

Commerce, Lands so much derive their Value. Fortunate in the highest Degree to the landed Interest of some of our Northern Neighbours, was the Introduction of the English Army amongst them, from the large Quantities of Specie brought to Market, in order to supply the Greatness of their Demands. This gave a fresh and unusual Spring to their Commerce; Provisions gradually advanced; Labour became high; Rents were raised, and Lands contiguous scarcely knew their Value. That Provisions and Labour, says the ingenious Mr. Hume, "should become dear by the Increase of Trade and Money, is in many Respects an Inconvenience; but an Inconvenience that is unavoidable, and the Effect of that public Wealth and Prosperity, which are the End of all our Wishes." Another ingenious Author observes, "That in Countries where Trade is most effectually extended, and has the greatest Influence, there the Poor live best, and their Wages are highest; where Wages are highest, the Consumption of Provisions increases most; where the Consumption of Provisions is most increased, the Rate of Provisions is highest; and where Provisions are dearer, the Rents of Lands are advanced most."

Observe, on the contrary, when Commerce is fettered but even with the slightest political Shackles of a weak Administration, how soon the Lands begin to winch: The Merchants quickly court for a milder Climate; Ships gradually disappear; the Market falls; the Farmer, unable to pay his Rent, and desiring a last and most contemptible Sacrifice, Flight, and Lands alone are left a most contemptible Sacrifice. Of how mean and trifling Value, in the Time of our Fetters, was Land in England, whilst Commerce scarcely dawn'd within her Territories; if agreeable to Maitland's History of London, "it sold in the Year 661 at one Shilling per Acre; nor need we wonder at being further told by him, that in the Year 1000, an Ox sold for 2/6, a Cow for 2s. a Sheep for 1s. and a Swine for 8d." "This," says an ingenious Author, "could be only owing to the little foreign Trade the Nation then had, and consequently to the little Quantity of Gold and Silver Trade had then brought in."

Since Commerce then is this grand Source of numberless Blessings to a State, how industriously ought we to court the Embraces of a Mistress, who yields such constant and diffuse Happiness. From the benign Influence alone of her auspicious Smiles, with what Pleasure does the industrious Farmer contemplate the rising Value of his fruitful Acres; behold his little Cottage gradually metamorphos'd into a superb and elegant Building; his Gardens regularly laid out and decorated; his Stables filled with Horses of the noblest Blood; the Grandeur even of an Equipage; and a Train of obsequious Servants to attend his Nod. His Sons receive their Education in those wife and useful Institutions, Public Seminaries of Learning; travel for the Improvement of useful Knowledge; and oft return the best, and brightest Ornaments of their Country.

Of what high Importance is it then for those invested by the People with Powers to act for the Public Good, to keep a constant and watchful Eye on the State of our foreign Commerce; to examine minutely into its several Branches; to discover what Trades are beneficial, and what otherwise; to correct the Bad, and to support and strengthen by the Wisdom of their Institutions such of the Good as shall be found weak, and to want due Health and Vigour; to see that all our Commodities, intended for Exportation, are under such wise and just Regulations, as to bear due Credit at foreign Markets, and that we be under no Apprehensions of sinking under the Weight of our own Abundance; for agreeable to the Observation of the before cited De Witt, "All Public Power to improve, or impair the Interest of a Land, and to preserve and enlarge, or diminish, and ruin a State, must be, and is in the Hands of the lawful Rulers of a Country, whether they be Monarchs, Princes, State-men, or the common Burghers."

I am, &c. PHILOPATRIS.

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ANNAPOLIS, March 11.

MONDAY next the General Assembly of this Province is to convene here

A few Days since Died very suddenly, in Charles County, in an advanced Age, Dr. *Gustavus Brown*, a Gentleman very successful in his Profession, and for a Number of Years the presiding Magistrate of that County.

