

POETS CORNER.

TO THE PRINTER.

Frederick Town, November 3, 1773.

Many pieces have lately been published in your paper, and all with a malicious intent—please, by way of change, to insert this—it is good-natured as a dog, and will hurt nobody, as it contains only the whinings of a poor, simple, loathsome swain.

B. H.

WHY did I leave my cheerful home,  
Where peace and safety dwelt—  
Since forth I foolish went to roam,  
Alas! what have I felt!

Oh! Corydon, now may'st thou mourn,  
And wail thy hapless fate,  
Curse the black day that thou wast born,  
And beat thy silly pate—

From this secure and calm retreat,  
The muses lov'd abode,  
What demon could thy fancy cheat  
To join the mad'ning croud!

My heart was like a summer sea,  
Unruffled by the breeze,  
For all around was harmony,  
And all within was peace;

No fiercer passion vex'd my rest,  
No turbulent desire,  
Pure love of science warm'd my breast  
With mud and temp'rate fire.

But now with burning passion tost,  
In vain I seek repose;  
Sweet peace is gone! for ever lost,  
Till death my griefs shall close—

To idle shows I idler ran,  
The race, the ball, the play;  
What ill there lurk for thoughtless man,  
Tho' all seems smiling, gay!

For there the fair Maria's form  
My roving eye survey'd;  
Such beauty might an Hermit warm,  
Did he behold the maid—

But not those charms my soul ensnare,  
My fancy thus is chain'd;  
Mere outside of the brightest fair  
On me would shine in vain—

The just proportion of a face,  
The colour of a skin,  
A shape, an air, a studied grace,  
A vulgar soul may win—

See with what majesty she walks,  
That motion speaks her mind;  
Or hear her when she gaily talks,  
Or when with sense refin'd,

Then glides the poison thro' my veins,  
Without ardently I gaze;  
But, when she pours the melting strains,  
I'm lost in sweet amaze—

Cease, cease, fond youth, to paint the charms,  
For which thou fight'st in vain,  
Devoted to another's arms  
She little heeds thy pain—

With sudden rage I'm lost on fire,  
My rival to destroy—  
Gods! with some means my thoughts inspire,  
To blast thy hated joy—

But let not envy, baleful fiend,  
With venom taint thy mind,  
The happy man was once thy friend,  
And still his heart is kind.

Let those, whom kindred souls unite,  
Enjoy the blissful state,  
And revel in the full delight,  
Their mutual loves create—

And tho' the fullest cup of woe  
And bitterness is thine,  
Let not unmanly wailings shew  
Thy griefs, but secret pine.—

Baltimore, October 27, 1773.

To be sold by publick vendue, on Tuesday the 23d day of November next, at the late dwelling plantation of Henry Dorsey, son of Caleb,

ABOUT thirty head of cattle, some sheep, horses, household furniture, and sundry other articles. All persons indebted to the estate of the said Henry Dorsey, are desired to make immediate payment; and all those who have any claims, to bring them in properly proved, to

Wm. GOODWIN, Administrator.

Annapolis, October 22, 1773.

THE SUBSCRIBER takes this method to inform the ladies and gentlemen of this city, that he intends opening school on Monday the 8th day of November, in the house next door below Mr. Francis Fairbrother's, near the dock, where he purposes teaching the English language grammatically, writing various sorts of hands, arithmetic in all its branches, book-keeping in the Italian manner, the elements of algebra, geometry and trigonometry, with their applications to measuring, surveying, and navigation.

And as he has for several years past, been honoured with the care and tuition of a considerable number of respectable pupils, considers himself under the greatest obligation to the publick of this polite metropolis, and therefore solicits the favour of their acceptance of this publick and grateful acknowledgement, and as he is determined that the most minute opportunity of promoting the success of his pupils shall not be neglected, and that decorum and assiduity shall be observed, presumes his present and useful undertaking will merit general attention and encouragement, and that his faithful endeavours will gain esteem and approbation, and thereby promote his felicity, which will be center'd in a conscientious discharge of his duty.

I am, with reverence and respect,

The publick's most obliged,

And most humble servant,

THOMAS BALL.

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Anne-Arundel county, October 18, 1773.

To be sold at publick sale, on Saturday the 27th day of November next, if fair, if not, the next fair day, for sterling money, bills of exchange, or current money at an exchange to be agreed on at the day of sale,

A VALUABLE plantation, containing 211 acres, 40 of which is meadow, about 10 of salt marsh, 50 of wood land, and the rest very good for wheat or tobacco. Great part of this land is very level, and has within the few years been greatly improved by mud hauled out of the creeks at low tides and laid on it, which is easily done; the place being nearly surrounded by water. There are good landings all round the land, and plenty of oysters, fish and wild fowl. A clear title will be made to the purchaser, on payment of the money, or long credit for one half if required. I would advise any person inclinable to purchase, to view the land before the day of sale, as some pains has been taken to prejudice the sale, by sundry persons, with a view to purchase it at a low price. The whole is under good fence, and lies on Rhode river, within seven miles of Annapolis. Nathaniel Waters who lives on the premises will shew the land to any one on application, and inform them of any particulars relative to the land.

