r the first day of March next, and where they disband sooner, mmittee of observation for their be by the said committee kept ublic use.

ed effective freeman within this en and fifty years of age, (cler- ions, practising physicians, and cellency the governor excepted) rolled himself in the militia, shall of March next, enroll himself in agreeable to the form of enroll- st Convention, and that every mi- except commissioned officers, shall he militia, within one month next as a minute or artillery-man. nd ive freeman shall refuse or delay militia as aforesaid, every such he present year, which shall be enth day of September last, such s than forty shillings nor more hall be assessed by the committee ounty, for the use of the public. of observation in each respective rant under their hands, appoint rson or persons they shall judge l receive all monies by them so be paid within one month after ent, and in default thereof, the powered, may distrain the goods faulters, and sell and dispose of manner that goods may be dis- for county levies. And every before the first day of July next, collected, after deducting seven for his commission, to the trea- d leave with the same treasurer the names of those from whom same, and the sums from them

who shall refuse and delay to en- on or before the tenth day of to the committee of observation fire arms, if he hath any, except ch person shall refuse or delay to n committee shall empower some warrant under their hands, to , and deliver the same to the said aid committees shall cause all the to their hands to be valued, by men on oath, and shall keep a list n they belong, and their respec- deliver out such arms at their dis- ns of militia in their county, ta- pts therefor, and the captains be- elivery thereof, may deliver the en of their companies; and every tion shall transmit an account of made, as well as of all arms by said, and how they have disposed convention: But because some roll in the militia may be so poor the said assessment of forty shil- ting to enroll may not proceed e cause of America or perverse- at where the real and personal es- eman, who shall refuse or neglect e militia as aforesaid, shall not, in imation of the committee of his e of thirty pounds, the same com- scretion omit to assess any sum of , the same committee certifying ouncil of safety the name of the wherefore they do not assess him. h have been already set and ad- he resolutions of the last conven- or men, and have not been paid, er be so set and adjudged, shall, if officer, be paid into the hands of he battalion to which he belongs, f inferior rank to a field-officer, ned officer or private, be paid into on as hath or shall have been ap- fines for the company to which or if no such receiver hath or shall then the same shall be paid into in of such company; and on re- ine, and such refusal being certi- e of observation for the county esides, the same committee shall er their hands, empowering any ns of the same county to levy such sale as aforesaid, of the party's the officers who set and adjudged the offender to a sergeant, accord- of the late convention, if they t method to compel payment.

e it may greatly promote the ease number not less than forty nor vates, may, with the especial per- ttees of observation, enroll in any tia, but any of those already en- y, where the privates do not ex- all not be permitted to leave such rpose of enrolling in a new one. ies where only part of the militia in battalion, the respective com- n form the other companies into sufficient in number for that pur- unties where there are not any bat- the said committees proceed, as ivide their militia into battalions, lves of the late convention.

eneral description of able bodied this province, are intended to be and those who are bound by con- is province to serve in any particu- y, being able bodied effective men, fifty years of age.

needless and insupportable expence, tenth day of May next, wear any either in single companies or in ng shirts, the officers distinguishing privates by different feathers, cock- ancy may direct.

day, January 16.

ESOLVED, That two hundred of the association ordered by on to be tendered to and sub-

ed by the freemen of this province, be with printed, and that forty of the said ca be sent to the committee of observation Baltimore county, forty of the said copies to committee of observation for the upper dis- of Frederick county, and the residue of n in equal proportions to the committees of several counties; and the committees afore- of Baltimore county and the upper district Frederick county, shall cause the said associa- n to be tendered, on or before the first day April next, to every freeman in the hun- ds of their county and district respectively, ere the said association hath not been al- dy generally tendered to the said freemen, to subscribed by them, according to the resolu- ns of the late Convention; and every person o shall not sign the said association at the e of tendering the same to him, or within days thereafter, shall be in the same condi- n as if the same had been tendered to him cording to the said former resolutions, and he refused or neglected to have subscribed the e; and the committee of observation for each unty, shall leave one or more of the associa- n papers in the custody of some person or rsons to be by them respectively appointed, some house in their county town, and also at eorge-town and Hagar's-town in Frederick unty, and shall give public notice thereof by vertisements, so that such of the freemen of this ovince, who have not done so already, may sub- ribe the same.

