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WITHIN THE PROVINCE
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MARYLAND.

TOGETHER
With plain and sufficient Directions for Testators to
form, and Executors to perform their Wills and
Testaments; for Administrators to complete their
Administration, and for every Person any Way
concerned in deceased Persons Estates, to pro-
ceed therein with safety to themselves and others,

ELIE VALLETTE,
Register of the PREROGATIVE COURT, of the PROVINCE
aforesaid.

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House; Messrs. Williams and Co. and Mr. M'Hard,
at the Dock; Mr. Cornelius Garretson, Mr. Robert
Johnson, and at the Printing Office.

For an Illustration of the Contents, the Preface
is here inserted.

PREFACE.

The following Sheets, written principally with
the View of introducing a general Uniformity in
the Proceedings of Deputy Commissaries, and of
settling Executors and Administrators in the Per-
formance of their Duties, are submitted to the
Candour of the Publick. I flatter myself they con-
tain Informations which may be serviceable to ma-
ny, and that such, as do not need my Instructions,
will not censure my Endeavours to assist those, who
do.

In my Office of Register, which I have executed
for Eight Years past with Application and Diligence,
I may be permitted to say, that I have
gained some Knowledge at least of the interior and
practical Part of the Business I have undertaken to
explain, and it is upon this Experience I have ad-
blattered to appear in print. There are very few
persons, who are not in some Respect, concerned in
the Management of the Estates of deceased Persons,
their Creditors, Executors, Administrators, Legatees,
and Relations, or in what they have to leave, as well as
in claim, and I may presume to observe, that very
few have not frequent Occasion for Advice in these
affairs, and therefore my undertaking cannot
be extensively useful, unless the Execution of it
be extremely defective.

In order that the Reader may have a general Idea,
of what he is to meet with in the following Treatise,
I will observe, that it begins with pointing out the
Duties, and Function of Deputy Commissaries, in
receiving various Cases of Administration, in receiving
chirographs, and examining and passing Accounts,
work then proceeds—2dly, On the Subject of Wills
and Testaments—3dly, Of Legacies—
and 4thly, Of Descent—5thly, Of Distribution—
6thly, Concerning the Office of Executors and Ad-
ministrators—7thly, The Appointment and Duty
of Guardians, in the Management of the Estates of
Orphans—8thly, Concerning Rules of Office re-
specting only Deputy Commissaries—9thly and
10thly, An Appendix comprehending as well such
precedents as are occasionally referred to in the
Treatise, as other Process issuable out of the Prero-
gative Office, and a general Index to the Whole.

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COMMITTED to my Custody as a Runaway,
a certain James Clarke, who says he belongs to
James Martin, on Kent-Island; he had a Collar
round his Neck, and his left Hand is much deformed;
he crossed the Bay in a Yawl with Two other
Persons. His Master is requested to take him away
and pay Charges.

WILLIAM NOKE,
Sheriff of Anne-Arundel County.
By Virtue of a Deed of Trust from Captain William
Richardson, for the Benefit of his Creditors,
To be sold on Wednesday the 4th of August next, by pub-
lick Sale, at the House of Mrs. Chilton, in Balti-
more-Town,

THAT valuable and well known Tract of Land
called Colrain, said to contain near 800
Acres, though only patented for 602 Acres. There
are about 100 Acres cleared, being the poorest Part
of the Land, whereon is built, a framed Dwelling-
House, 30 by 20 Feet, with Brick Chimnies, hav-
ing Two Rooms below and Three above, a Kitchen,
Meat-House, Milk-House on a Spring, Hen House,
Corn-House, Stables and Barn, and an exceeding
good Apple Orchard, about 40 Acres of Meadow
are cleared, and under middling Fence; Part
whereof is embanked Marsh, the Rest white Oak
Bottom, and upwards of 100 Acres more may be
made. This Land abounds with Locust, Maple,
Hickory, red and white Oak, and is conveniently
situated in Baltimore County, upon Bush River, 4
Miles from Bush-Town and Joppa, and 22 from Bal-
timore-Town. There is a good Fishery, particularly
of Herrings in the Season, and plenty of wild Fowl.
It is supposed to contain plenty of Iron Ore, from
the Appearances, is convenient to many Furnaces,
and hath a good Landing. Twelve Months Credit
will be given to the Purchaser, and if any inclinable
to purchase privately, they may know the Terms,
by applying to Mr. James Christie, Merchant, in
Baltimore-Town; and Capt. William Richardson will
attend on the Premises to show the Land.