A Gentleman in Barbados, writes to his Brother here, in a Letter of the 25th of January, "Our Troops landed at Martinico without the Loss of a Man, have taken several small Forts, and were to Storm Capuchin-Hill the 23d Instant; as that Place is situated just over Fort-Royal, the Acquisition of it will enable them to bombard it: Our Troops are in such Spirits that the Conquest is not doubted."

There are now Living in Prince-George's County, hearty and well, Two venerable Matrons, Mrs. Talbot and Mrs. Charter, who have lived to see their Fifth Generation: An Instance of the Healthfulness, as well as Fertility, of that Part of the Province. But this does not quite come up to what happen'd in England, about a Century since, where an old Woman lived to see her Sixth Generation, on which the following Lines were then Wrote:

The Mother said, go tell my Child  
That her Girl must be her Daughter tell,  
She must now mean that lovely snail'd,  
Her Daughter's little Babe's not well.  
And whether the old Lady be Dead yet or not,  
we have never heard.

Thursday III o'Clock, the Northern Post not yet come in.

**T**HE Sale of the Lands in Frederick County, belonging to the late Mr. James Wardrop, which is advertised on the last Page of this Gazette, is put off till Wednesday the 16th Day of June next, (on Account of the Small Pox being in Frederick Town) when the said Lands will peremptorily be Sold to the highest Bidder.

JAMES DICK.

**T**HE Subscriber having left off going to Sea, is now settled on Kent-Island, at Broad-Creek, where he keeps TAVERN, and has a good BOAT and HANDS, to Ferry over Gentlemen, and Others, to and from Annapolis. Any Gentleman who shall be pleased to Favour him with their Custom, may depend on the best Entertainment and Usage for Themselves and Horses, from

Their humble Servant,  
I No 8/5 THOMAS RAYMER.

**T**O BE RUN FOR, AT NOTTINGHAM, on Tuesday the Thirteenth Day of April, by any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, A PURSE OF TWENTY POUNDS, the best in Three Heats, being about two Miles each Heat, and each Horse, &c. to carry 126 lbs. if 14 Hands high, and Weight for Size below that Measure.

And, on the Day following, a Purse of TEN POUNDS, and the Entrance Money of both Days: The second Day, full blooded Creatures are excepted; 14 Hands to carry 126 lbs. and to rise and fall according to the Rules of Racing.

The Horses to be Entered the Saturday before the Days of Running with Messieurs Dorsett and Hoye. Mr. John Hawkins.

The Entrance Money the First Day Twenty Shillings, and the Second Day Ten Shillings.

Any Disputes that arise, to be determin'd by Messrs. Dorsett and Hoye. No 7/6 R.

N. B. Those Horses that are not Entered by the Day appointed, to pay double Entrance.

**T**O LE LEE in ALEXANDRIA, A RIVER-SIDE LOT, whereon is a convenient House, 40 Feet by 30, with 4 Rooms below (the largest of which, if any of the mercantile Appellation should be inclinable to Rent the said Lot, is well adapted for the Reception of a Cargo of Goods) and 4 above, a good dry Cellar, and other convenient Houses. For Terms enquire of the Subscriber, living near Alexandria.

PHILIP ALEXANDER.

**J**OHNS INCH, SILVERSMITH. HEREBY gives Notice, That he still carries on his Silver-Smith's and Jeweller's Business, buys Gold and Silver, and keeps Tavern as formerly; and has provided himself with a very good House Painter and Glazier lately from London, who shall work for any Person very reasonably. He also keeps good Passage-Boats, and has now of his own, and others, Vessels that are fit to carry Grain, &c. to and from any Part of Chesapeake-Bay; he has also for Sale, a Convict Servant Woman's Time, lately imported, who is a good Staymaker; a great Quantity of Oakum, Ship Bead, Delph, and Stone Ware of divers Sorts, too tedious to mention.

JOHN INCH.

**A**NNE CONNER, LIVING at Pig-Point, on Patuxent River, Hereby gives Notice, That she has taken the FERRY there, and constant Attendance is given.