That every freeman within this province, ho hath not already, nor before the eleventh y of April next shall have subscribed the asso- ation aforesaid, shall within five days after e said last mentioned day, deliver up to the ommittee of observation for his county, all his re-arms, if he hath any, except pistols, and very person who shall neglect to do the same, ay be disarmed by order of the committee of bservation for his county, in like manner as hose who ought to enroll in the militia and efuse to do so, and the arms of the non-associa- tors shall and may be disposed of in the same anner as the arms of those who refuse to en- oll in the militia; and moreover the commit- ee of observation of each county in this pro- ince, may in their discretion award and order ny freeman of this province, not associating as foresaid, found within their county, whether uch freeman be a resident of their county or ot, to enter into bond, with good and sufficient ecurity, in such penalty as they may think fit, ayable to the president of the Convention for he time being, by name, conditioned, that if uch non associator shall behave himself peace- bly and quietly in the present unhappy contest etween Great-Britain and the colonies; that e shall not directly or indirectly betray or give nteiligence to the enemy of any councils or reparations of the Congress, or any Convention r assembly, or Council or Committee of Safety f this or any other province or colony; and hat he shall not directly or indirectly cor- respond, by letter, message, or otherwise, du- ring the said contest, with any British minister, ecretary of state, member of parliament, or ny person out of this province, holding an ffice, civil or military, immediately under the rown, or with any other person in arms against hese colonies, knowing such person to be in rms, then the above obligation to be void. But f any such non-associator shall chuse to quit his province and go beyond sea, then the com- mittee of observation of the county to which he belongs, may, and is hereby empowered to grant him a passport to leave this country in peace and go beyond sea, carrying with him his property, or any part thereof; and any person refusing to sign the said association, and to give bond as aforesaid, and continuing to reside with- in this province, may be imprisoned by the com- mittee of observation of the county in which such non-associator resides or may be found, until the Convention then next after such im- prisonment shall have taken order therein. And in case any non-associator shall quit this country and leave an estate in this province, such estate shall be burthened with a proportionate part of the expence incurred by this province in de- fence of American liberty; but these resolu- tions are not to extend to the houshold of his excellency the governor. All which association papers that shall be subscribed as aforesaid, as well as a list of the names of all those who shall refuse or neglect to subscribe the same, and all original bonds taken as aforesaid, shall be re- turned to the next Convention. Provided, that where any person hath not nor shall actually re- fuse to subscribe the association, but shall only have neglected to subscribe the same, if he doth afterwards sign the same before the committee of observation of his county, he shall not be disarmed for his neglect, nor compellable to give any such bond as before mentioned.

Thursday, January 18.

The Convention took into consideration the king's speech to parliament on the 27th day of October last, and after some time spent therein,

RESOLVED *unanimously*, That the following declaration be entered on their journals:

WE the delegates of the freemen of Maryland in Convention, affected with the deepest concern by the opinion declared in the king's speech to parliament on the 27th day of October last, and expressed in the address of the lords spiritual and temporal to his majesty in answer thereto, that the necessary preparations for defence made by these colonies, are carried on for the purpose of establishing an independent empire, and being desirous to remove from the mind of the king, an opinion which we feel to be highly injurious to the people of this province, and to declare and manifest to his majesty, to the parliament, the people of Great-Britain, and to the whole world, the rectitude and purity of our intentions in the present opposition to the measures of the British ministry and parliament, do declare,

That the people of this province, strongly attached to the English constitution, and truly sensible of the blessings they have derived from it, warmly impressed with sentiments of affection for, and loyalty to, the house of Hanover, connected with the British nation by the ties of blood and interest, and being thoroughly convinced, that to be free subjects of the king of Great-Britain, with all its consequentes, is to be the freest members of any civil society in the known world, never did, nor do entertain any views or desires of independency.

That as they consider their union with the mother-country upon terms that may insure to them a permanent freedom, as their highest felicity, so would they view the fatal necessity of separating from her, as a misfortune next to the greatest that can befal them.

