

W A N T E D

THREE Thousand Bushels of INDIAN CORN, for ready Money. Any Person having a Quantity, not less than Five Hundred Bushels, and will deliver it at a convenient Landing, by giving Notice thereof, and the Price, to the Subscriber, at Annapolis, he will send his Sloop to receive it.

WANTS EMPLOYMENT, A YOUNG MAN, bred to Store-Keeping Business, and writes a tolerable Hand. Any Gentleman, or Merchant, in Want of such a Person, will be waited on, by directing to E. B. to the PRINTING-OFFICE, at Annapolis. (2\*)

Will be Sold by PUBLIC VENDUE, at Lower Marlborough, in Calvert County, on Saturday the 5th Day of March next, pursuant to the last Will and Testament of Mrs. Susannah Hoxton, late of Anne Arundel County, deceased, for Sterling Money, Dollars, or Pistoles; the Two following Negroes, viz.

A VALUABLE HOUSE CARPENTER and COOPER; and a likely Girl, about Thirteen Years of Age. (2\*) CLEMENT SMITH, Executor.

THE Subscriber gives Notice to all Persons that brought Cloth to his Fulling-Mill, at the Head of South-River, to be drest before the 6th of this Instant, that it is now finished, and the Owners are desired to take it away as soon as they conveniently can. He further informs the Public, that he carries on the Business at said Mill; and those who are pleased to favour him with their Custom, may depend on their Orders being duly observed, and their Work well done, with Dispatch, and not to be disappointed, as heretofore. All Persons that have open Accounts with him, are desired to settle and discharge the same, in so doing, they will greatly oblige their very humble Servant, JOHN DUCKER.

COMMITTED to St. Mary's County Jail, as a Runaway, Negro Anthony, who says he belongs to William Morgan, of Frederick County. His Master is desired to take him away, and pay Charges to ROBERT WATTS, Sheriff.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living on the great Road, near Abbot's Town, York County, Pennsylvania, a Servant Man, named JOHN LAMB, about 5 Feet 7 Inches high, and about 25 Years of Age, of a ruddy Complexion, long visaged, brown Hair, pretty long, speaks thick, and has a stern Look, is apt to swear, and much given to drinking, and is by Trade a Taylor: Had on, when he went away, a pretty good Suit of blue Cloaths, with Buttons Metal Buttons, and his Cloaths is much greased. Whoever takes up said Servant, and secures him, in any Jail, so as the Subscriber may have him again, shall receive Five Pounds Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by Mr. George Stricker, in Frederick-Town, Maryland, Mr. Bryan Bruen, Merchant, in Winchester, or the Subscriber, living at Brook's Gap, Augusta County, Virginia. JOHN GRATTAN.

RAN away on the 24th of January last, an indentured Servant Man, named THOMAS THROP, a thick well-set Fellow, about 5 Feet 8 or 10 Inches high, much pitted with the Small-Pox, has light brown Hair, and a remarkable large Foot: Had on when he went away, an old Snuff coloured Broad Cloth Coat, and Waistcoat, the Coat has a Velvet Cape, with the Button-holes and Pocket-flaps bound round with Ferret, near the Colour of the Coat, a Pair of old Leather Breeches, an Osnabrig Shirt, a Pair of Country made Shoes, and a Felt Hat, bound round with Linen. Whoever takes up the said Servant, and delivers him to the Subscriber, shall have a Reward of THREE POUNDS, and reasonable Charges, paid by THOMAS HOPKINS.

THERE will be a Sale of Fifty valuable Country born Negroes, either at Upper Marlborough, or George-Town, on Patowmack, in the Second Week of March ensuing. The Day and Place is not yet absolutely fixed on, but due Notice will be given thereof, in this Gazette, Two Weeks before the Day of Sale. The Sale will be for ready Money, or good London Bills of Exchange. For further Particulars, apply to Mr. Anthony Stewart, Merchant, in Annapolis.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the Subscriber, in Upper-Marlborough, on the 29th of November last, an Iron grey MARE, about 14 Hands high, Five Years old, branded on the right Shoulder I G, and on the left B B, and has a ridge Mane. Whoever secures said Mare, so that the Owner may get her again, shall receive a Reward of Twenty Shillings, paid by LANCELOT, LEE.

immediately necessary, for the Repairs of the Church) in improving and stocking a Glebe for succeeding Ministers—But what in a Plenarty? They have as much Right to One Pound of the Minister's Tobacco, as to the Shirt on his Back. But, the Vestry, says the Querist, may send an Order to the Sheriff; and, if the Sheriff will take my Advice, he will light his Pipe with it, or put it to a fitter Use. Some Works for general Use are fit, For some Folks read, but all Folks f-t.

