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Annapolis, 22 Feb. 1775.

To Mr. Thomas Ball,

SIR, WE have perused the manuscript copies of your book, called the Pocket Assistant, and think it a work of public utility. From the testimony of the gentleman who examined the copies, we are induced to believe it accurately calculated; we, therefore, with you success in the publication of it, and are

Your very humble servants,

THO. BROOKE HODGKIN, WILLIAM ROOKE, JOHN DAVIDSON, JOHN H. MACCUBBIN, THO. HYDE, THO. GASSAWAY, JUN, JAMES WILLIAMS, WILLIAM WILKINS, JOSEPH WILLIAMS.

To be sold at Belair, in Prince George's county, on Monday the third day of April next,

SEVERAL negro men, women and children, also horses, cows, sheep and other stock; a variety of household furniture, and plantation utensils, being part of the estate which belonged to Col. Tasker. Credit will be given to the purchasers of more than the value of twenty pounds sterling, on their giving bond with security, if required.

Annapolis, March 1, 1775.

To be sold at public vendue, for ready money, at the subscriber's house, on Wednesday the 15th instant, SOME healthy servants, by trade tailors, and for \$4, 5, and 6 years; Likewise sundry kinds of household furniture. N. B. The house to be let. For particulars apply to the subscriber.

January 25, 1775.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, do me directed, will be sold to the highest bidder, on Wednesday the 24th day of March next, at three o'clock in the afternoon,

A LOT of land lying in the city of Annapolis, distinguished by the number 71, on which are a good brick house and other valuable improvements, now in the occupation of Mr. John Ball, innholder. This lot is subject to an incumbrance in the loan-office of £225 sterling. The sale to be on the premises.

WILLIAM NOKE, sheriff.

Annapolis, 23 Feb. 1775.

THE subscriber takes this opportunity to inform the public, that the joint dealings between Mr. Robert Armstrong and him, in the trade of chandlers and soap-boilers, were by mutual consent, before proper witnesses (prior to Mr. Armstrong's leaving this city) dissolved; therefore all persons who have any demands, are hereby desired to bring in their accounts, in order that they may be adjusted; and it is hoped that such persons who are indebted, on account of the said joint dealings, will, without further notice, discharge the same.

W. HOWARD.

I DO hereby forewarn all persons from dragging seals or nets in the Otter pond, of the Seven Mounts.

W. WORTHINGTON.

February 21, 1775.

THE creditors of the Rev. John Macpherson, are desired to meet at Port Tobacco on the 17th day of March next, to receive their dividend of what money (belonging to said Macpherson) may then be in the hands of

GEORGE DENT, JOSIAS HAWKINS, SAMUEL LOVE, Trustees.

THE PENNSYLVANIA MERCURY, AND UNIVERSAL ADVERTISER.

THE subscribers beg leave to inform the public, that from the solicitation and encouragement of several gentlemen of reputation, they have entered into a co-partnership, for the purpose of printing a news-paper, to be published weekly on Saturday, which they engage to do, on the most free and impartial principles, consistent with the strictest secrecy and decorum. Upon those principles; and those only, they have the liberty of requesting the patronage of the public, assuring them that the utmost exertion of their abilities and industry in every particular will be used to make the Pennsylvania Mercury and Universal Advertiser, as improving, instructive, and entertaining as possible. For this purpose they intend giving their readers a relation of the most remarkable and important occurrences, foreign and domestic, collected from the magazines and papers in Europe and America, as well as from other sources, having a particular regard to such matters, as shall most intimately relate to the welfare of the colonies. To communicate advertisements of every kind—the arrival and departure of ships—all interesting marine intelligence—improvements in agriculture, &c. &c. with such ingenious observations as may tend to the entertainment of the public; nor shall a place be wanting for judicious remarks, essays, moral, historical, political, geographical, and poetical of the learned of both sexes, in this and the neighbouring provinces, whose general assistance is earnestly requested, and to whom the paper shall be ever free, and their productions received with gratitude—fully intending to establish a correspondence in Europe, the several colonies in America, and islands in the West-Indies. They hope that all due encouragement will be given to so laudable an undertaking, and therefore wish to prosecute their design, so soon as a number of subscribers are procured sufficient barely to support the expence, relying on the kindness of the public, for further encouragement, as their performance shall appear to deserve it. Those ladies and gentlemen, who may please to favour us with their subscriptions, shall (in the city, district of Southwark, and northern liberties) have their papers handed to them, at their respective houses, or if in the country, forwarded by the first opportunity—nor shall any care be wanting, to transmit them to the most distant customers, with all the expedition possible—the rates of the paper—and advertisements will be the same with those now printed in this city—all advertisements shall be inserted in order as they come in, and shall appear in a fair and conspicuous manner—and as it is our wish, to give the most perfect satisfaction, our best endeavours shall not be wanting to make the paper as complete as possible, nor shall any partial motives, whatsoever, induce us to swerve from the assurances we now give the public. Together with a publication of the Pennsylvania Mercury and Universal Advertiser, we propose carrying on the printing business, in a correct, careful, and diligent manner; and any person that may please to employ us, will be attended to with respect and fidelity.