February 18, 1773.
I HEREBY give Notice to the Owners of all the
Tobacco put into the Warehouse at Elk-Ridge
Landing, preceding the Year One Thousand Seven
Hundred and Seventy-Two, (and now remaining
there) to take away the same, otherwise I shall dis-
pose of it at the next March Court for the Benefit of
the Owners.

PATRICK MACGILL.
Annapolis, February 23, 1773.
Imported last September, in the Nelly Frigate, Arch-
Greig, Master, from London,

ONE Cask of Merchandize, marked A B Glass,
No. 7, and left with R. Coates: Also left on the
Wharf about same Time, One Piece and One Bar-
rel of Goods, which lay exposed there for several
Days, (without Mark or Number) and were since
taken care of by Isaac M'Hard, and found to be
Slate. The Owner or Owners of the above Goods
may have the same delivered to them, on proving
their Property and paying Charges.

December 16, 1772.
THE Lower Ferry on Patapsco River, which I
have had an Allowance from Anne-Arundel
County this Twenty-five Years past for keeping the
same, is now kept by James Kello; and as the Pub-
lick may think I have declined keeping Boats, I
take this Method to inform them, that I still have
Two good Boats going as usual, and hope that all
my old Friends and Acquaintance in the Out Coun-
ties will favour me with their Custom.

FLORA DORSEY.
February 3, 1773.
COMMITTED to the Jail of Charles County, on
the 2d Inst. as a Runaway, a Negro Man,
who calls himself HARRY, and says he belongs to
William Clark Compton, living in Nangemoy, but
that he ran away from Joseph Courts, in Virginia,
with whom he lived; he appears to be a young Fel-
low, and is about Five Feet Eight Inches high:
Has on, an old Osnabrig Shirt, and a new one over
it; a gold Sagathy Jacket, old Surtout Coat, and a
Pair of very ragged black Everlasting Breeches, good
Yarn Stockings, Shoes and Steel Buckles.
The Owner is desired to take him away and pay
Charges, to

WILLIAM HANSON, deputy Sheriff.
October 10, 1772.

TO BE SOLD,
ABOUT 800 Acres of good Land, in Five Plan-
tations, in St. Mary's County; on one of the
Plantations, situate on the River Patowmack, there
is a Brick House in good Order, 2 Stories high,
with 4 Rooms and a large Passage on a Floor, with
Office-Houses, &c. Also, about 800 Acres in Vir-
ginia, viz. 499 near the Town of Dumfries, 194
near the Great Falls of Patowmack, 92 upon Ceasar
Run, and the Remainder of a Tract of Land in
Fauquier County, patented to the Rev. Lawrence De
Butts. Proposals for the Whole, or any Part of the
above recited Lands will be received, and an indis-
putable Title made to the Purchaser, by

JOHN DEBUTTS.

THERE is at the Plantation of Thomas Reynolds,
near the Head of Elk, Cecil County, a dark
brown Stray Mare, Seven Years old next Spring, a
bright Star in her Forehead, neither Brand nor
Earmark that can be observed, trots, paces, and
gallops. The Owner may have her again, proving
Property and paying Charges.

Baltimore, January 8, 1773.
ALL Persons having any just Claim against the
Estate of Col. Charles Ridgely, deceased, are
desired to send in their Accounts properly proved,
and such as are indebted to the said Estate, are
hereby required to come and pay to prevent Expence
to themselves, and Trouble to
Executors.

