

abandoning of the fort by the enemy. We
then possession of it this morning, and found
the stores mentioned in the inclosed list, to wit,
4 of them forty, 1 bayonet, 29 lb des, a 12
cannon, a few shot, some bedding, a part of a
d of rum, 2 or more barrels, the contents un-
but supposed to be rum, 2 barrels or more, a
quarters of beef, half a box of candles, 4 or 5
of quart bottles, 4 or 5 iron pots, a few axes and
more; the spikes, I find, cannot be got out of
mon without drilling.

from the vast effusion of blood on the bridge and
fort, from the accounts of the sentries, who saw
bodies carried out of the fort to be interred, and
circumstances, I conceive their loss to be much
than I thought it yesterday, and the victory to
more. I have received no late information from
of Princes Anne, nor yet fixed on a plan of
wing this advantage. I have dispatched scouting
and from their intelligence shall regulate my
operations.

enclosed is an inventory of the arms, &c. taken
day, to wit: 2 silver mounted fuzees with bayo-
1 steel ditto, without bayonet, 24 well fixed
with bayonets, 6 muskets without bayonets, 8
boxes and pouches, 3 silver mounted carbines,
2 cannon ditto, 26 bayonet belts, 27 caps, 2 hats,
rel with powder and cartridges, 1 silk handker-
with linen in it, 2 watches, each 12s. 6d. 1 pair of
s, 4 stocks and buckles, 1 pair of silver shoe-
les, 3 pair of silver knee buckles, 2 faulx-boxes,
nives, 1 barrel with ball and oakum, 12 coats,
aifcoats, 11 pair of shoes, 12 pair of garters, 1 pair
eeches, 1 shirt, 1 pair of stockings, a parcel of old
buckles, a parcel of old buttons, and 1 black hand-
kerchief.

The arms I shall retain for the use of the army;
other articles I shall dispose of at vendue, and apply
money arising from the sale in such manner as the
commission shall be pleased to direct.

Lieutenant Battin having an inclination to inform
king's troops of the humane treatment he has met
with here, I dispatched ensign Hoome with a flag of
ce, who returned with the enclosed answer from the
commander of the fort, viz.

Captain Liff presents his compliments to Mr. Battin,
returns Colonel Woodford his sincere thanks for his kind
ment of the prisoners. He is happy Mr. Battin's words
to judge, but is extremely sorry for the loss of your
vice.

The unfortunate capt. Foydye was a captain of
grenadiers of the 24th regiment; most of the
were grenadiers of that regiment. As the captain
a gallant and brave officer, I promised to inter-
all the military honours due to his great merit,
ch I hope will meet with the approbation of the
convention.

About 120 Carolina men are arrived under the
command of col. Vail; they are composed of regular
rute-men, militia, and volunteers; and have about
h them 6 cannon. I have received no certifi-
of col. Howe, where he is, what number
ces he commands, how armed and provided,
en or where he intends to join me.

I shall pay a due regard to the reinforcement; pro-
vision, and the establishment of posts. I am just-
ified by Lieut. Battin that a servant of major Blaine's
o was in the party with col. Scott and ordered
orned lord Dunmore that not more than 200
n were here: that imprudent man caught at the
t, and dispatched capt. Leslie with all the regulars,
o arrived at the fort about 4 in the morning.

I have enclosed the honourable the convention a
neral return of the forces under my command, and
list of sick and wounded. It is my wish to re-
ers for what is to be done with the wounded pri-
ners, when able to travel. I recollect nothing more
add at present, than that I am, with great respect,
ur most obedient servant."

ANNAPOLIS, December 28.

the following process of the ingenious Dr. Wesseling
for making crude nitre, which he has successfully
practised, is published by order of the Convention.