The Church, Church-Yard and Glebe, are the Parson's Freehold. If he is kept out of the Church by Force, by certifying into Chancery, a Writ of Vi Licitu Removenda is directed to be issued to the Sheriff, to take with him Assistance to remove the Force, to put the Minister into peaceable Possession, and to bring up the Rioters before the Chancellor, to be dealt with according to Law; whom he may punish by Fine or Imprisonment. If a Man keeps forcible Possession of his Glebe, he may recover treble Damages and Costs. Co. 1 Inst. §. 431. Lord Coke declares an Adwoslon to be—wherein a Man hath as absolute Ownership and Property, as he hath in Lands or Rents; and, by the Common Law, he may convey his Right to any other in what Manner he thinks proper. Hence appears the Absurdity of the Claim of one Vestry to a Right of Presentation. A Minister's Title to his Parish in this Province, is just upon the same Footing with the Landholder to his Lands, both being held by Patent from the Lord Proprietor.

When a Man accuses another of acting refragant to the Law, he ought to be himself a Sage of the Law. If he thinks as he speaks, he knows no more of the Law than my Horse. Pluralities are tenable by Law, the Effect of which no Act of Assembly in this Province, can ever invalidate. But, hear him! hear him! The Vestry of A are to tell their Parson, You are Minister of B; we will have nothing to do with you. The Vestry of B, are to tell him, You are Minister of A; we will have nothing to do with you; and so they are to beat their Principal about like a Shuttle-Cock: And, What Answer do they deserve to this polite Address?—If I were the Minister, I would say, "Repair your Church and Church-Yard, keep the Windows glazed, the Floors even, levy your Assessments, pay the Bills, behave respectfully to your PRINCIPAL, return Home, mind your own Affairs, DRIVE YOUR NEGROES, for no longer shall you DRIVE your PARSON." But see how prettily he rings Changes: First, He is Minister of A; then he is not Minister of A. Secondly, He is Minister of B; then he is not Minister of B. Thirdly, He is Minister either of A or B. And, Lastly, He is Minister of neither A nor B. This is what I would call the Art of Sinking in Law, which is as much an Original, in its Way, as the following Specimen of the Art of Sinking in Poetry, with which it corresponds. The Poet, describing a beautiful Child, says;

So fair thou art, that if great Cupid be A Child, as Poets say, sure thou art he; Fair Venus would mistake thee for her own, Did not thy Eyes proclaim thee not her Son; There, all the Lightnings of thy Mother shine, And, with a fatal Brightness, kill in thine. First, He is Cupid; then he is not Cupid. First, Venus would mistake him; then she would not mistake him. Next, his Eyes are his Mother's; and, Lastly, they are not his Mother's, but his own. I am Your's, A BYSTANDER.

Co. Inst. Passim. God. &c. &c. † F. N. B. Fo. 54. Reg. Orig. Fol. 59, 60. † The Churches in Maryland are Royal Donatives. No Donation incurs a Lapse, a Lapse must be ab Inferiore ad Superiorem. The King, or Lord Proprietary, cannot be bound by Lapse of Time, because of their Supremacy. God. c. 22, §. 3. February 17, 1768. On Wednesday the Second Day of March next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. Robert Bishop, in Joppa, will be exposed to public Sale, and peremptorily sold to the highest Bidder, THE Dwelling-House of the late Mr. David McCulloch, in said Town, with Kitchen adjoining, and other Improvements, standing on that Part of Lot No. 4, not already disposed of. Also Lot No. 18, on which the Garden now stands, exclusive of that Part thereof, with the Improvements thereon, sold lately to Mr. James Dick. Any Person inclining to purchase, may be shown the Premises, and know the Terms, by applying to Mr. Charles Lin, at Joppa. At same Time will be sold, Three Hundred and Forty Acres of Land, lying near Joppa. MARY McCULLOCH, Executrix. ANTHONY STEWART, Executor.

