, Kitchen, Barn, Stable, Negro Quarter, and every convenient Out-house; also two very good young Orchards; and a great deal of good Meadow Land. For Title and Terms apply to THOMAS BALDWIN.

SOME Years ago came into this Country from England, one Edward Walter, and lived with Mr. William Mordant, near Upper Marlborough; in Prince-George's County: If the said Walter be living, and will apply to the Printer hereof, he will hear of something to his Advantage; and if he be dead, or if he has left any Issue, any one acquainting the Printer therewith, he shall be paid for his Trouble.

TO BE SOLD,

At Public Sale, to the highest Bidder, for Bills of Exchange, or Current Money, on Tuesday the 18th Day of November last, at Alexandria, in Fairfax County, Virginia,

ONE Parcel of Land containing 1400 Acres; being Part of Clifton's Neck, lying on Patowmack River and Little-Hunting-Creek, on which are several Plantations, with Dwelling-Houses, Out-Houses, Orchards, and sundry other Improvements.

Also a Tract of Land containing 600 Acres, which formerly belonged to Henry Brent, lying off the Fork of Little-Hunting-Creek, within half a Mile of the above-mentioned Parcel of Land; and on which there are likewise sundry Improvements, and is very convenient to two Landings, one on Patowmack River, and the other on Little-Hunting-Creek. The whole is well situated for Trade, and is within five Miles of Alexandria.

For Title apply to IGNATIUS DIOGES, WILLIAM DIOGES, JOHN ADDISON.