

January 31, 1770.

P R O P O S A L S

For PUBLISHING by SUBSCRIPTION,

All the POETICAL WRITINGS, and some other PIECES, of the

Reverend NATHANIEL EVANS, A. M.

Late Missionary in Gloucester County, New-Jersey.

JUST ARRIVED, from LONDON, THE Snow-Friendly Adventure, Captain William Snow, with One Hundred and Eight Free-Willers, or Redemptioners, Men and Women, and Eight Indented Servants. Amongst the Redemptioners, there are Seven Shoemakers, Four Weavers, Three Sawyers, One Brickmaker, Five Farmers, Two Bakers, Six Tailors, Ten Carpenters and Joiners, Two Barbers and Perukemakers, One Stone-Mason, Three Bricklayers, One Plasterer, a Silver-smith, a Gunsmith, a Gun-Stockmaker, and several other useful Tradesmen. Amongst the Indented Servants, are Two Carpenters, a Tailor, a Shoemaker, &c.

The Redemptioners, besides paying for some necessaries furnished them, are subject to the Payment of Ten Pounds Sterling, for their Passage, which is to be paid, or secured to be paid, to the Subscribers, in Bills of Exchange, or current Money, at the Rate of Four Shillings and Sixpence Sterling per Dollar, before they leave the Vessel. Their Times are now disposing of, on board said Snow, lying at Annapolis, where she will continue for Ten Days from this Date. JAMES DICK & STEWART.

To be sold at public Vendue, on Tuesday the 13th of February,

A HOUSE and LOT, containing Two Acres of Land, in London Town. The Sale to be on the Premises. For Title enquire of Mr. Stephen West, at Upper-Marlbrough, Mrs. Anne Caton, at London-Town, or the Subscriber in Annapolis. MICHAEL MANTLE.

To be sold, at Public Vendue, on Saturday the 3d of March next, on the Premises,

ABOUT Eighty Years of a Lease for 128 Acres of LAND, with an accustomed Public-House, now in the Tenure of Mr. Thomas Howitt, subject to Twelve Shillings and Sixpence Sterling per Ann. Rent, situate in Baltimore County, Maryland, in the Fork of a great Road, about 10 Miles from Bush River Landing, and is deemed very good Land. There are several Improvements on said Land, such as Houses, Orchards, Meadows, &c. Attendance will be given at 12 o'Clock said Day. Also will be sold 120 Acres of Patent Land, in the County aforesaid, about 3 Miles from Susquabanna River, and 5 from Swan Creek Landing, all Wood Land. For Terms apply to Mr. John Latim, near the said Land, or the Subscriber in Baltimore-Town. (w3) MARK ALEXANDER.

WHEREAS there is an Act of Assembly, enabling the Vestrymen and Church-Wardens of Christ Church Parish, in Calvert County, to build a new Church; therefore all those who are willing to contract for the same, are desired to bring in Plans on the 5th Day of March next, if fair; if not, the next fair Day; when they propose to meet at their Vestry-House, to agree for the building of said Church. It is imagined that 60 Feet by 40 Feet in the Clear, with Galleries, will be sufficient. Signed per Order, (w5) JOHN TURNER, Register.

WHEREAS Francis Philips, of Kingsbury Furnace, in Baltimore County, by his Advertisement in the Maryland Gazette, dated the 30th of December last past, mentions that I have offered for Sale, a Tract of Land, called Sberedine's Bottom, in which he says, to prevent an Imposition on others, and trouble to himself, he takes Leave to inform, that much the greater Part of said Land is included within the Lines of an elder Survey, made by the Principia Company, the Truth of which Matter any Person may be satisfied by applying to him. The Tract of Land called Sberedine's Bottom, contains One Hundred and Fifty Acres, and was conveyed to me from James Cary, under a Deed, with a General Warranty from Thomas Sberedine, on which I have made a Re-survey, and added a Quantity of vacant Land thereto adjoining. Fifty Acres, Part of the original Tract, or such of the Vacancy added, I have sold to a certain David Mumma, of Lancaster County; which Quantity, and no more, I am advised, by good Council, is clearly my Property; and as for the Remaining Part I have never offered for Sale to any Person, nor do I intend to dispose of it; and would advise Mr. Philips to confine himself to Truth in any future Matter he may put in, Print, as it is false as he asserts that I offered the Tract for Sale; and also, that Sberedine's Bottom, or the greater Part of it is included within the Lines of an elder Survey, made by the Principia Company, as no Survey was made by that Company for many Years after the Date of the Grant for Sberedine's Bottom. (w3) ROBERT LONG.