FEBRUARY 18, 1768. To be SOLD, by PUBLIC VENDUE, on the 17th Day of March next, at the Coffee-House in ANNAPOLIS, for ready Money only, and to be entered on immediately, A TRACT of LAND, lying on the North-Side of SEVERN, where Mr. BENJAMIN WRIGHT formerly lived, containing Three Hundred ACRES, more or less, 6 or 8 Acres of which is good Upland Meadow. There is on it Two good Apple Orchards. The Title is indisputable. HENRY WRIGHT.

The Land lies about Five Miles from Annapolis.

the Service of the ensuing Year, including the Ordnance of the Navy, and the Office of Ordinance for the Land Service. Letters from New-York, just received, advise, that the Inhabitants of that Province are going to follow the Example of the People at Boston, by exerting their small Endeavours to promote and encourage their own Manufactures in particular, and those of the British Colonies in America, in general. A Silk-Cloth Manufactory has lately been established in Rhode-Island, to extensive as to employ near One Hundred Workmen. It is said the American Colonies are sparing, in no Expense to be furnished with the best English Rams and Sheep, in order to promote the Breed.

PHILADELPHIA, February 4. On Friday Morning last, a Number of armed Men (but so it is said) went to the Goal of Carlisle, which they entered by Force, and carried off Frederick Camp, and John Ironcutter, who were committed on suspicion of having murdered Ten of our Friend Indians, near Fort Augusta, notwithstanding the Opposition and Perturbations of the Magistrates, and others, to the contrary.

ANNAPOLIS, February 18. The Ship Good Intent, George Haddon, Master, is arrived in Milk River. On the 3d of January, in Lat. 20° 34' and Long. 55° from London, he spoke the Brig Elliot, Thomas Watts, from Liverpool, for New-York: All well. Articles of News, and Advertisements omitted this Week, for Want of Room, will be inserted in our next.

TO THE PRINTERS.

February 16, 1768. THE QUERIST, in your last Paper, applies himself to the Sages of the Law: Who would not be thought a Sage of the Law? A By-stander often sees more of the Game than the Player; and, who knows but the By-stander is a Sage of the Law? Let us then take a View of the State of the Case:—An Appointment or Letter of Admission is given by the Ordinary, in Favour of a Minister, to the Vestry of A.

A Letter of Admission given to the Vestry of A. An Appointment with a Witness! A LETTER of Admission! admission, saith Lord COKE, is, when the Ordinary admits a Clerk as able, who is thereon instituted to the Cure of Souls in a Parish. I have heard of one VESTRY affecting to be Patrons, but never heard of their being PRIESTS before. But, perhaps, they are Lay Readers only. Well, then, there is a Letter of Admission given to them—“in Favour of a Minister,”—that is, they are admitted to read Prayers and Preach, and the Minister to receive the Salary. The Tables are turn'd; the Ministers us'd to read Prayers and Preach, and the Vestry to claim the salary.

