

Virginia, November 10, 1768,

FALLS OF PATOWMACK.

For Encouragement to Trade, &c. I purpose to let out, on the most reasonable Terms, for a Number of Years, or otherwise, this Place, with all the valuable Improvements hereafter mentioned.

At the Landing, and along-side of Six Fathom Water, a complete Stone Building, 151 Feet long, 36 wide, and 31 Stories high.

In this Edifice are contained, 1st, A valuable Merchant Mill, with Two Pair of Stones, Bolting Mills and Fan new, well fixed, and constantly supplied with a never failing Stream, sufficient to keep the whole of them going. I can affirm, that this Mill, with the Assistance of Four Men and Two Boys, can manufacture 30,000 Bushels of Wheat annually, into good merchantable Flour.

2d, A large Bakery, with Three Ovens, Brakes and other Necessaries completely fitted, and a fine Bread-Room above the said Bakery and Ovens.

3d, Two large Granaries, 36 Feet by 30, on each Side the Mill, so that Grain cannot be stored more conveniently. Adjoining to these is,

4th, A neat retailing Store, with its Shelves, Counter, Drawers, &c. completely finished.—Adjacent to the said Store, is a convenient Accounting Room, with a Fire-Place, at the Back of which, is a private lodging Room, with a Fire-Place likewise. From this Room we enter into a Balcony 24 Feet long, with proper Seats fronting the River, which commands variety of curious and entertaining Prospects.

5th, The several large Rooms below, for the storing of Salt and West-India Goods, with their Cellars, &c. so near the River, that, by the Assistance of a Crane, a Vessel of any Burthen may discharge her Load safe in the Stores in as little Time as can be done in any Port in America; and likewise makes equal Dispatch in Loading, the Granaries being so near the Vessel, and the Fall from the House so great, that, by a Spout from the Windows, the Grain may be conveyed in the most speedy and easy Manner.—The Loft of this Building has no Partition, and therefore, being 151 Feet long, and 36 wide, gives great Plenty of Room to spread Flour to cool, in the Summer, so that nothing is wanting but a Capital to make the Place complete.

Contiguous to the Mills, &c. is a very good Dwelling-House, built with Stone, Two Stories high, 96 Feet long, and 28 wide, with convenient Rooms, Kitchen, Cellars, and Ten Fire-Places thereto belonging, to be let with the said Mills.

I have laid out 53 Lots for a Town here, each Lot containing Half an Acre, including the Tobacco Warehouses; most Part are for Sale on moderate Terms.

I have within those Lots built a Grist Mill, for Country Custom, and a Saw Mill, and will supply Scantling and Plank for building, very cheap.

The River Patowmack is so well known, that I need not be particular in describing it; as from its Mouth to the very Falls, it is allowed to be the best Navigation of any River on the Continent.

The Falls are situated 12 Miles above Alexandria, and 3 Miles above George-Town.—Any Vessel that comes to Alexandria, or up to George-Town, will find deeper Water above to the said Falls, the Channel being straight, and easily found. The Falls excel any Part of the Colony, for beautiful building Stone, in the greatest Quantity, and the easiest raised. The Soil is excessively rich, and abounds with the finest of Springs convenient to every Part. And,

Above all the Advantages before-mentioned, the Place is noted for one of the finest Fisheries in Virginia; the whole Season through, the best of Fish is caught here in great Abundance.

The Falls Landing is Ten measured Miles nearer to Leesburg, Winchester, and so to the Back Country, than any other whatsoever. Besides, this Landing being so much nearer to the Back Inhabitants, and a fine Road, it receives all the Produce brought down from above the Great Falls, in Battoes, which Business is now become very considerable, and must improve; as Indian Corn, Walnut-Plank, and Lumber of all Sorts, will bear the Land Carriage, from the Falls above, to this Place; much more, and better, will Wheat, Pig, and Bar-Iron, and Tobacco. All those Commodities are made in great Plenty on each Side the River, above the Falls; the Lands being very fine, the Produce must be brought to this Spot for Shipping.

For further Encouragement, any Gentleman that might be willing to settle here, and carry on a Trade suitable to the Place, may have the Mills, with all Improvements; and I will oblige myself to furnish him, this present Year, with 3000 Bushels of good merchantable Wheat, 3000 Bushels next Year, and 10,000 Bushels annually after, of my own Produce, for the Terms agreed on. Or, if he, or they, chuse rather to put in a Stock, any Way adequate to the Improvements made by me, I will be at an equal Expence towards the Working, Supporting, and Maintaining the said Business, receiving my Proportion of the Profits; but it is not to be supposed that I could advance any Thing farther, than finding the Mills and all Improvements, without any Rent. The Management and Direction I will give up, and he, or they, may draw his, or their, whole Stock out, when they please; otherwise I will rent the whole, very reasonable, as before-mentioned.

“Here Water falls, and might do more, by Art! “Majestic Nature shines in ev’ry Part.”

Besides the above; at the Seneca Falls, which is the Public Landing-Place for all the Iron, and other Commodities, brought down the River Patowmack, from above, at the said Landing, the said River being commanded and brought through a natural Race, where there is a Fall of Ten Feet Water; I have to dispose of, in the same Manner, one of the best Places for Furnace, Forges, Saw, and Grist Mills, that can be found.