TAKE from off the earthen floors of old stables, the
bacco houses, cellars, especially wood cellars, the
near barns where cattle resort, sheep stable, pigeon
and poultry houses, tan yards, slaughter-houses, and
ke, where the rain hath not penetrated, all the cru-
d and other putrescible matter which is no: entirely re-
and dig the earth up a foot deep, more or less, ac-
ording as the spot hath been covered from the rain
onger or shorter time; form the earth thus dug up into
small hills, and leave it to two weeks to the exposure
of the air, if longer it is the better. Provide one or more
right hogheads or tubs, the number according to the
extent of your design; pierce their bottoms with holes
which fit with plugs; on the inside place sticks across
the holes, and over the sticks a large handfull of straw
letting your hogheads or tubs a little way from the
ground, so that small tubs or pans may conveniently be
placed under the tap-holes; fill your hogheads or tubs
with the beforementioned earth, pouring warm water
thereon till the earth is well foamed, and just cover
therewith; let it remain twenty four hours, and then
draw the ley gently off; but if it should appear a
muddy, it must be poured on again till it runs off
clear; this ley is fit for boiling; but as the nitre is
not to be wholly extracted from the earth, again pour
fresh water on the old earth and draw off a second
which afterwards pass through your hogheads or tubs
of fresh earth as directed before: the manner of filling
the hogheads and drawing off the nitrous ley is the same
as in making common ley. Boil the strong nitrous ley
in a copper or iron vessel till two third parts or more
are wasted, taking off the scum as it rises, and laying
in your hogheads of fresh earth. When the two
are wasted by boiling, add about one half of the
remaining third of the ley of wood ashes, which must
previously made and kept ready for the purpose, and
the boiling must be continued till a drop of the ley
let fall and cooled on a cold iron discovers some
fals; then pour or lade the liquor into a wooden tray
large earthen glazed dish, and set it in a cool place
cellar, and after ten or twelve hours standing, the li-
quor being poured off, the crystals will be formed on
the bottom, which are crude saltpetre. If the remain-
ing liquor is still in a sufficient quantity, boil it again
till the above-mentioned token appears, and let it be

fore in the cellar for crystallization: but if the quantity
is small, add it to the next boiling. Lime water will
answer the same purpose as the ley of wood ashes.
Note. Instead of adding the ley of wood ashes, we may
with great propriety mix with the earth, when put into
the hoghead, wood ashes and common lime in layers,
the hoghead, one part wood ashes, and half a part of
five parts earth, and proceed as above without any further addi-
tion of ley. This last method is to be preferred.
G. DUVALL, clerk.

THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY desirous of forward-
ing the intent of the convention in promoting
the manufacture of salt, salt-petre, gunpowder, and fire-
arm, request any persons who are inclined to engage
on liberal encouragement in the manufacture of fire-
arms, or to erect a powder-mill in the neighbourhood
of Baltimore-town, where it will be most beneficial,
or salt, or salt-petre works, that they will send their
proposals in writing to Gabriel Duvall, clerk of the
council of safety, and they shall be attended to and
speedily answered.

Just published, and to be sold at the Printing-Office,
THE
MARYLAND
ALMANACK
AND
EPHEMERIS
For the Year of our Lord 1776.

Charles county, December 10, 1775.
STOLEN from Mrs. Elizabeth Middleton's planta-
tion, on Patowmack, about ten miles below Pif-
cataway, on Wednesday night the 29th ult. a black
horse, 14 hands 3 inches high, a natural pacer, hang-
ing mane, and switch tail, seven years old next spring,
he is a likely strong well made horse, never was brand-
ed, has no white about him, and gallops very well to
ride altho' a natural pacer. Also a white horse, 14
and half hands high, paces, trots and gallops,
hanging mane and switch tail, about 12 or 13 years
old, no perceptible brand that I remember, and re-
markable dull to ride. Whoever apprehends the said
horses, and will bring them to Mrs. E. Middleton's,
shall be paid three pound sterling, or thirty shillings
currency for either.
BEN. DOUGLASS.

TO BE SOLD,
A PLANTATION on Hunting-Ridge, about four
miles from Baltimore-Town, and seven or eight
negroes, and a large stock—there is a good dwelling-
house therein containing six rooms, a stone kitchen, a
negro quarter, a large hay stable, and other out-
houses, two apple orchards and a peach orchard.
For terms and further particulars enquire of the
Printer.

Agreeable to the last will and testament of John Evelt;
deceased, will be sold at public vendue, on the pre-
mises, on Wednesday the 24th day of January next,
THE house in which William Noke now liveth, op-
posite to the prison in the city of Annapolis, with
part of a lot of ground thereunto belonging, for com-
mon current money. The said house and ground is
subject to the widow's thirds. The sale to begin at 12
o'clock.
WILLIAM NOKE,
JONATHAN PINKNEY, } executors.