Imported, in the Industry, Captain GAZCO, AN OIL FLOOR CLOTH, about Sixteen Feet Square, plain painted. I can discover no Mark on it, nor do I know by whom, or for whom it was shipped. Any Person that can show he has a Right to it, may have it, by applying to the Subscriber, and paying the Charge of this Advertisement. (w3) THOMAS CONTEB.

P R E F A C E

"POETRY (says he) has been accounted the most Peculiar of all the liberal Arts: And it is the only One in the Circle of Literature, which a Man of common Capacity cannot, by meer Dist of constant Application, become a Master. The most exalted Poets-Writers that ever graced the learned World, have rendered themselves liable to ridicule in their Addresses to the Muses. The great Cicero, not less famous for the Elegance of his Style, than for his Universal Knowledge, was a remarkable Instance of the Truth of this Observation. And the Wonder ceases, if what a celebrated Critic says, be true; to wit—That to constitute a POET, is required an Elevation of Soul, that depends not only on Art or Study, but must also BE THE GIFT OF HEAVEN." I say, if this be the Case, the Riddle is immediately expounded, and we are not at a loss to assign a Reason why some (comparatively speaking) illiterate Men, have been the sublimest Poets of the Age they lived in.—It is not strange, therefore, that those whom Nature has thus distinguished, should be looked on as a Kind of Prodiges in the World. For according to Horace, it is not a trifling Power they are endued with—

meum qui Pectus in aniter angit, Irritat; molest, falsis terribibus impit, Ut MAGUS. Lib. 1. Epit. 1.

There is a pleasing Je ne sai quoi in the Productions of Poetic Genius, which is easier felt than described. It is the Voice of Nature in the POET, operating like a Charm on the Soul of the Reader. It is the marvellous Conception, the noble Wildness; the lofty Sentiments, the Fire and Enthusiasm of Spirit, the living Imagery, the exquisite Choice of Words, the Variety, the Sweetness, the Majesty of Numbers, and the irresistible magic of Expression. The Poet's Writer may, indeed, warm his Reader with a serene and steady Fire: He may keep up his Attention with the Energetic, the flowing Period. But the Poet's it is, to wrap him in a Flame—to dissolve him, as it were, in his own rapturous Blaze! The POET's it is, to hurry him out of himself, with the same Velocity as though he were really mounted on a winged Pegasus. It is his, to lift him up to Heaven, or plunge him into the Gloom of Tartarus.—It is his, to unveil to him the Secrets of the Deep, or exhibit to his Mind all the Novelty of this varied World—to carry him back into the Darkness of Antiquity, or waft him forwards into the vast Sea of Futurity—and finally, to inspire him with the Patriotic Glow, or fire his Soul with the heavenly Ideas of MORAL BEAUTY and all the varied Passions of Love, Fear, Terror, Compassion, &c. &c. Such is the Genuine Poet, when improved by the Precepts of Art; and the Works of such have been the continual Delight of Mankind, as they afford the sublimest intellectual Enjoyment. With such, to tread the flowing Fields of Imagination, and gather the rich Fruits of Knowledge, is Happiness indeed! But it is rare that such natural Geniuses are seen to arrive at this envied Height! Some black Obstacles still clog their Wings, and retards their Progress.—Frequently those to whom Nature has been so bountiful, have not Leisure to attend the Cultivation of their Talents—frequently, like the Rose in the Wilderness, they just bloom and wither away in obscurity; and sometimes, alas! the Iron Hand of DEATH cuts them suddenly off, as their Beauties are just budding forth into Existence, and leaves but the PALE PRODIGES OF FUTURE EXCELLENCIES. Farther his Pen went not.—What a dreadful Blank closes this Sentence, and how truly Prophetic of his own Fate? He died in his TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR. If I had not the Original in his own Hand to produce, I should be afraid to publish this Preface as his; lest it should be suspected to have been written after the Event. How far his Poems will answer the Idea he had formed of Poetic Emigence, must be left for the World to judge.—Many of them are Fragments and unfinished; but all are sufficiently characteristic of his own correct Taste and native Genius.—He was my PUPIL.

The Sentence is truly rich and Poetic in itself, it is the Influence of the Author's just Conception and Feeling of true Poetic Genius and Enthusiasm.

and truly dear and affectionate to me in his whole Demour. The Task he has left me to perform, is a mournful one; but shall be executed with Fidelity. The Profits of the WORK (if any) after defraying the Expences of the Publication, are to be for the Use of his disconsolate Parents, who in him have lost the Prop and Comfort of their old Age—their ONLY SON and CHILD!

