

of commons of England, which must evidently be the number of placemen, and the influence of crown in parliament.

Because it seems to us unconstitutional to vest power in his majesty's representative, the lord mayor of Ireland, of ascertaining annually, by proportion, the price of paper and other materials, shall be issued from the stamp-office, since a viceroicer may hereafter set his own price upon them.

Because we conceive that this act, so far as it tends to invade, and to abridge the liberty of the press, that great and necessary outwork of our constitutional rights, which we ought to maintain against all invasion with the most caution, as upon its security most ultimately depends the very existence of our excellent constitution.

Because finally we must consider this as a tax upon the justice, the property, and the commerce of the country, as a fund for pensions, and a provision of system of venality improved by a late viceroicer, the necessity sequel of a man which we must ever view with the utmost detestation.

A correspondent observes, that he never had a better idea of a star chamber proceeding till the 15th month at the hearing of a certain American case. It was then that shameful scene was repeated to him, in which a brutal crown lawyer was engaged to abuse with the utmost rancour and malignity the amiable and illustrious Sir Walter Raleigh.

Dr. Franklin, we hear, has since his fracture the ministry, voluntarily resigned his American salary: nobly declining to receive the wages of his constituents, a day longer than he found himself in a city to do them any essential service.

Howard, Esq; was on Wednesday last appointed one of the surveyors general of the customs in the room of John Temple, Esq;

Mr. Temple, who fought a duel some time with Mr Whately, is dismissed, by command of his majesty, from the employment which he held in Africa.

The Industry, Nicolls, from London to Annapolis, is ashore on the island of Sheepy, and full water.

The present grand feignior, it is said, proposes to settle the differences between the Porte and Russia by mediation of Great-Britain.

This day the house of commons resolved into a committee of the whole house, to consider an act made in the 23d year of the late king, intituled, "An act for extending and improving the trade to Africa; and to take into consideration an account of names of all the freemen of the company of merchants trading to Africa, who have been admitted to freedom within the city of London, with their respective addition and places of abode, and the date of the admission of such of them as have been admitted since the 1st of Jan. 1760.

Barre's picture of the usual method of voting in election trials, is at once ludicrous and melancholy. See men pouring in just at the nick of time, like hired slaves, to earn their daily bread, some coming from drunkenness, others running from lurking holes, and all, at least the most part of them, ignorant of the merits of the cause upon which they decide, must give us a sad prospect of corruption, when we consider what at Hotentots we been, and may be again represented.

Jennings's motive relative to American affairs postponed till to-morrow.

The ship Buchanan, of Greenock, Capt. James Brady, from New-York to Bourdeaux. Laden with barrels of flour, was lost on the 22d of January Bourdeaux; the whole crew perished, 1800 barrels of the flour were saved.

Several farmers and artificers from the north riding of Yorkshire, and the south part of the county of Durham are preparing to embark for North-America.

By the last Holland mail advice was received of a dreadful fire at Geneva, by which the great church, with many other public and private buildings, have been destroyed.

The following is his majesty's answer which Hinchinbroke reported to the house of commons their congratulatory address on the birth of the prince.

His majesty returns thanks to the house of commons for this instance of their affectionate attachment to him and his family.

Yesterday the lord mayor, attended by the city aldermen and other officers, proceeded from Guildhall, accompanied by aldermen Crosby, Esdaile, Hopkins, Thomas, Plomer, Rawlinson, Peckham, and joined the Charing-Cross by alderman Plume, with the two sheriffs, to St. James's, to present the following congratulatory address to his majesty on the safe delivery of the queen, and the birth of another prince.

To the KING's most excellent majesty. The humble address of the lord mayor, aldermen and commons of the city of London.

"Most gracious sovereign,

"WE your majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the lord mayor, aldermen, and commons of your ancient city of London, in common council assembled, beg leave to approach your sacred person with our warmest congratulations on the happy delivery of our most excellent queen, and the auspicious birth of another prince.

"With gratitude to the divine goodness we behold the increase of your majesty's domestic felicity, and give a more permanent security to the civil and religious liberties of your people."

"They were all received very graciously, and had the honour of kissing the king's hand; and his majesty was pleased to confer the honour of knighthood on Walter Rawlinson, Esq; alderman of Dowgate ward.