To be sold by the subscriber, on Tuesday the ninth
day of January next, at the plantation of Elizabeth
Orme, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, near
Snowden's iron works, for sterling or current money,
PART of the estate of the said deceased, consisting
of most sorts of household furniture, a large stock
of horses, sheep, and neat cattle, among which re-
several fine fat steers. Six months credit will be given
for all sums above five pounds, on giving bond and
approved security.
THOMAS SNOWDEN, executor.

I TAKE this method of informing the public, that
I have sold my land at Maryland Point to Daniel
Jenifer, Esq. which will prevent further application.
FRANCIS MEEK.

Charles county, Maryland, Dec. 11, 1775.
WANTED IMMEDIATELY,
PERSON who well understands the fullers buff-
ing. Any one who can come well recommend-
ed, may meet with good encouragement, by applying
to **JAMES WATERS,** near Bryan-Town.

THE subscriber, having now got his mill in excellent
order for grinding and bolting, and having got a
very skilful miller, purposes to grind any kind of grain
for one eighth part thereof. Should any person send
any quantity not less than twenty bushels of any kind
of grain to the Land-of-Ease on South river, or any
other landing on said river convenient, he will immedi-
ately, on notice thereof, cart it to his mill; grind it;
and dispatch the vessel that brings it, with expedition.
As he has been at great pains in erecting his mill to do
good work, hopes to meet with the encouragement of
the people in general.
THOMAS RUTLAND.

Charles county, December 9, 1775.
COMMITTED to my custody as a runaway,
a negro woman by the name of Nan, who
says she belongs to Thomas Orford, living near
the great Falls of Patowmack; she is a hearty well
looking wench, her cloathing an old negro cotton
jacket and pett coat, a white country cloth ditto, and
an old crocus shirt. Her master is desired to pay
charges and take her from **W. HANSON,** sheriff,
Annapolis Constitutional Post-Office.

December 5, 1775.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Northward and
Southward mails arrive at this office every Fri-
day at two o'clock, and return the same day at six
and on every Monday morning a rider leaves this town
for Baltimore, and returns on Tuesday with the Nor-
thward mail.
WILLIAM WHETCROFT, deputy post-master.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Kent
county, Maryland, the 8th of this instant, two
Irish indentured servants, each of which has about three
years to serve, viz.

FRANCIS MANIS, about thirty years of age, a
very stout well made fellow, about five feet ten inches
high, very full faced, short dark hair; had on and
took with him, a good brown broad cloth coat, and
black velvet jacket and breeches, and a pair of black
everlasting breeches, with yellow metal buttons, an
old blue coat with new large sleeves, shirts, shoes and
stockings; his calling a ditcher or brickmaker.

JOHN DELANY, about 26 years of age, five feet
eight inches high, well made, fair skin, ruddy com-
plexion, short brown hair; had on and took with him,
a green jacket made sailor fashion, a purple under
jacket, a white shirt, one or two check shirts, much
worn, a new felt hat, a black silk handkerchief round
his neck, a pair of white kersey breeches, and a pair of
blue serge breeches, one pair of Scotch Kilmarnock,
and one pair of Kendall ribbed hose mixed black and
white, a pair of half worn shoes, and square steel
buckles, he writes a good hand; and they have both
been in different parts of Pennsylvania. Whoever
takes up the aforesaid servants, and secures them so
that the subscriber may have them again, shall receive
ten pounds reward, if taken out of the province, if in
the province, six pounds, or half the above reward for
either, by
RICHARD GRAVES.

TO BE SOLD,

By **THOMAS C. WILLIAMS** and COMP.
At their Store on the Head of the Dock; and
Assortment of dry Goods,
CONSISTING OF