CHARLES RIDGELY,
DANIEL CHAMBERLAIN,
WILLIAM GOODWIN,
Richmond, James River, Virginia, Jan. 1773.
To be SOLD by the Subscriber,
THAT valuable Tract of Land, called Moccok's
Island, lying within a Mile of the Mouth of the
Chickabomony River, One Mile from James River, a
Quarter of a Mile above Barrat's Ferry, and within
Ten Miles of the City of Williamsburg; it contains Six
Hundred Acres of the highest, driest, and richest
Marsh in this Colony, in its present State during the
Spring and Summer Months; it will afford graz-
ing for above One Thousand Head of Cattle.

In the Marsh are Three Islands; the eastern or
low Island, contains about One Hundred and Fifty
Acres of rich high Land, has Two good Springs upon
it, a Barn, Two Negro Quarters, and an Overseer's
House; a Quarter of a Mile distant is middle or High
Island, containing about Forty Acres, Half a Mile dis-
tant lies westernmost Island, containing Three or Four
Acres; and they are so situated that the banking in
the Marsh is rendered very easy: The eastern and
northern Parts of these Islands are divided from the
main Land by a Branch of the River, no more than
Thirty Yards broad, and the southern and western
Parts are divided by the main Body of Chickabomony,
about Three Hundred Yards broad. Upon this River is
Navigation for Forty Miles for Vessels of Four Thou-
sand Bushels; the Branch dividing the Island from the
main Land, is esteemed the best towing and fishing in
this Colony. Opposite Low or Great Island, there are
on the Continent, One Hundred and odd Acres well
timbered Land belonging to this Plantation, pleasantly
situated and over-looking the whole Island. This Land
runs from the Branch about Half a Mile across the
main Road leading from the Ferry to Williamsburg, so
that the Distance from Town is not above Nine Miles;
common Tides cover no Part of the Marsh; spring
Tides, with continued North East Wind cover the
greatest Part of it, with Four Inches Water, but the
best Criterion of the Tides over-flowing it, is taken
from the remarkable great Gulf on Friday the 8th of
Sept. 1769, which spread over a great Part of America,
and then there were only Seven Inches Water in the
said Marsh. Any Person purchasing this Island, may
have the Stock and Utensils upon reasonable Terms.

PATRICK COUTTS.
Purchasers to apply to Messrs. James Dick and
Stewart.

Elk-Ridge, December 29, 1772.
WHEREAS Mr. Caleb Dorsey, late of Anne-
Arundel County, deceased, did by his last
will and Testament, bearing Date the 14th Day of
March last past, order and direct sundry Lands to be
sold, viz. a Tract or Parcel of Land, called Caleb's
Delight Enlarged; also a Tract, called Timber-Ridge,
and Part of a Tract, called The Mill Frog, all ad-
joining and lying in Frederick County, near Simp-
son's Tavern, about Thirty Miles from Elk-Ridge
Landing, and contains about Two Thousand Four
Hundred Acres. The said Land is well adapted to
farming, and will be sold on the 29th Day of June
next, in small Parcels, or in any Manner that may
best suit the Purchasers;—Also Two Thirds of about
Seven Thousand Acres of Land, lying in Anne-
Arundel County, on Curtis's-Creek, about Seven
Miles from Baltimore-Town, on which is a Furnace,
a good Dwelling-House, and sundry Out-Houses,
with a good Grist-Mill, and Saw-Mill: The Land
is well timbered, and the Water navigable, within
Fifty Yards of the Furnace Door, and will be expos-
ed to sale on the 20th Day of July following. The
Terms will be made known on the Days of Sale, by

MICHAEL PUB, Executor,
MILCAH DORSEY,
ELEANOR DORSEY, } Executors.

All Persons having just Claims against the
Estate, are desired to bring them in legally proved,
and those who are indebted to the Estate, are desired
to make immediate Payment to Two or more of the
Executors only.

ALL Persons who have any Demands against the
Estate of Richard Thomas, late of Cecil County,
deceased, are desired to send them properly al-
tested; and those who are indebted to said Estate,
are desired to pay off their respective Balances with-
out further Notice, to

SAMUEL THOMAS, } Administrators.
THOMAS HUGHES, }

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