I No 5/9

**A**LL Persons indebted to the Estate of Mr. Thomas Glenning, late of Baltimore Town, Deceased, are desired to make immediate Payment to the Subscribers, otherwise they will be sued: And all Persons having any Demand against the said Estate, are requested to bring in their Claims, that they may be settled, by

I No 7/6 THOMAS SLIGH, } Executors.  
R. ABRAHAM WAYNE, }

**T**HE MANAGERS of the Upper-Marlborough ASSEMBLY give Notice, That the Half-Yearly Meeting of the Members, will be on Tuesday the Sixth of April next, when their Attendance is desired at the ASSEMBLY ROOM.

I No 7/6

**T**AKEN up by Thomas Weyman on Poplar-Island, a Poplar CANOE, about 3 Feet in Width, and 21 or 22 Feet in Length; she has Places for 3 Seats, 2 Cleats for rowing, an Iron Chain at her Head, but no Oars or Paddles. The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

I No 6/9

**T**WO PISTOLES REWARD. AN away from the Subscriber, living at Mr. River, on the 7th Instant, an indentured Servant Man named John Mace, by Trade a Shoemaker, about 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 8 or 9 Inches high, of a Dark swarthy Complexion, and floops much in the Shoulders. Had on when he went away, a large double-breasted Bearskin Jacket, brown German Serge Breeches, an old Castor Hat, white Cotton Cap, grey Stockings, and Turn'd Pumps; but as he had other Cloaths, it's imagined he may have changed his Dress.

Whoever takes up and secures the said Runaway, so that his Master may have him again, shall be entitled to the above Reward; and if brought Home, reasonable Charges, paid by

STEPHEN STEWARD.

**T**HERE is at the Plantation of Henry Lee, junior, in Prince-George's County, taken up as a Stray, a Bay Gelding with a bob Tail, about 13 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock thus M.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

**T**HERE is at the Plantation of Mr. Daniel Carroll, at Rock-Creek, taken up as a Stray by Alexander Mackintosh, a Black Mare about 12 Hands high, neither dock'd nor branded.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

**T**O BE SOLD (For the Benefit of the Unacwriters) by PUBLIC VENDUE, on Saturday the 13th Instant, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning, at Buchanan & Hughes's Store, in Baltimore-Town,

**S**UNDRY Damaged GOODS, lately Imported in the Maryland Packet, Capt. Ramjan, viz. Superfine Broad Cloths, Forrest Ditto. Six-quarter Frizes, Bearskins, Sail Cloth, Buckram. JOHN SHUTE, Auctioneer.

**S**TOLEN or Strayed from Port-Tobacco Town in September last, a Bay Mare, with a large Blaze in her Face, about 13 Hands high; if branded, the Brand unknown.

Whoever will bring her to the Subscriber, at the Sign of the Ship, shall have Ten Shillings Reward.

JANET KINSMAN.

**S**HE has a very good BILLIARD-TABLE, and Materials thereto belonging, to dispose of, at a reasonable Rate.

**J**OHNS ROBINSON, GLAZIER and PAINTER. HEREBY gives Notice, That he carries on those Businesses, at his Shop, near the Dock in Annapolis, which was formerly Mr. Creagh's. Any Gentlemen having Occasion for the Glazing or Painting their Houses, will be waited on, and may have their Work well done, and very reasonably, by

JOHN ROBINSON.  
N. B. Enquire for me at Mr. Richard Mackubin's Store, on the Dock.

**W**ILLIAM TUCK, GLAZIER and PAINTER, (Who served his Apprenticeship to the late Mr. Patrick Creagh, and since his Death with Mr. Richard Mackubin,) being now Free, and set up on his own Account,

**H**EREBY gives Notice, That he will Paint and Glaze for any Gentleman who shall be pleased to employ him, as well and as reasonably as any Man. At present he lives with his Mother (the Widow Pratt) in Prince-George's-Street, a few Doors above the House of his late Master Creagh; and every Gentleman who shall be pleased to employ him may depend on having their Work done with the greatest Dispatch and Fidelity, by

Their obliged humble Servant,  
WILLIAM TUCK.