SUPERFINE middling Scarlet cloth cloaks,
Sand coarse broad cloths, Fashionable silk cloaks,
Mild drabs for great hats and bonnets,
coats, Pink, blue and white fat-
Devonshire twill'd kerseys, cin pelongs,
Fine and coarse napt fri- Black and white fattins,
zes, Black a mozeens,
Bath coating and coars- Ell black and white du-
duffs, capes,
Emboss'd and plain flin- Flowered and tobin'd
nells, ditto,
Striped lirsseys, Striped and plain lute-
Fine rattines and Chal- strings,
loons, Ell English Perfians,
Durants and calimancoes, Silver table and tea-spoons,
Manchester velvets and Silver shoe and knee-buck-
velverets, les,
Corderoys, thicksets; suf- Plated pint and 1/2 pint
tians, mugs,
Silk and worsted breeches, Harry 8th best cards,
patt rns, Cotton candle wick.
A good assortment of mens, Mens best shoes and boots,
womens, and boys worst- Seine twine and pack-lines,
ed hose, Scotch and pearl barley,
Mens and boys coarse yar- Split new kegs,
hose, Dutch ovens, iron pots,
A large assortment of mens, Frying pans, spades and
white and colour'd silk shovels,
hose, Best Florence oil, by the
Mens and womens silk case or bottle,
gloves and mitts, A few sets blue and white,
Yard wide Irish linsens, red and white, and ena-
from 2s 6d to 4s coll; mel'd china,
A few pieces of cotton An assort ment of queen's
and calico bed furniture, and glass ware,
A few pieces of cotton A few casks of glass, delf,
chintzes, and white stone ware, to
Marfeilles quilting, be sold by the cask—ma-
Quilted silk petticoats ny other articles too nu-
(lays) dious to mention.

WET GOODS AS USUAL, viz.
Old Maderia wine by qu- dia and continent rum,
calk or gallon; Melasses;
Red and white Lisbon wine Double and single refined
in quarter casks; loaf-sugar;
Sweet mountain and com- Muscovado-sugar, &c. &c.
mon wine by the gallon, which they will sell low,
Best cane spirits; West In- and for cash only.

All persons indebted to Tho: C. Williams and Co.
are desired to call and settle their accounts—those that
are able, it is expected will settle by paying their bal-
ance, and not take advantage of the times, by keep-
ing us out of our money—those that are really not able
to pay, are desired to call and settle their accounts, by
giving bond and security, agreeable to the resolves of
the convention—all who do not comply with this re-
quest in a reasonable time; may depend on being dealt
with agreeable to law; and the resolves of the conven-
tion in such cases provided.
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FOUR DOLLARS REWARD.

WENT away the first instant from the subscriber,
living near Lower-Marlborough, in Calvert
county, an English servant man, named Daniel Slude;
about 5 feet 8 inches high, well made, about 46 years
of age, brown complexion, his hair very lately been
cut off, and the back of his head sore, his thumb and
middle finger of his left hand fresh cut, has a fire heel
which occasions him to limp at times, shews his teeth
much when he talks, and has the North country dia-
lect, by trade a Sawyer, though pretends to be a gar-
dener and weaver; had on and took with him two ef-
nabrig or Russia sheeting shirts, two pair of ofnabrig
trousers, a pair of white serge breeches with metal but-
tons, a new grey fearnought jacket with black horn
buttons, a swankin jacket with black buttons and
bound with black ferret, an old castor hat, a pair of
double soled shoes double vamp'd—I understand he
intends to change his name, and said he never would
own he was a servant, that he intended to travel of
nights to make his escape more secure, and that he in-
tended to Boston to general Gage, who he understood
would protect all servants who came to him: Who-
ever takes up said servant and secures him, so that I
ever get him again, shall have the above reward, including
what the allow; and reasonable charges if brought
home, paid by
WILLIAM ALEIN.

To be sold at public vendue, at the dwelling-house of
John Steele, on Friday 22d instant,
TWO likely negro boys, and sundry household
turniture, for ready cash only. All persons
indebted to the estate of John Steele, late of
the city of Annapolis, deceased, are desired to
make speedy payment; and all persons having
any just claims against the said estate, are desired to
make them known to **JOHN STEELE,** admr.

