

a list of propositions, which, he said, appeared to him to be contained in the bill, among which are—

That a state of slavery is better than a state of freedom.

That the Popish religion is better than the Protestant. That juries are unnecessary, and therefore to be dissolved.

That monopolies are useful to trade. That French laws and commercial regulations are preferable to English.

And that the constitution, which our ancestors had framed, with so much wisdom, and established at the expense of so much blood and treasure, is to be destroyed by their wiser sons.

A messenger was last night sent off with some instructions to the British ambassador at Madrid, concerning the affairs of Cuba-Island. While some magnify this matter as likely to prove a bone of contention, others, with more reason, think it will terminate amicably.

Whitehall, June 9. The king has been pleased to appoint Thomas Oliver, Esq; to be lieutenant governor of the province of Massachusetts-Bay, in America, in the room of Andrew Oliver, Esq; deceased.

By advices from Corsica it appears, that a plot had been formed to cut off all the French in that island, on Ascension-day, which probably would have taken place, but that it was discovered by a young girl, a native of Corsica, anxious for the preservation of her lover, a Frenchman.

June 10. Yesterday there was a grand levee at St. James's and also a privy council, said to be in consequence of dispatches received from Boston, Sir Jeffrey Amherst attended, and had a long conference with his majesty. Lord Viscount Devereux was presented to his majesty on account of his late marriage; and this day his lordship and his new married lady will be presented to the queen on the said occasion.

All officers belonging to the regiments in the West-India islands, who are absent upon furlow, are ordered to join their respective corps immediately.

NEW-YORK, August 15.

The Indians were greatly alarmed at the sudden death of Sir William Johnson, baronet, during the late congress, and proposed sending alarming belts through all the nations; but Colonel Guy Johnson, his deputy, re-assumed business with them immediately after the interment, and has since been appointed to the superintendency of the Indian department, by his excellency the commander in chief, till the king's pleasure is known, at which the Indians expressed great satisfaction, and the congress terminated with their sending chiefs from each nation, to use their utmost endeavours for restoring tranquillity to the southward.

The first infant a pilot belonging to Philadelphia, spoke with Capt. Morris, in a sloop from this port for Maryland, who informed him, that the evening before he saw a fire bottom up, about ten miles off Barnagat, but the wind blowing hard, and a high sea running, he could not stay by her.

ANNAPOLIS, August 25.

TO THE PUBLIC.

NOTHING could have induced me to appear in print, but to vindicate my character, which has been attacked by a set of men, who, in the character of wits, endeavour to rob me of that blessing which is not in their power to bestow. The letters which were wrote by those murderers of fame, in the name of a lady to me, are so well known, that I need not take the time to set them forth. On the receipt of the first letter, I took it in its proper light, as a deception, which made me communicate it to two of the clerks of the commissary's office, whom I conjured by every mark of friendship to inform me if I was deceived; but they solemnly declared they were ignorant of the affair. What confidence then can be placed in the word of man, when those very persons encouraged me in the pursuit, and, when it came to be known, were the first to rejoice in my misfortunes? What merit can there be in raising a man's hopes to the highest pitch, and then in an unfeeling manner to dash him down to the utmost distress? if this is the duty that one individual owes to another, what are to be thought of those virtues which make "an honest man the noblest work of God?" But where are those applauses they expected to receive, by endeavouring to make a fool of a man at the expence of a lady's character? they have found themselves greatly mistaken, none but those of the same depraved principles having countenanced their villainous proceedings; and all they can say in their behalf is, that my company was disagreeable to them, and that I am a fool: as to the former, was there no other method but that of making it public? Had they given the least hint that my company was not agreeable, I must have been a mean-wretch not to have kept a proper distance; but with all their rancour they cannot asperse me with asuming above my station, or being of any expence to them: as to the latter, I ask those pupils of Solomon, whether a man can be accountable for his folly? Is it not as difficult to reverse the order of nature, as for a fool to conduct his ideas and manners to a proper course of logic, and act according to the dictates of right reason? therefore, if they were possessed of any commiseration for the sufferings of a fellow-creature, they ought rather to pity than condemn me for my folly. They want to make the public think the letters were intended to be thou ht to come from another person, and not from Miss —, of which, from the clearest circumstances, I can convince any person who enquires of lies concerning the affair; but I solemnly declare, that if I made mention of any thing that was not true, it was not to gratify my pride, or to serve any private end, but to shield the lady's character from a censorious world. In short, I will shelter myself under the laws of the country I am in, and shall think myself happy in endeavouring to keep myself from infringing on the smallest article of them; and as to my character, I commit it to the impartiality of the public to judge of me as I deserve. I cannot conclude, without mentioning the principal persons concerned in the foregoing affair,

viz. Mess. Edgelow and Jacobs, the one under the same predicament with myself, the other a married man. In short, all that were concerned are beneath the notice of any person of sense, as they ought to be of the public's most humble servant,

JACOB BRICE.

