

in Possession of the Subscriber, by Or-  
f Court, the following Creatures, viz.  
well-made White Horse, about 15  
and paces; but has no perceivable  
is supposed to be the Property of one  
near Conococheague.  
pacing Bay Mare, about 15 Hands

ed on the near Buttock thus HW, the  
anging Ears, and is about 4 Years old.  
Possession of Matthias Ringer last Spring.  
Grey Horse (and Hunting-Saddle half  
Horse branded on the near Buttock  
in one).

Chestnut Sorrel Horse, branded on the  
er thus OHe, has a flaxen Mane and  
r in his Forehead, a Snip on his Nose,  
near Eye.

e supposed to be Stolen by Adam Rutter,  
Bierly and William Millner, all Dutib-  
w in Baltimore County Goal for Horse-  
The aforesaid Rutter came last Spring  
kill in Pennsylvania, near the Widow  
Works; and has since brought down  
able Creatures, and sold them in Mary-  
ch may easily be found.

son or Persons, proving Property, and  
arges, may have the said Creatures, by  
to the Subscriber, living on Seldier's De-  
t, in Baltimore County.

ALEXANDER WELLS.

TO BE SOLD OR LET,  
ACT of LAND, containing 260 Acres,  
Acres of which is excellent fresh Water  
with a good Orchard of young grafted  
ng on the Round-Bay near the Vine-Yard;  
here is a good Dwelling-House, Stable,  
e, &c. For Terms, and further Par-  
nquire of Mr. Lancelot Jacquet, Mer.  
Annapolis.

TO BE SOLD,  
UBSCRIBER near Severn-Ferry, by  
Wholesale or Retail,  
CE GOOD SINGLE and DOUBLE  
FINED SUGAR, and fine old CANE  
As likewise by Retail, MADEIRA  
WEST-INDIA RUM, and MUS-  
OO SUGAR. JOHN CLAPHAM.

TO BE LET,  
ANTATION belonging to Mr. Thomas  
son, of Queen-Anne's County, commodi-  
ated in the said County, on the Head of  
h Branch of Wye River, within half a  
a good Landing, together with the NE-  
STOCK, and UTENSILS, thereon.  
It contains upwards of Four Hundred  
which there is a large clear'd Plantation,  
welling-House, and other Office-Houses,  
e valuable Meadow very well water'd.  
le Tract very fit for producing Corn, To-  
nd Wheat, of which last there is a confi-  
Quantity now put in the Ground.  
erson inclining to Rent the Premises, are  
apply to John Bracco, now at Annapolis,  
d Thomas Wilson, at his Dwelling-Planta-  
Wye River aforesaid, and know the Terms  
they will be Let.

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el County,

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## ANNAPOLIS.

**F**RIDAY last, Afternoon, his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; our Governor, Prorogued the General Assembly of this Province, to Tuesday the Third Day of January next, having first Passed the following LAWS, viz.

A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, *An Act to enable the Justices of Baltimore County Court, to assist and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of St. George's Parish, in that County, a Sum of Money for the Uses therein mentioned.*

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An additional and explanatory Act to the Act, entitled, An Act empowering the Commissioners of the County Courts to levy and raise Tobacco, to defray the necessary Charges of their Counties and Parishes.*

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act for destroying Wolves in Frederick County.*

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act to prevent certain Evils and Inconveniencies attending the Sale of strong Liquors, and running of Horse-Races, near the yearly Meetings of the People called Quakers; and to prevent the tumultuous Concourse of Negroes and other Slaves, during the said Meetings; and also one other Act, entitled, An Act to amend and explain an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent certain Evils and Inconveniencies attending the Sale of strong Liquors, and running of Horse-Races, near the yearly Meetings of the People called Quakers; and to prevent the tumultuous Concourse of Negroes and other Slaves, during the said Meetings.*

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act laying an Impostion on Negroes, and several Sorts of Liquors imported; and also on Irish Servants, to prevent the Importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province.*

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act to enable the several and respective County Clerks, within this Province, to remove some of the County Records and Papers from the Public Offices.*

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy.*

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act relating to Servants and Slaves.*

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act for Punishment of Horse-Stealers, and other Offenders.*

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and other Slaves; and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders; and a Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meeting, and other Irregularities, of Negroes and other Slaves, and directing the Manner of trying Slaves.*

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act to exempt Persons, appearing at Musters, from Arrests in Civil Cases.*

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act to make the Testimony of Convicted Persons legal against Convicted Persons.*

An Act to prohibit raising of Swine and Geese in Frederick-Town, in Frederick County.

An Act for suppressing Plumb-Point Warehouse, in Calvert County.

An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, *An Act for issuing and taking out of the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees appointed for Emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, the Sum of 4500l. Current Money, for Encouragement of such able-bodied Freemen as shall voluntarily Enlist themselves into his Majesty's Service, for the intended Expedition against Canada; and for maintaining and conveying them to the Place of Rendezvous; as also for replacing of the said Sum, and for the better regulating Ordinaries*

and Ordinary-Keepers; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province; and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.*

And the following private ACT.

An Act to empower Susanna Risteau, Widow and Administratrix of Talbot Risteau, late of Baltimore, deceased, to sell the House and Lands therein mentioned, for the Payment of the Debts of the said Talbot Risteau.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND:

The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of DELEGATES.