Correct the Case, and say, A Letter of Admission is given by the Ordinary, in Favour of a Vestry, to the Minister of A. This would better answer the Querist's Intention. Who, or what are Vestries? A Name much talk'd of, and as little understood. They would be Ordinaries, Patrons, and Incumbents; and yet, in Fact, they are all but Vestries. \* Sidesmen, otherwise Questmen, otherwise Vestry-men, (so called from their meeting in the Vestry-Room, that is, the Place where the Holy Scriptures are kept, under their Inspection) are certain Persons chosen in each Parish, as Assistants (expressly so called in all the Law-Books) to the Church-wardens, and their joint Office is thus set forth by Authority. † They shall take Care and provide, that the Churches be well and sufficiently repair'd, and so from Time to Time kept and maintain'd; that the Windows be well glazed, and the Floors be kept paved plain and even; and to prevent the Profanation of Churches, and to provide Books, &c. and to levy Assessments, to discharge the Accounts. Agreeable to this is their Office describ'd in the 15th Section of the Act of 1701-2, and other Acts of Assembly. It is directed that there shall be Six Vestrymen, at least, in each Parish. It is a Custom in some Parishes to elect Twelve, in some, Twenty-four; and, it would be well if that Number, or a larger, was fixt upon by the Parishioners, for the future, in the Province. In case of a Vacancy, a Vestry may desire, or petition the Ordinary, to appoint a Minister of a neighbouring Parish to officiate in their Church. A Petition pre-supposes a Want of Right (Want of Right, says Lord COKE, and Want of Remedy, is all one) in the Persons who offer it, and a Right existing in the Person to whom it is offered. But a Petition cannot confer a Right, or take it away. If the Ordinary has a Right of appointing, upon a Petition, he has the same without it; since it would be hard if the granting a Favour upon being asked, should preclude the Power of doing it, without asking.—But, supposing a Plenarty, what becomes of the Petition? To petition, where there is no Possibility of Redress, is an Act of Madness and Folly. By an Appointment, the Church is full against a common Person, by an Indultion against the Lord Proprietary himself.

The Incumbent has an absolute Freehold therein for his Life, from which he is not removable but by a Court of Law, according to the Practice of ecclesiastical Courts. Co. 1 Inst. 136. Vestries are to keep Registers, under their Inspection, of Births, Marriages, and Burials, and for keeping a fair Register of all Vestry Proceedings.—Not of the Proceedings of the Ordinary, not of Presentations, Indultions, or Licences. The Clerk of the Council performs this Office. The Vestry have as much to do in this Matter as the Pope. Vestries, in case of a Vacancy, are to receive the Salary, and—to expend it, how? In buying, (if not

to continue several Acts, to allow the first of Wheat, Flour, Barley, Barley-Meal, Oat-Meal, Rye, Rye-Meal, Rice from the Colonies in North-America, and Wheat-Flour, for a limited Time. The following Changes are consented to take Place in a few Days: To be President of the Council. Sandwich, to be Secretary of State. Rigby, Esq; Secretary at War. And Weymouth to succeed Lord Townshend, as Lieutenant of Ireland. That the Number of Land Forces to be in the Service of the ensuing Year, will be Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty, including Officers, and Two Thousand and Sixty Invalids. Also, that One Million Six Hundred Seventy thousand, Five Hundred and Forty Pounds, and Six-pence Farthing, will be allowed

\* Godolphin, c. 13. † Can. 85.

L O N D O N. The East-India Company have had the Misfortune the last homeward-bound Ship from Banch was expected this Year. The Ship was within Three Leagues of the Texel, in a few Nights ago; and, except five or six Souls were lost, among whom were several whose Names are not yet known. It is said that Edward Willes, Esq; Solicitor-General, has declined being made a Judge of King's-Bench. Reports so often propagated of a Rupture between the Porte, and the French Papal Ministry, who endeavour to balance the Influence of the former, and of Poland, by spreading Alarms with respect to the latter, that may oblige her to preserve a close Alliance at home, and at the same Time keep up the Spirits of the Roman Catholic Party in France, for certain, that Wednesday last, the late Marquis de Lomont, from Paris to London, in consequence upon his important Office of Ambassador-Most Christian Majesty, to the Court of France; and he is expected here next Tuesday (15th) day. It is said that a further Addition to our Marine will be made this Session of Parliament. The late Honourable James Hewitt, Esq; late Judge of the King's Bench, killed his Man, at St. James's, on his Appointment to be Chancellor of Ireland. A Bill against Usury and Extortion will be introduced into Parliament this Session. From Naples insinuates, that the great Armament preparing there, of 12 large Vessels and 6000 Men, is intended to transport the Jesuits out of the Kingdom. Letters from Berlin say, that the King of Prussia is preparing to make a Journey into the United Provinces; and that afterwards he will have an Interview with the Prince Stadtholder of Groningen. A Letter from Quebec, that a Silver-Mine has been discovered in the Neighbourhood of Governor's Settlement, at Michilimackinac, which it is said would turn out very advantageous. Consideration of the high Price of Corn, produced Yesterday entered upon, in an August