Subscriptions for the Pennsylvania Mercury, and Universal Advertiser, will be taken in by the publisher, at their respective houses; by Anne Catharine Green, at Annapolis; by Mr. John Airey, at the Post-Office, Philadelphia; and by several other gentlemen in this and the neighbouring colonies; to whom subscription papers will be immediately dispatched for that purpose. We are respectfully the public's Most obedient friends and servants, ENOCH STORY, DANIEL HUMPHREYS, son of Joshua.

FIFTY SHILLINGS REWARD, STRAYED or stolen on the seventh of January last, from the plantation of Mr. Nantley Young, near Gorge-town, a sorrel gelding, about 15 hands high, aged; has a switch tail, a star and narrow blaze on his face, and one hind footlock a little white; his brand, if any not known, he is strong made, paces and moves awkwardly. He was bought about two years ago by Patrick Murray, of Roger's Hart in Conococheague settlement, and is supposed if not stolen, to have strayed that way. Whoever brings him back to the above gentleman's plantation, or to the subscriber's on Patuxent, near Belair, Prince George's county, will be entitled to the above reward, from w 5 JOHN ASHTON.

Baltimore, January 31, 1775. GERMAN osnabrigs, by the piece or bale, and best London bottled wired porter, in casks of six dozen each, to be sold for ready money only, by JAMES CHRISTIE, jun.

Patowmack, February 10, 1775. THE noted horse Regulus, formerly the property of Mr. William Beanes—stands this season at my plantation near Piscataway, at thirty shillings a mare the season, or fifteen shillings a leap. Those gentlemen that choose to send their mares, may depend on their being well taken care of, as I have exceeding good pasturage for them. The money will be expected when the mares are taken away. WILLIAM LYLES, jun.

There is at the plantation of Henry Giles, living near Herring creek meeting, taken up as a stray, a black mare, about 12 hands high, has no perceivable mark about her, and trots. The owner may have her again, on proving his property, and paying charges.

TAKES this method to inform his friends and the public in general, that he has removed his shop from the town-gate, to the house opposite doctor Steuarts, near the Stadt-house, where he carries on the said business in all its various branches, as he has supplied himself with exceeding good workmen from London; as also every article of the best sort to a very great amount, consisting of several sets of the best steel springs, spring curtains for coach and chariot, brass boxes, &c. &c. He has also a very good coach and herald painter, that undertakes painting of coaches, chariots, or chairs, either in cyphers, festoons of flowers, or coats of arms, with varnishing, gilding, or japanning, in the neat and best manner, and at the most reasonable rates; those ladies and gentlemen that chuse to favour him with their custom in any of the above branches, may rest assured, that his constant endeavours shall be to give general satisfaction to those that please to employ him, and the favour greatly acknowledged, by the public's most humble servant, THOMAS PRYSE. N. B. I still continue the saddling and harness-making business as usual, and hope for encouragement from the public; to be sold as above, a quantity of saddlers orraces, and trunks both wigs, &c. &c.