Extract of a letter from Worcester.

"We have succeeded once in setting aside a ministerial member for this city, on account of bribery and corruption, which we reckon a great point carried for constitutional liberty. We hope now to try another point with the enemies to our country, and prevent the interposition of any lord of parliament, or any lord lieutenant of any county, concerning themselves in the election of members to serve for the commons in parliament; for while it rests only in a resolution of the house of commons, that this is a high infringement of their liberties and privileges. We are not sufficiently secured from the power and influence of the aristocracy. This seems to be the only point wanting to render constitutional liberty in this country complete.

ANNAPOLIS, May 12. CUSTOM-HOUSE ENTERED.

Ship Sidney, Thomas Drysdale, from Genoa. Ship Neptune, George Leyburn, from Grenada. Ship Kitty and Nelly, James Buchanan, from London.

CLEARED. Schooner Horton, John Allen, for Alicant. Sloop Sally, William Martin, for Philadelphia. Sloop Ranger, Henry Morgan, for Antigua.

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THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, Passed November Session, 1773.

To be sold on the premises, to the highest bidder, on Monday the 20th of June next,

A TRACT or parcel of land called Spredboxes Forest, containing one hundred acres, lying in Prince George's county, about nine miles from Bladensburg, and about four miles from Mess. Snowden's works; whereon are a new dwelling house 24 feet square, three tobacco-houses, corn house, milk house, and sundry other out houses, a very good apple orchard containing upwards of two hundred fine bearing trees, a small peach orchard, and many other fruit trees. The land lays level and is fit either for planting or farming; the plantation is in very good repair.

Baltimore, May 9, 1774. To be sold, on Wednesday the third day of August next, by public sale, at the house of Mrs. Sarah Chilton, in Baltimore-Town,

THAT valuable tract of land called Colrain, formerly belonging to capt. William Richardson, purchased for 602 acres, but said to contain more; whereon are built a framed dwelling house 30 feet by 20, with brick chimnies, two rooms below, three above, with a kitchen, meat house, milk house, hen house, corn-house, stable and barn, and a good apple orchard. There are about 40 acres of meadow ground 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, is conveniently situated in Harford county, upon Bush river, four miles from Bush and Joppa, and 22 from Baltimore-Town. There is a good herring fishery, and plenty of wild fowl on it, and said to contain iron ore, being convenient to many furnaces and a good landing. Twelve months credit will be given to the purchaser, who, if he inclines to make a private bargain, may apply to James Christie, jun. merchant in Baltimore-Town, and capt. William Richardson, who now lives on the premises, will shew the land.

Prince-George's county, April 28, 1774. To be let to the lowest bidder,

THE building an assembly room of wood near the free-school, 50 feet by 24, 10 feet pitch and eaved. Any person willing to undertake the said building is desired to attend at Queen-Anne, on the 26th day of May, in order to give in their proposals to ADDISON MURDOCK, BENJAMIN HALL, son of FRANCIS, EDWARD HALL, son of HENRY, HUMPHRY BELT, RICHARD DUCKETT, jun. THOMAS SPRIGG, jun. THOMAS DUCKETT.

DORCHESTER COUNTY, CAMBRIDGE RACES.

ON Thursday the 9th day of June next will be run for, a give and take purse of 50 pounds common money, free for any horse, mare, or gelding; on the following terms, viz: Aged horses 14 hands high to carry 9 stone, allowing 7 lb. for every year under age, and 7 lb. for every inch under 14 hands, but for every inch above 14 hands to carry 7 lb. extraordinary; heats 2 miles each.

On Friday the 10th will be run for, whatever may be subscribed more than the above 50 pounds, and the entrance money of the first day; free for any horse, mare, or gelding, carrying 9 stone; heats 2 miles each.

The horses the first day to enter at the house of Mr. John Manning in Cambridge, on Wednesday the 8th Day of June. Entrance to non-subscribers 3 pounds, to subscribers 1 guinea. Those for the second day to enter on Thursday afternoon, between the hours of 4 and 8. Entrance 30 shillings each. To start each day precisely at 11 o'clock, and to allow 15 minutes between each heat. There will be judges appointed to determine all disputes that may arise.