**N. B.** As he is a young Man, just entering into Business in his Native Place, he Hopes at least for an equal Share of Business with any Stranger.

**T**HE Subscriber having been employed for a considerable Time in the Educating of Youth, in and about London, Teaches WRITING, ARITHMETIC (both Vulgar and Decimal) MERCHANTS ACCOUNTS, GEOMETRY, &c. in a House adjoining Mr. Roberts's Store, where the Provincial Office used to be kept in the Winter Season.

Young Ladies are Taught the Italian Hand, by  
Their humble Servant,  
THOMAS LITTLETON.

**S**PANISH DOLLARS for LONDON BILLS of EXCHANGE.

WALTER DELANEY.

**J**UST IMPOR'D From London, in the Maryland Packet, Alexander Ramsay, and to be vendue, either Wholesale or Retail, at his Store in West of the Dock, between Cambridge-Row and Mr. Richard King-House, Bills of Exchange, for Cash, Fur, &c. and will vendue any Part in Virginia or Maryland.

**V**ARIOUS Sorts of Double Holland; Brown Rolls; Brown Hessians; Brown and white Huckabacks; 2, 3, 4, and 5 Band Holland; 7 1/2 long Linens; Tandem Holland; Wax Work; Paste Work; black ground, dark ground, red kerkchiefs; dark ground, single and purple Chintz; white Linen; and purple Chintz; Clear Lavins; 1 1/2 long; Yard wide Muslin; white Moeres; Yard wide Muslin; white Moeres; Yard wide Muslin; vet Hoods; black, red, yellow Gauze Handkerchiefs; new Mens new; Gauze Caps; Combs; fine colour'd Iread; fine and coarse Ditto; narrow Tapes; Strip'd and Stay Ditto; best Corking Pins; Whitecaple Ditto; white, flat, black, but flat Stone Wax, colour'd, dark Necklaces; Wax Pendants; the best narrow and broad plain and best narrow and broad plain and Ribbons, of the newest Fashion; loons; silk Ferrits; Wire Shirt ton and Silk Laces; common colour'd and white Sewing Silks; Mohair; Gimp for ladies G and Breast, light colour'd Broad best London Death Head Butter coarse Cap Lace; Womens r and colour'd Cloaks, trimm'd r bon; Cloth and Scarlet Ditt Lamb Gloves; Ditto Mitts Mens white and brown ribb Hofe; Women's plain, white Mens white and figured Silk S double Worsted Caps; superfe red and crimson Knit Brechee scarlet, and crimson Silk K Binding; Pillow'd Futian; Yard wide figured Stuffs; sup and green, in grain, mix'd ru rets; scarlet, figured, black flower'd Everlastings; Crimso Plads; Mazarine Worsted Sh Cotton, and blue Manchester blets; blue, green, dark, red low, and white Tammiess; Ve and colour'd Crapes; rich r Ell Bombazeens; Single A and crimson Shag Shapes; bl rich check'd Three Quarter Tobines; Three Quarter D brocaded Lutestrings; rich M Mode; rich crimson Ditto; Ell Peeling; Half Ell Suttin Taffeties; rich black Gen white, black, blue, green, low, and dark Shalloons; scarlet, white, and pink Dur pink, and scarlet Calliman green, blue, and dark Worl and Mens Felt and Castor, Laced Hats; striped Annoze masks; superfine Silk figur fine, and superfine dark, bl colour'd Broad Cloths; Dra scarlet Frize; blue, black, lour'd narrow Cloths; blu able colour'd German Serge noughts; Forest Cloths; D dian Match-Coats; Drugg fashionable colour'd Half-Buckram; strip'd Tarteens Cottons; rivetted Knives at Buck Ditto; Bone, Butche Ditto; Stone Links forted; Buck, Stag, and Stafford P Shoe and Knee Buckles; stinople Razor Straps; Lea Gilt Buttons; Silver plain Ladles; Castors mounted w Passe Stock Buckles set in Sleeve Buttons set in Ditto Ivory Carving Knives; Sil