May it please your EXCELLENCY,

**T**HOUGH we thought proper to defer answering your Message of the Eleventh of October, till our controverted Elections were decided, the important Affairs which occasioned our being convened maturely considered and determined on, and the Grounds of the numerous Complaints of the good People of this Province against Recruiting-Officers, and Persons impowered to Enlist Men into the Service, and more especially of the distressed Frontier Inhabitants, against the Forces there stationed for their immediate Protection and Quiet, were enquired into; we cannot now, consistent with our Duty, any longer put it off, as you have therein so publicly called in Question our Rights and Privileges.

The Hopes you were pleased to express, that a new Representative of the good People of this Province, would readily go into the Consideration of such Points, as should most effectually conduce to the Security and Convenience of that People, afforded us great Satisfaction; because this new Representative, in a great Degree, consists of those Gentlemen who lately composed the old.

The making Provision for the Support of so many of the Men already raised, as might be necessary for the more immediate Protection and Security of the Frontier Inhabitants, and for the Reception of such Number of his Majesty's Regular Forces, as we might reasonably presume would be ordered hither for Winter-Quarters, are Matters of such an interesting Nature, that we should have given them the first Place in our Deliberations, tho' they had not been recommended to us by your Excellency; and from the Appearance of Harmony between the Chief Magistrate and Representatives of the People, which seemed to shew itself at the Opening of this Session, we were willing to entertain Hopes of seeing our Endeavours for the Benefit of the Province, and Security and Welfare of the People, rendered effectual; and that the Chief Magistrate was determined not to be guided by Councils tending to oppress or injure his Majesty's Subjects of this Province; much less to an Infringement of, or Violation to, any of the just Rights and Privileges of that Branch of the Legislature, which, by our Constitution, is more particularly designed to guard against Oppression; and consequently, that we should not have had Reason to have feared, any Attempt would be made against the Rights and Privileges, and Authority of this House; on the free Enjoyment and Exercise of which, the Liberties of the good People of this Province so greatly depend:

We shall not exclaim against Fate, for interrupting our strict and speedy Pursuit of those Objects, the Security and Quiet of the People so full in View, but leave the World to judge, whether they were laid aside and disregarded by us, in order to make an Attempt upon the Rights and Privileges incident to your Excellency's Station, or whether,

for Reasons which may possibly occur to the impartial Reader, you did not think it expedient to divert us from the necessary Enquiry into the Conduct of our own Officer, by making a direct Attack on the Privileges and Authority of this House, from the following Narrative of the whole Affair relative to Mr. John Ridout.

An Account of the Disbursements of a considerable Part of the 6000 l. granted in July, 1754, by an Act for his Majesty's Service, which was laid before the late Lower House of Assembly by your Excellency, had been for some Time under the Examination of a Committee of that House, and there appearing in that Account many very extravagant and unreasonable Charges, and some for which Vouchers were wanting, it was by that Committee brought again into the House, and was by the House referred for further Examination to the next Session, and accordingly delivered to the Custody of the Clerk. That Account being missing, and a new one of a very different Nature, put in its Place, we judged it expedient, that upon the Appointment of the same Person as our Clerk (who at first View must be supposed to be privy to that Exchange of Papers) he should be at least Reprimanded for such a Breach of Trust, and told, that any future Misconduct must occasion his Removal from it: Upon our Enquiry into this Affair, a Letter from Mr. John Ridout was produced, and Part of it read in the House, which is in the following Words:

"As the Assembly will meet again the 1st of July at farthest, the Governor will be impatient to receive your Accounts fully and clearly stated before that Time, because the Money is all expended. I before writ to you on this Matter, and left the several Papers, &c. which had been delivered in, with your Son at Conococheague."

As, from this Letter, and the Information of Col. Thomas Cresap, now a Member of our House, (to whom that Letter was directed) that the Account which had been under the Examination of the Committee, was one of the Papers mentioned in it, we could not but be of Opinion, that the Account which was missing, had passed thro' Mr. Ridout's Hands; and as our Clerk denied, that he had delivered it to any Person whatever, and alleged, he supposed it must have been removed by some of the Members of the Lower House; a Regard for our own Characters, as well as the Security of the Public Papers, laid us under a Necessity of calling upon Mr. Ridout, to know how he came to the Possession of that Account. Mr. Ridout came before the House, in Consequence of a Request made by our Serjeant to that Purpose; the Letter being handed to him, he was asked, if the Name subscribed was his Hand-Writing; he said, he could not, or did not think proper, to answer that Question. He was asked, how the Papers mentioned in that Letter, came into his Possession; he said, the Governor's Name being mentioned in that Letter, he did not think it proper to give any Answer. He was desired to withdraw. Being called in again, he was desired to give an Answer to the Question proposed to him before; he said, he perceived by the Date, the Letter had been wrote some Time ago; said, if he might have the Letter awhile, he would reflect upon the Matter; he was told, he might have a Copy of it, and might consider it against the Afternoon. He made no Answer. He was then ordered to attend again in the Afternoon. He said, the Governor had Business for him to do (or, he had Business of the Governor's that must be done) and he must desire to be excused. He was then ordered to withdraw. In a short Time the House ordered him to be called in again; but he was not to be found. Upon this Behaviour of Mr. Ridout, so unprecedented among us; and so dangerous in its Consequences, a Warrant of this House was issued to our Serjeant, to bring Mr. Ridout before the House, to answer for