COMMITTED AS A RUNAWAY,

A NEGRO lad by the name of Jack, appears to be
about 18 or 20 years of age, has a swelling of
lumps on the right side of his neck or throat, is
very hoarse, and says he came from London, to this
province, with one Capt. Lawrence.
ROBERTSON STEVENS, Sheriff.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT of land containing 430 acres, situated
upon Patuxent river, in Prince George's county,
within four miles of Nottingham, and seven of Upper-
Marlborough—150 acres whereof are in woods, 75 in
a valuable marsh, and the whole under inclosure, a
sufficient quantity of low land may be made in adow-
the buildings on this land are well finished and in good
repair—they consist of a brick dwelling-house, 24
feet by 30, with four rooms and a passage below stairs,
and as many above—a kitchen and other con-
venient houses of wood—this tract is well watered and
calculated for raising stock of every kind.
if **THOMAS SIM LEE**

To be sold to the highest bidder, on Saturday the 23d
of December, at the house of Mr. John Ball, in
Annapolis, (for sterling money)

A VALUABLE plantation on the north side of Se-
vern river, in Anne-Arundel county, contain-
ing by estimate 400 acres more or less, with some im-
provements; it lies about seven miles from the city of
Annapolis, and now in the tenure and occupation of
Mr. Jonathan Pinkney. Six months will be given for
payment, on giving bond with good security, and
paying lawful interest thereon.
THOMAS HARWOOD, junr
JOHN BULLEN.

To be sold to the subscriber, on Saturday the 6th
day of January next, to the highest bidder, at the
late dwelling-house of William Carr, near Herring
creek church, for sterling cash or current money,
by virtue of a deed of trust directed by said
Carr,
PART of a tract of land called Jervis, lying and be-
ing in Anne-Arundel county, said to contain one
hundred and eighteen acres of land, with a good dwel-
ling-house, and sundry other convenient out-houses;
and at the same time and place will be sold a likely
country-born negro girl.
STEPHEN STEWARD.

FIFTEEN POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away last night from the subscriber, living
in Baltimore county, Maryland, near Mr. Ro-
bert Cumming's mill, three convict servant men, viz.
Thomas Akister, a Yorkshireman; talks very broad,
and slow spoken, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high; pret-
ty stout made, has a scar on his upper lip, and is pock-
marked; took with him when he went away, an old
felt hat, a small swankin jacket with sleeves, and a
larger outside ditto of brown fuled cloth, three ofna-
brig shirts, two pair of old trousers, one of roll the
other ofnabrigs, and a pair of old shoes with strings.
Harper John Bumstead, an Englishman; quick spo-
ken, about 5 feet 11 inches high, a stout boney man,
of a sandy complexion; pock-marked, broad mouth,
and thick lips; took with him when he went away, an
old castor hat; old furlout coat and red jacket; two
shirts, one of white linen, the other of brown, a pair
of blue cloth breeches; several pair of old worsted
stockings, a pair of old shoes with nails in the heels,
and white mittle pewter buckles.
Henry Cook, an Englishman, about 5 feet 8 or 9 in-
ches high, middling thin visage, smooth face; took
with him when he went away, an old felt hat tarred
and bound round the edge one check and one ofna-
brig shirt, a Russia linen frock much tarred; a pair of
Russia linen trousers much tarred, a pair of coarse
country linen ditto, and a pair of old shoes with large brass
buckles. It is supposed they took with them two strip-
ped dufil blankets. It is probable they will change
their cloaths, alter their names; and will forge passes,
and may have gone off by water. Whoever takes up
said servants, and secures them so as to be masters may
get them again; shall receive if taken up in this county
40 shillings for each; if taken out of the county, and
in the province, three pounds for each; and if out of
the province, the above reward, and reasonable char-
ges if brought home, paid by
BENJAMIN MERRYMAN,
JOHN ORRICK.

To be sold by the subscriber in Annapolis, between
three and four hundred pounds coil of goods, for
cash and charges.

I is earnestly requested of all persons who have
open accounts with me, that they will discharge
the same, and if they cannot comply with this request
I hope they will be so obliging as to settle them by
note or bond, as many of them have been long stand-
ing; it is hoped no person will refuse to close their
accounts at this particular time, with their humble
servant,
THOMAS HYDE.

P. S. I have a large quantity of ready made coarse
shoes and leather for sale, for ready money only.

TO BE SOLD,

TAKEN up at the subscriber's plantation near Mr.
Tootell's, a black fray steer, with both his ears
cut off, without any perceivable mark. The owner
may have him again if he is his property, and
paying charges.
ELIZABETH VALLEITE.
Annapolis, December 6, 1775.

WANTED to purchase for cash, or bills of ex-
change, some young able field negroes, boys and
wenches, from 15 to 25 years of age, enquire of
WILLIAM ROOKE.