NOTICE is hereby given, if capt. John Poley living, who married Miss Elizabeth Adair, in the year 1769, and will apply to me the subscriber, living in Charles-Town, South Carolina, he will hear of something greatly to his advantage. If capt. Poley should be dead, and has any children living, it would be kind of their friends to apply as soon as possible to take care of the estate left capt. Poley and children. Given under my hand at Charles Town, this 10th day of February, 1774.

JONATHAN WADDLE.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG and WILLIAM HOWARD take this method to inform their friends and the public in general that they now carry on the tallow chandlery and soap boiling business, in all their different branches, at their house in East-street, near the market; where those who may be pleased to favour them with their custom may depend on their punctuality. They flatter themselves, that the quality of their goods, and easy terms, will sufficiently recommend them to the notice and favour of the public.

N. B. Common dipp'd candles, by the box eleven pence halfpenny, ditto, under thirty weight, one shilling per pound; mold candles, fourteen pence by the box, ditto by the single pound fifteen pence. Hard soap by the pound nine pence, soft ditto by the gallon one shilling. Cash for tallow and myrtle wax.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 20th of March last, a negro man named Ralph, is short and well made, has a scar over his right eye in form of a cross, occasioned by cutting out a wen; had on when he went away, an old fear-nought jacket and an abrig shirt. Whoever takes up the said slave, and brings him to me, living near Zekiah old Bridge in Charles county, shall receive a reward of forty shillings common currency if taken out of Charles county, and three pounds if taken forty miles from home, and if taken in Charles county twenty shillings besides what the law allows.

IGNATIUS GERARD BOARMAN. FIVE POUNDS REWARD,

DRIFTED away last week from the landing of the subscriber, living on the western side of the head of Chesapeake Bay, two miles below the mouth of Sufquehanna, a large fishing boat, about 18 feet keel, with four oars in her, and a platform on her stern, on which was a new seine (except a few fathoms on each wing) about 65 fathom long, the lead and cork lines are old, and spliced in several places, the floats are made of cypress; in said boat were near 300 fathom of tarred rope new last season, she had a long painter or head rope with a pig of iron for an anchor, but it is uncertain whether it was put out or not. Whoever takes up said boat, seine, and ropes, and delivers them or gives information of them to the subscriber, so that he may get them again, shall receive the above reward.

JACOB GILES, jun. Annapolis, May 10, 1774.

TAKEN up in the creek near where the subscriber lives (where she has lain sunk about three months) an old clinch-work boat about twelve feet keel, has had a white bottom, has a ring bolt in her stem and one in her stern post, she has a hole in her bottom and one of her planks broke in her stern, and other ways greatly out of repair. Whoever owns the said boat may have her again, on proving property and paying charges, by applying to

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH. THERE is at the plantation of Elisha Warfield, on Elk-Ridge, a black horse, about 23 hands and a half high, has no perceivable brand, and appears to be very old. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

JUST PUBLISHED, And ready to be delivered to the subscribers, neatly bound, at the respective places where they were subscribed for,

THE DEPUTY COMMISSARY'S GUIDE;

AT which places, non-subscribers may also be supplied with a few remaining books, at the same price of 12s. 6d. ready bound.

BY THE COMMISSARY GENERAL,

Having perused Mr. Vallette's collection, entitled "The Deputy Commissary's Guide," and approving of the regulations therein made with regard to the proceedings of the prerogative office; I do hereby recommend to the several deputy commissaries within this province, to govern their future official proceedings agreeable thereto; to administer and take the several oaths and probats therein prescribed, where they are applicable, and to make use of the form of bonds and letters of administration contained in that collection.

WILLIAM FITZTHUGH.

Annapolis, May 9, 1774.

THE commissioners of the loan office in this province, entitled "An act for emitting bills of credit, and applying part thereof;" they will open their office in order to let out upon loan the said bills of credit to the inhabitants of the several counties, agreeable to the directions of the said act, on Monday the 6th day of June next, that is to say Dollars.