CUSTOM-HOUSE.

ENTERED.

Schooner Fanny, Purnell Johnson, from Antigua. Sloop Fanny, Jacob Johnson, from St. Christopher's. Schooner John, Simon Alderson, from North Carolina.

CLEARED.

NOTICE.

Just published, and to be sold at the Printing-office,

THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE LAST SESSION OF ASSEMBLY.

JUST PUBLISHED, And to be sold by William Aikman, bookseller and stationer, Annapolis.

QUINCY'S observations on the Boston port-bill; with thoughts on civil society and standing armies, price 1s. 8d. Likewise,

JULIE GRANVILLE, or the history of the human heart, 2 vols. by Mr. Brooke, price 10s. It is recommended by the monthly reviewers as a novel of genius and uncommon merit, abounding with sentiments of the most refined kind, animated with the love of virtue.

Red and white port wines of the best quality to be sold at W. A.'s shop, at 35 s. per dozen cash; where may be had gratis, catalogues of a large assortment of books lately imported.

August 17, 1774.

To be sold, on Tuesday the 13th day of September next, at Broad-Creek ferry, Kent Island,

ALL the estate of the late Samuel Tull, of which he there died seized, consisting of household furniture, several negroes, two servant men and one servant woman, several horses, some black cattle, and a few sheep, with many other things too tedious to insert here. The conditions will be made known at the time of sale.—All persons indebted to the above estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber, or to Mr. James Hutchings, jun. who is empowered to receive the debts due to the estate. Those persons having claims against the above estate, are requested to have them sent in, legally proved, in order that they may be adjusted.

MARY TULL, executrix.

Annapolis, August 17, 1774.

MARKING instruments, by which either initials, names at length, or a versu, are impressed on silk, muslin, linen, woollen, leather, paper, or vellum, much more neat and expeditious than can possibly be done either with the pen or needle; the impression of which, when perfectly dry, is as durable as the materials whereon it is affixed, as has already been experienced by many hundred families. Compleat sets, in neat mahogany cases with locks, from ten shillings to one guinea, to be sold by William Aikman, stationer in Church-street.

THE subscribers hereby give notice, that they intend to meet at the vestry room near the church in All-Saints parish in Calvert county, on Tuesday the fourth day of October next, by eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to treat and agree with any person or persons who will undertake to build, and in a workmanlike manner compleat and finish a new parish church, near the ground where the old church now stands. If the weather should prove rainy on the day abovementioned, then we will meet the next fair day.

THOMAS JOHN CLAGETT, EDWARD GANTT, THOMAS REYNOLDS, CHARLES GRAHAME, WILLIAM IRELAND.

THREE POUNDS REWARD.

STOLE from Brinkley's Island, in Kent county on Delaware, a bright bay horse, 13 or 14 hands high, trimmed, with a standing mane, a white streak in his face, and his left hind foot white, a natural trotter, three years old last June, and likely to run well: the person who rode him had on a lightish coloured cloth coat, black stuff jacket, black velvet breeches torn at the knee with a buckle, a fur hat with a ribbon for a band and silver buckle before, wears his own black hair generally cued, a dark complexion, a down look, and likes liquor very well. Whoever takes up and secures the said horse, so that the owner may recover him, shall be entitled to the above reward, per me,

JAMES HATFIELD.

RAN away from the Sea-Flower, capt. Thomas Smith, commander, an indentured servant man called Owen Riley, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, round visaged, wears his own black hair thin before and generally tied behind, has been formerly a marine, and has been lately seen on board the boats or flats of the ship Chance, capt. Campbell, and calls himself Williams. Whoever takes up and secures the said servant, or brings him to me, shall receive two dollars reward over and above what the law allows.

E. JOHNSON.

THERE are at the plantation of Philip Hammond son of Philip, a fray dark bay mare and a bright bay colt; the mare is about 12 hands high, branded on the near shoulder something like the letters TB, marked with sundry saddle-spots on both sides of her back, and appears to be about 15 or 16 years old; the colt is neither cut nor broke, is 3 years old next grass, has a small star on his forehead, and is neither docked nor branded. The owner may have them again on proving property and paying charges.

THERE is at the plantation of William Pool, a fray bay gelding, about 12 hands and a half high, a natural pacer, has a star on his forehead, two hind feet white, is branded on the near shoulder IW, on the near buttock ET, appears to be about 6 or 7 years old, and has a bell on marked IW on one side. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

Frederickburg, August 2, 1774.

AT the last meeting of the jockey club the races at this place in October next were fixed, and are as follow, viz.

On Tuesday the 4th, the jockey club plate of one hundred guineas will be run for, free for members of the jockey club only.