WHEREAS Mr. Gerard Henry Schirr, a native of the city of Hamburg, left London some time in the year 1758, being engaged in the service of Mr. Daniel Wolltenbolmer, then agent for the payment of his majesty's troops at Annapolis, in Maryland; and the said Gerard Henry Schirr, upon arriving at Annapolis, lodged with one Mr. William Clajon, a schoolmaster, living at Annapolis, and afterwards lived with one Mr. John Thompson, then also resident at Annapolis aforesaid. And in the year 1759 he wrote to England, and desired letters to be directed to him, at Mr. John Bullen's, and Mr. Jonas Green's, Postmaster at Annapolis aforesaid. And whereas no letters have been received from the said Gerard Henry Schirr since that time, nor is it known whether he be living or dead; therefore if any person can give information whether the said Gerard Henry Schirr be now living or dead, if living, where now resident, and may be wrote to, or if dead, at what time and place he died, and whether single or married, and if married, whether he left any or how many children, as something may be heard of greatly to his or their advantage, by applying to DANIEL STEPHENSON.

This day is published, by WILLIAM AIKMAN, bookfeller and stationer, Annapolis, in two large volumes, handsomely bound and titled, price 15s. currency.

A NEW VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD, in the years 1763, 1769, 1770, and 1771, undertaken by Capt. James Cook in the ship Endeavour, drawn from his own journal, and from the papers of Joseph Banks, Esq; and published by order of the lords of the admiralty, by JOHN HAWKESWORTH, L. L. D. with cuts, and a map of the whole navigation.—This edition of Cook's voyages contains the whole of the second and third volumes of Hawkesworth's collection of voyages, which was published in London in three volumes, and sold for three guineas.—Where may be had, Poor Will's Almanack for 1775, price 8d. and Father Abraham's pocket Almanack, interleaved with writing paper, price 1s.

SIXTEEN DOLLARS REWARD. WHEREAS a Negro fellow of mine, named Will, is now run away, for having resisted his overseer, by throwing him down, threatening him and striking him sundry times with his fist, it is therefore to be hoped that as he has been guilty of so flagitious a crime that all masters of negroes and servants will encourage the taking of him, by promising them the above reward, which I will pay, either upon his being brought home or his being secured in any goal within this province; it cannot be doubted but all overseers will be vigilant on this occasion; He is about five feet ten inches high, a very stout likely fellow with large full eyes; had on old cotton breeches, new shoes, and yarn stockings, which are of a thread of black and a thread of white, an osnabrig shirt; his other cloaths he left behind. He has an extensive acquaintance in and about Annapolis. There were two more fellows went off at the same time for refusing to assist their overseer, one named Will Jack and the other Sam, had on fearnought jackets, &c. for each of them I will give twenty shillings. ROBERT TYLER.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD. RAN away from the subscriber, living in Chester-town, Kent county, in the province of Maryland, on the 27th day of January last, an indentured servant man, named John Daine, by trade a lawyer and rough carpenter; he is about 5 feet 8 inches high, and wears short light hair, of a fair complexion; round shouldered, and stout when he walks, he speaks something in the west of England dialect. He had on, and took with him, an old claret coloured surtout coat, a home-spun close-bodied light brown ditto, which is much too large for him, a short flannel quilted waistcoat, two osnabrig shirts, a pair of good buckskin breeches, with a pair of plain yellow knes buckles, two pair of yarn stockings, the one pair white, the other brown, and pretty good shoes and these buckles; he can write a pretty good hand, and it is probable he will forge a discharge from Capt. Samuel Nicholson, (to whom he indentured himself) upon the counter part of his indenture. Whoever gives him in any jail so that he may be had again, shall receive the above reward, and if brought home, reasonable charges will be paid, by J. NICHOLSON, jun.

U. SCOTT