The principal Articles to support those Works to Advantage, are Ore, Coals, Timber and Stone; all of which are in the greatest Quantity, of the best Quality, and easiest procured.—The Iron Ore is inexhaustible on the River Side, and belongs to me. I will deliver it on the

Furnace Bank at Ten Shillings per Ton, Coal at Twenty Shillings per Load of 144 Bushels.—Those Articles are brought down to the Spot by Water in Battoes; and I have 13,000 Acres of Land adjoining to the said Falls above, binding the River Fifteen Miles including several Islands. All those Lands are covered with the best of Timber; and as the Navigation is so easy up to the Seneca Falls, it is not possible there should ever be a Scarcity of Timber and Ore to support the Scheme.—The Situation is so good that the Furnace, Forges, and Mills, may join to one another, along Side of the said Race, at the Landing; and every Article is conveyed to the Works, from the main River, by this Race, which affords the Fall, as above-mentioned. There being no further Expence attending the Water Part, the Foundation so good, with a natural Race for the Water to run, and building Stone, Timber, &c. so convenient; I can venture to affirm, that one Year’s Profit will reimburse the whole Expence and Costs of Building.

Between the Landing at the Seneca, and that at the Little Falls (where the Tide goes) is, by Survey, exactly 14 measured Miles. A public Waggon Road is lately opened betwixt them, and is already much frequented.

I have also built, at the Seneca, a Smith’s Shop, with Two Fires, and a Wheelwright’s Shop adjoining, together with several Dwelling-Houses at the same Place; I have likewise got new Battoes suitable for bringing down the Commodities.

The Buildings and Improvements at both Landings, so far as I have done, have actually cost me upwards of Eleven Thousand Pounds; and I have so great an Opinion of the many Advantages arising from those convenient Situations, that I am willing to add a further Stock of One Hundred Working Slaves, slated on 17000 Acres of the most valuable Land on Patowmack, joining the said Falls, actually in my Possession, and convenient to support all the said Businesses. Those several Plantations are well stock’d with Horses, Cattle, and Hogs. Among the said Slaves, are very valuable Tradesmen, such as Forgemens, Coopers, Smiths, and Carpenters. I have several Waggon and Teams, that work upon the Road, between the Two Landings; and shall be ready to put the whole in Stock, provided I get a suitable Partner, who understands Trade and Business; or will rent the Whole, or Part, as we may agree.

Any Person, or Persons, inclinable to increase his, or their Fortune, by taking the Trouble to come and view the Premises, and examine the same, will be satisfied, that I have not advanced any Thing farther than they find agreeable to Truth; and I am confident, that there is no Business, whatever, at this Time, that can afford more certain and larger Profit, from so small an Advance, as the additional Expence required. JOHN BALLENDINE.

THE Subscriber returns his Thanks to his Creditors, in general, for the Indulgence they have hitherto shewn him, and acquaints them, that he intends for the WEST-INDIES, in the Spring, but will return again early in the Summer. ALEXANDER SYMMER.

WHEREAS the Subscriber, living on the Head of South-River, had his Mill broke open on the Night of the 26th Instant, and about Five Bushels of Corn Flour stole therefrom; he hereby offers a Reward of FIVE POUNDS to any Person who shall discover the Person or Persons who committed the same, provided they are convicted thereof. FRANCIS RAWLINGS.

Such Persons as chuse to send Grain to my Mill, must be upon their own Risk. Kent-Island, January 23, 1769.

ANY Person having Chefnut Rails to dispose of, and will engage to land them on the Upper End of Kent-Island, may meet with a Purchaser for Eight or Ten Thousand, by applying to the Subscriber.—I should be glad to know the lowest Terms they would deliver them at. (7w) REZIN ROWLES.

LOST, on Monday last, between the Town-Gate, and Mr. Carrall’s Quarter, a very small black DOG, of the Spaniel kind, answers to the Name of BASTO.—Whoever will bring him to Charles Carrall’s, Esquire, in Annapolis, may receive ONE DOLLAR Reward. January 19, 1769.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Frederick-Town, Maryland, on the 9th of October 1767, an indented Servant Man, named JOHN QUIN, an Irishman, and says he was born in Dublin. He is about 5 Feet 5 Inches high, has some Scars in his Face, is a Shoemaker by Trade, and very much given to Liquor and Company. He has been several Years in this Country, and has resided both in Pennsylvania, and the Jerseys. I bought him from one William Blair, Shoemaker, living at Carlyle, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Whoever takes up, or secures said Servant, so as the Subscriber may have him again, shall receive a Reward of THIRTY SHILLINGS, from (4w) JOSEPH BURNESTON.