To be sold by publick vendue, on Thursday the 25th day of November next, at Dorsey's forge, near Elk-Ridge Landing,

SEVERAL negroes, white servants, horses, cattle, waggons, carts, some household furniture, and sundry other articles, belonging to the estate of Mr. Caleb Dorsey, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased; among the negroes are two forgers, a blacksmith, and a lad who has worked some years with the blacksmith. The sale to begin at twelve o'clock, when the terms will be made known by

Oct. 22, 1773.

SAMUEL DORSEY,  
MICHAEL PUE,  
W. GOODWIN,  
ELEANOR DORSEY.

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St. Mary's county, October 18, 1773.

To be sold for ready money and good London bills, on Tuesday the 14th day of December next, at the late dwelling plantation of Mr. John Francis Taney, deceased, near Cole's creek, on Patuxent river,

A PARCEL of very likely country born slaves, consisting of men, women, boys and girls, some of which are from three to nine and ten years old. The sale to begin at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and to continue two, three, or four days, by

ELIZA TANEY, Administratrix,  
N. LEWIS SEWALL, Administrator.

August 18, 1773.

RAN away from the subscriber, near Elk Ridge church, the 8th inst. an English convict servant, named Edmund Nunn, about 5 feet 8 inches high, 21 years of age, well made, fair complexion, gray eyes, wears his hair, one of his teeth stands further forward than the others: had on when he went away, an osnabrig shirt, roll trousers, felt hat, and coarse new shoes: he pretends to know the duties of a sailor, may have changed his name, and forged or otherwise fraudulently obtained a pass.—Whoever takes up and secures said servant, so that he may be had again, shall have if 30 miles from home, three pounds, if out of the province five pounds (including what the law allows) and reasonable charges if brought home.

THOMAS SAPPINGTON.

THE subscriber having lately purchased a tract of land, nearer and more convenient to him will sell or rent on reasonable terms, several adjoining tracts of land, which form one very complete body of 1800 acres, lying on the head of Red Lion and Beaver Dam branches in Queen Anne's county, convenient to church and mill, within 3 miles of the head of Chester river, where there is a constant cash market for every kind of grain, seven miles from tobacco warehouse on the said river, and 22 miles from a landing on Delaware bay. These lands extend to a place known by the name of the Beaver Dam Causeway, a very publick situation for any kind of business, there being from thence main roads leading to Chester-Town, Head of Chester, Dover, and Hopper's mill, formerly Dockery's. They are capable of great improvement, and much having been already done in that way, they would be immediately profitable either to tenant or purchaser, and having full 300 acres of fine meadow grounds that may be drained at a small expence, and some of which are already well improved, a plenty of fine timber, and all the advantages of raising stock that an excellent range can afford, it is almost unnecessary to point out the future value of them to the publick, who are well acquainted with the continuing rise of landed property. They will be disposed of together or in parcels, as will best suit purchasers or tenants, and if other terms can be agreed on, purchasers may have a long day of payment on paying interest. Those who may incline to buy or rent, will please apply to

THOMAS RINGGOLD.

I want as a clerk, to whom I will give good wages, a person who writes a good hand, understands book-keeping, and can be well recommended for his honesty and diligent attention to business.

RAN away the 2d of October 1773, from the subscriber, living in Prince-George's county, not far from Magruder's warehouse, a mulatto fellow called Lin, about 21 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, has been accustomed to wear his hair tied behind in a cue or club, he has a down look, speaks pretty good English, has a scar or depression on his forehead, occasioned by a blow, it is situated so high above his eyebrows that it may be easily covered with his hat; a small piece has been taken out of the grizzly part of one of his ears by the bite of a horse: he took with him and may be supposed to wear, a blue duffel coat without lining, trimmed with basket buttons, a striped silk jacket, a pair of drilling and a pair of buckskin breeches. Whoever secures the said fellow so that the owner may get him again, shall receive three pounds reward, besides what the law allows.

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JAMES PRITMAN.

THE Land-office issue warrants as formerly, and all persons who have made application for warrants or any kind of business in that office, are desired to apply, that they may not lose the benefit of such application.

Signed per order,

WILLIAM STEUART, C. L. O.

JUST IMPORTED, In the Molly and Betsey, Captain Nicholson, from London, and to be sold, by the subscribers, at their store on the dock, in Annapolis, on very reasonable terms, for cash or short credit.

A NEAT and general assortment of European and East-India goods.

WALLACE DAVIDSON and JOHNSON

AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

THOSE gentlemen and ladies, who incline to encourage the publication of the Royal American Magazine, are hereby informed, that the subscription papers will be returned to the intended publisher in a few days, in order that he may ascertain the number subscribed for. Subscriptions are taken in by the printers hereof.

N. B. The introduction to the Royal American Magazine (or number I. to be ornamented with two elegant copper-plate prints) will be published on the first day of January next.

THREE POUNDS REWARD.

October 10, 1773.

RAN away from the subscriber, living near Annapolis, an Irish indentured servant, named James Garland, about 18 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, pretty well made, has short brown hair, fresh complexion, but now pale, having had fevers for some time, and is pock marked: had on, a felt hat, searought jacket, and osnabrig shirt and trousers.

Whoever takes up and secures the said servant, so that his master gets him again, shall receive, if taken 10 miles from home, forty shillings current; and if out of the province, the above reward, paid by

BRICE T. B. WORTHINGTON.