On Wednesday the 5th, a give and take purse of fifty pounds, from the jockey club subscription, free for any horse, mare or gelding, on the following terms. Heats four miles. 3 years old to carry 6 st. 12 lb. 4 years old 7 st. 10 lb. 5 years old 8 st. 8 lb. 6 years old 9 st. 6 lb. aged 10 st. Subscribers to the jockey club or town subscriptions to pay one guinea entrance, non-subscribers five pounds.

On Thursday, a purse of fifty pounds, from the town subscription, free for any horse, &c. heats four miles each, weights the same as the jockey club plate; subscribers to pay one guinea entrance, non-subscribers five pounds.

And on Friday, a purse of fifty pounds, from the jockey club and town subscription; heats four miles and weights the same as the first day; subscribers to pay one guinea entrance, non-subscribers five pounds.

Horses, &c. that run for any of the above purses, to be entered with the secretary of the club on the Saturday before the race, and proper certificates then produced of their age, and to start each day at eleven o'clock.

GEORGE WEEDON, Secy.

TO BE LET OR SOLD.

THE subscriber's dwelling-house; near the church, in the city of Annapolis; it is a very commodious tenement, with seven rooms, four of which have fire places; there is a good kitchen and cellar, a pump in the yard, and sufficient garden ground paved in. Any one intending to buy or rent the same, will please to apply to

ELIE VALLETTE

To be sold at public vendue, according to the last will and testament of John Ducker, deceased, on the 24th day of September next, at the house of Mr. Joshua Watts,

A VALUABLE tract of land, containing 192 acres, situated where there is a fine range for stock, within 8 miles of Elk-Ridge landing, 2 miles above Douglas's on the Elk-Ridge road, and within 8 miles of Indian landing; the soil is quick, suitable for farming and making tobacco, it lays exceeding level, with good water, it is also well timbered and convenient to a good saw-mill; there are about 20 acres cleared and under a good fence, with a crop of corn and tobacco on it, which may make a person a better judge of the soil; the title is indisputable, and any person inclinable to purchase may view the premises, by applying to Mr. Joshua Watts, living adjoining there.

There are also to be sold the same day, three valuable country born negroes, one a negro woman 20 years of age, suitable to work in the house or on a plantation; one mulatto girl, 16 years of age, used to work in the house; there is also one negro boy, 10 years of age. The terms of sale will be given on the day of sale, which is to begin at eleven o'clock.

CASSANDRA DUCKER, administratrix.

BY virtue of an act of assembly for uniting the schools of St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's, in one, at the Cool Springs, under the name of Charlotte Hall, will be sold to the best bidder, on the premises, that in Charles county, with the land thereunto belonging, containing 200 acres, on Saturday the first day of October next. The situation is beautiful and healthy, commanding a fine prospect of Patowmack river; where the house stands is a high hill, within a mile of Port Tobacco; about 70 acres of the land are low ground, 40 of which are in woods and capable of being reduced into good meadow. Twelve months credit will be given to the purchaser, on giving bond with security.

Falls of Patowmack, August 1, 1774.

On Wednesday the last day of this instant August will be sold at this place, by the subscribers,

TWO lots in the town of Philee, whereon is a good store-house 26 by 25 feet, in which are a very convenient store-room, two accounting rooms with a fire place in each, and a cellar well walled in the whole size of the house; also a good stable with a shed to it. Likewise will be sold a parcel of store goods, &c. about £.150 prime cost; a number of horses, oxen, cattle and hogs, a quantity of household furniture of various kinds, a good ox cart, and sundry other articles too tedious to mention. The terms will be made known on the day of sale, and they will continue to sell as usual by private sale until that day.

THOMPSON & MAGRUDER.

TO BE SOLD.

PART of a tract of land called Upper-Marlborough, containing 736 acres, situated and lying in Baltimore county, on the great road leading from Baltimore-Town to Frederick-Town, and at the distance of 27 Miles from Baltimore-Town. This land has great plenty of timber for building, and is well adapted for tobacco or farming, having a very extensive range, and a great quantity of meadow ground may be made on it; there are two small tenements now under rent; it may be divided or sold together as it may best suit. Two other tracts of land, situated at the Fork of Patapsco main Falls, the one lying partly in Baltimore and partly in Anne-Arundel county, containing 96 acres, and is about 18 miles from Baltimore-Town; this land is very rich, has plenty of timber on it, and affords a very fine mill seat; there is also on it a small tenement that pays ten pounds per year. The other tract is nearly adjoining and contains 30 acres, is very rich and full of fine timber. The title to these lands is indisputable.

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acres, situated in Rappahannock river, extending between a great part of the river and abounds with a quantity of dry land, 200 acres of value claimed. Great quantity with a valuable mill-course running through the tract, which affords gentlemen seats, and down the river and fowl are to be found in possession of from £. 20 to £. 25 to be sold (and possession together or in parcels before the 10th day of the month of June shall be given offered for public Monday in November credit will be all security. The land known to those who an undoubted title more and county.

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