The Work will be published in a neat Octavo, Price FIVE SHILLINGS bound, the Half to be paid at Subscription, and the other on Delivery of the Book. The Subscribers Names to be prefixed. PHILADELPHIA, WILLIAM SMITH, Jan. 15, 1770.

N. B. Subscriptions to be taken in by all the Episcopal Clergy in Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, New-York and Maryland, and by the different Publishers of the News-Papers in the said Provinces.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

LOST from the Ship JENIFER, JAMES BARTHOLOMEW, Master, on the 28th of Nov. 1769, an ANCHOR and CABLE. It lies on a Bank, E. N. E. about One League distant from the Taviers Islands, and Three Leagues W. S. W. from Point-Lect Out. Any Person who will deliver the same to Messieurs James Dick and Stewart, at Annapolis, or to the Subscriber, at Baltimore-Town, shall receive the above Reward. ROBERT CHRISTIE, Jan.

TAKEN up admit by the Subscriber, at the Mouth of Fishing-Creek, near Herring-Bay, in Anne-Arundel County, a large Schooner BOAT, which appears to have been a Ferry-Boat: She is painted of a blue Colour in the Stern Seats, and has a Deck as far as the Foremast. The Owner may have again, on proving Property and paying Charges. JOHN BIRCKHEAD, Jun.

She has lately had a Coat of Turpentine on her Bottom.

RUN away from on board the Snow-Friendly Adventure, whereof I am Commander, and now lying at Annapolis, the following Persons, who came Passengers in said Snow, liable to a certain Redemption, as specified in their several Agreements, viz. John Goodwin, Edward Murphy, Edward Long, James McCarty, and William Nings: They are gone towards Baltimore, and pretend that they have complied with their Engagements to me, which not being the Case, they are still answerable for the same; and, I'm informed, by the Laws of this Province, may be taken and secured, as if they were Indented Servants, until they comply with their Engagements. I therefore promise a Reward of Twenty Shillings Currency for each of the abovementioned Persons, besides what the Law allows, to have them, or any of them secured in any public Jail in Maryland, or brought to me at Annapolis, where the Reward will be paid by Messieurs James Dick and Stewart; or, if secured in any Jail, and the abovementioned Gentlemen being acquainted therewith, the Reward will be duly paid.

WILLIAM SNOW. John Goodwin, about 5 Feet 7 Inches high, a brown Complexion, wears his own Hair, and wore a white Jacket and Trowsers. Edward Murphy, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, a dark Complexion, wears a brown Coat and Waistcoat, a Native of Ireland. Edward Long, about 5 Feet 7 and an Half Inches high, a dark Complexion, wore a white Coat turned up with blue. James McCarty, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, a brown Complexion, wore a blue Coat and red Waistcoat, a Native of Ireland. William Nings, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, wore a brown Coat and Waistcoat, and a Wig, a Native of England.

STOLEN from the Subscriber, on the 19th Day of December last, a sorrel HORSE, about 13 Hands-Three Inches high, has a flaxen Mane and Tail, and is branded on the off Buttock, S, has a Star and Snip, paces, trots, and gallops. Whoever will deliver said Horse to the Subscriber, in Prince-George's County, near the Eastern Branch Ferry, shall receive Twenty Shillings Currency, for their Trouble. JAMES TANNEHILL, Jun.

A LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office, at Upper-Marlbrough, Jan. 21, 1770.

MAJOR ADDISON, Eastern Branch. B. John Burrett, Anne-Arundel County. Captain George Barnes, Potomack. Andrew Baillie, Nanjemoy. C. Charles Carroll, Esq; Duddington. Edward Cole, Maryland. Benjamin Cooper, Bricklayer. George Cheake, Potomack. D. Robert Darnall, Prince-George's. Jonathan Davis, Maryland. William Digges, Son of John. F. James Fotheringham, St. Mary's County. G. Stephen Gough, St. Mary's County. H. Mr. Littlejohn, St. Mary's County. I. Captain Hugh McNeale, of the Ship Darbyshire. R. John Ribby, on board the Ship Darbyshire. V. Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Upper-Marlbrough. W. Anne Wade, at Mr. Thomas Addison's. William White, on board the Dawson.

W A N T E D.

A PERSON who understands something of Accounts, writes a tolerable good Hand, and can be well recommended for his Sobriety and Honesty. Such a one may hear of Employment, by enquiring of the Printers hereof.

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