N. B. I am informed he was at Work with Mr. Hyde, in Annapolis, about Two or Three Weeks ago. December 12, 1768.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living near Piff-cataway, an indented Servant Man, named THOMAS CORESHIL, by Trade a Stone-Mason, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, is well set, and turns his Toes in when he walks.—He had on, when he went away, an Osnabrig Shirt, and a new light-coloured Kersey Coat and Breeches, with flat Metal Buttons. Whoever secures the said CORESHIL, so that he may be had again, shall receive a Reward of TWENTY SHILLINGS, besides what the Law allows, paid by (4w) WILLIAM DIGGEO.

January 29, 1769.

RAN away from the Subscriber, and from his Bail, a certain ROBERT SWAN, who serv’d his Time with Thomas Rutland, near the City of Annapolis, and is a stout well-set Fellow: Had on and took with him, a light coloured Kersey Jacket, Osnabrig Shirt, and a Pair of Half-Boots, almost new: His other Clothes uncertain. Whoever takes up the said ROBERT SWAN, and brings him to the Sheriff of Baltimore County, or to the Subscriber, living in Baltimore-Town, shall receive FORTY SHILLINGS Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by JOHN DEAVER.

THERE is in Frederick County Jail, taken up as a Runaway, upon the 7th Day of November last, a Negro Man, named PETER, a tall slender Fellow, who says he ran away from a Ship, but can give no distinct Account of himself: Likewise taken up and committed the 19th Day of January, a Servant Man, named RICHARD FLOOD, who says he belongs to RICHARD MURPHY, in Baltimore County.

The Owners are desired to take them away, and pay Charges. (3w) NORMAND BRUCE, Sheriff.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the Subscriber, living near Anti-Estem Furnace, in Frederick County, Maryland, on the 10th Day of June last, a Chefnut sorrel HORSE, about Six Years old, 14 Hands high, a natural Pacer, branded on the near Buttock with AB joined together, has a white Spot on the Right Ear, a small white Spot on the Upper Lip, and had a Ten Shilling Bell on, mark’d LG encompass’d with Dots.—Whoever takes up said HORSE, and brings him to the Subscriber, shall have THREE POUNDS Reward, paid by LODOWICK KETTEY. September 17, 1768.

THERE is at the Plantation of Joseph Howard, on South-River, taken up as Strays, the Five following Cattle, viz. Two red and white Heifers, with a Crop in each Right Year; One black and white ditto, with a Crop in the Right, and a Hole in the Left; a small black Yearling, with a Crop in the Right, and a Hole in the Left; and a small red Heifer, with a Crop, and a Nick in each Ear. The Owner or Owners may have them again, on proving Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of William Wells, near Baltimore-Town, taken up as Strays, viz. Two Steers, and Two Heifers. The Owner or Owners may have them again, on proving Property, and paying Charges.

TAKEN up by Joseph Osborn, living in Baltimore-Town, a large young sorrel MARE, with a blaze Face, dock’d, but not branded. The Owner may have her again, on proving Property, and paying Charges.

To be sold, pursuant to the last Testament of the Hon. Benjamin Talbot, of the Province of Maryland, deceased, on Wednesday the 1st Day of March, 1769, if fair, if not, the next fair Day, at Public Sale,

THE House and Plantation, called BELLAIR, (lying in Prince-George’s County, in Maryland, formerly the Property and Residence of the late Governor Ogle, deceased,) also about 21 SLAVES, all the Stock, Household and Kitchen Furniture, Plows, Tools, &c. there.—This Estate contains about 2177 Acres, including a Quantity of mowable Meadow, and a large Portion of arable Land, which is well inclosed, and Wheat was sown last Autumn on Part of it. Its Situation is healthful, and distant about 16 Miles from Annapolis, 12 from the Town of Bladenburg, and 6 from Queen-Anne. The Mansion-House, and Office, near it, are Two Stories, built of Brick; the latter, about 40 Feet square, and the former, 60 by 35 Feet. The Orchards, Garden, Stables, Barns, &c. also contribute to make this Seat very pleasing and commodious. It is proposed that the Purchaser, or Purchasers, who shall buy to the Amount of 50 l. Sterling (or for any greater Sum) may pass his, or their Bonds, with approved Security for the same, to the acting Trustees, or their Agents, who will attend at the Time and Place aforesaid.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

Elk-Ridge Furnace, Jan. 7, 1769. RAN away from the Subscriber, a Convict Servant Man, named Thomas Hughes, about 35 Years of Age, near 5 Feet 5 Inches high; has short brown Hair, Hazel Eyes, and his Nose turns up at the End: He has a mild Way of Address, and often looks down, when spoken to. It is pretty certain that he lately broke into the Store of Mr. French, at Elk-Ridge Landings, and took thence about Sixty Pounds Cash, consisting of Gold and Silver, chiefly Half-Johannes’s and Pieces of Eight: He has also taken with him a light-coloured broad Cloth Coat, a new Pair of Buckskin Breeches, and sundry other Cloaths, not certainly known. He ran away last Spring, and was taken up in Pennsylvania, and confined for some Time in Chester Jail, where he called himself Thomas Steelman: He is a good Carpenter and Joiner, and a very handy Fellow. Whoever apprehends the said Runaway, and brings him home, shall have, if taken in the Province, Five Pounds; and, if out of the Province, Ten Pounds Reward, paid by (5w) CALEB DORSEY.

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