To the inhabitants of Baltimore county 35,200 Part of which is, by subsequent acts of assembly, appropriated For the use of the inhabitants of Harford county, 11,733 1/2 For the use of the poor in Baltimore county, 10,666 2/3 For repairing the roads in said county, 10,666 2/3 33,066 1/2

Remains 2,133 1/2 To the inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, 23,733 1/2 Appropriated by the act for repairing the roads, 2000 21,733 1/2

To the inhabitants of Frederick county, 34,933 1/2 Appropriated by the abovementioned act, 8000 26,933 1/2

To the inhabitants of Prince George's county, 21,333 1/2 Charles county, 20 000 Calvert county, 9,333 1/2 Saint Mary's county, 16 000 Queen Anne's county, 19 200 Dorchester county, 18 333 1/2 Worcester county, 14 933 1/2 Somerset county, 14 400 Kent county, 14,133 1/2 Talbot county, 23,333 1/2 Cecil county, 11,200

May 1, 1774. THE trustees appointed by law for Charlotte Hall, are requested to meet at the Cool Springs on Monday the twenty-third instant, by 12 o'clock. 3 w

Baltimore, April 27, 1774. Having obtained letters testamentary on the estate of the late Philip Weatherall, of Talbot county; do request all persons indebted to the said estate, to apply for a settlement of their accounts, and discharge the same to Mr. George Gleave of Talbot county; and those indebted for dealings at his late store in Frederick town, Cecil county, are desired to apply to Messrs. Williamson and Luby, in Frederick town; who are empowered to settle and receive all balances due to the estate, by THOMAS PLACE, Administrator.

To be sold at George Town upon Patowmack, for cash, bills of exchange, or country produce, ABOUT 1800 cots of goods, which may be had a bargain for ready pay, or at a low advance on credit; the purchasers to give bond with security if required. Apply to Mr. Thomas Contee, merchant at Nottingham, or to Mr. William Deakins, jun. at George Town, who will shew the goods. w 4

May 3, 1774. JUST IMPORTED, In the brig Letitia, from London, and to be sold by the subscribers, at their store on the Dock, MENS and womens leather shoes, womens callimanco shoes, childrens red morocco ditto; mens and womens thread, cotton, and silk hose; a few pieces of taste, thread edging, seines and seine twine; sail cloth, small cordage, old red port; porter, Cheshire and Gloucester cheese; double and single refined loaf sugar, green coffee, and bohea tea; hair powder, fented and plain; painter's colours, &c. 3 w THOMAS C. WILLIAMS, and Co.

Calvert county, April 16, 1774. To be sold at public sale, on Monday the 30th of May next, on the premises, if not before at private sale; the two following tracts of land adjoining, either separate or together, as will best suit, being in the aforesaid county, on the branches of Battle Creek; one called St. James, which by patent contains three hundred acres, some of the land in dispute, which I think can easily be cleared up, whereon is a new dwelling house, 24 by 16, covered with three feet shingles, and a wood chimney neatly turned off; a new tobacco-house, 32 by 24 very good, and an orchard of young apple-trees, containing about 100.

The other called Horse Range, containing about 180 acres, whereon are orchards of apple and peaches; a good dwelling house, 20 by 24, with two rooms and a wood chimney, a kitchen and tobacco-house; the above lands will rent for 4000 wt of inspected tobacco yearly, a parcel of very good wood land belonging to the aforesaid tracts.

Likewise will be sold in the same manner on Wednesday following, either by lots, or the whole, as will best suit, the plantation where I lately dwelled lying on St. Leonard's Creek, near the mouth of the said creek; the several tracts or parcels of land, containing by certificate 734 acres, but is thought to contain much more; convenient for fish and oysters, whereon are several tenements; a good meadow ready fenced, and a great quantity more may be easily made, about 4000 bearing fruit-trees, some of them every sort; a dwelling house with five rooms and cellar, two brick chimnies and fire places; a good barn, and about 8000 tobacco hills around it, level and good; good kitchen and quarter, and many other convenient houses. Mr. Francis Hutchings, a tenant on one of the tracts on branches of Battle-Creek, will shew the lands; and Mr. Daniel Rawlings, jun. a near neighbour, will shew the lands on St. Leonard's Creek; and will treat with any person or persons, for part, or the whole of the lands for sale. JOHN MACKALL.