Descended from Britons, intitled to the privileges of Englishmen, and inheriting the spirit of their ancestors, they have seen with the most extreme anxiety the attempts of parliament to deprive them of those privileges, by raising a revenue upon them, and assuming a power to alter the charters, constitutions, and internal polity of the colonies, without their consent. The endeavours of the British ministry to carry those attempts into execution by military force, have been their only motive for taking up arms, and defend themselves against those endeavours is the only use they mean to make of them. Intitled to freedom, they are determined to maintain it at the hazard of their lives and fortunes.

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia, dated February 12, 1776.

"The congress being informed, by gen. Lee, that (notwithstanding the declaration of governor Tryon, in the presence and hearing of gen. Clinton, that no troops would come to the city of New-York) a transport had arrived there last Saturday with troops; have requested the convention of New-Jersey, and the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, each to send a battalion to that city, for the defence and protection of that colony.---Gen. Lee brought with him 2000 men from Connecticut; lord Stirling is arrived there with his battalion; the committee of safety for New-York have directed three battalions of their miuute-men into the city. In a few days gen. Lee will have above 5000 men under his command, and this day he breaks ground to defend his troops."

THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY desirous of forwarding the intentions of the convention in promoting the manufacture of salt, salt-petre, gunpowder, and fire-arms, 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. 25 tf

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OF THE

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OF THE

PROVINCE OF MARYLAND,

Held at the City of Annapolis, on Thursday the 7th of December, 1775.

Charles county, February 14, 1776.

Will be exposed to public sale, on the second Tuesday of March next, agreeable to the last will and testament of Massey Leigh, late of St. Mary's county, for current money, two thirds whereof are required to be paid on the day of sale,

A TRACT of land, situated in St. Mary's county, containing 172 acres, well timbered, within one mile of St. Mary's river, where may be had, with the greatest conveniency, a variety of the best fish and oysters in their proper seasons. The improvements are, a new and planked floor dwelling house, three out-houses, a good apple and peach orchard, also a very convenient spring. Those having claims against said Massey Leigh, are requested to bring them in legally attested. 1 X 6 3 WILLIAM LEIGH, executor.

Annapolis, February 20, 1776.

To be sold at public vendue, by the subscriber, on the second Tuesday in April next (on the premises) by virtue of a power of attorney from Mr. John Ross Key, eldest son and heir at law of Francis Key, late of Cæcil county, Esq; deceased,

A VALUABLE plantation, containing about three hundred acres, being part of a tract of land called and known by the name of Anne Catharine Neck, or Carpenters Point, situate, lying and being in Cæcil county aforesaid, at the head of Chesapeake Bay, near the mouth of North-East river, and about three miles from Charles-Town. There is on the said plantation, an exceeding fine fishery, part of which at present rents for near one hundred pounds per annum.

Also to be sold at public vendue, the houses and lots in Charles-Town, formerly the property of the said Francis Key, the day after the sale of the abovementioned plantation.

ts JAMES BROOKS.

Annapolis, Feb. 21, 1776.

THIS is to forewarn all persons from harbouring or entertaining my wife Elizabeth Giles, as I am determined to prosecute any one who shall harbour her from the date hereof. 1 X THOMAS GILES.

STRAYED or STOLEN, on the 18th of January last, from the plantation of Mrs. Margaret Brooke, in Prince-George's county, two horses and a mare, viz. A dun coloured bay horse, about 14 hands and a half high, with a blaze face, one of his hind feet a little white, remarkably short docked; brand unknown. The other a dark bay, about 13 hands 3 inches high, branded thus (4d) with two small white spots in each flank. The other a small roan mare, about 13 hands high, with one eye out and the other a glass eye, the two hind feet white. Any person securing the said horses, and giving notice to the subscriber, living in Charles county, shall have dollars reward, paid by 1 X 6 3 JOSEPH BOADMAN.

CAME to the plantation of Charles Carroll, Esq; in Elk-Ridge, two mares, one black, with a star in her forehead, and docked, about 3 years old and 13 hands high; the other bay, about 12 hands high, appears to be about 4 years old; there is no perceptable brand on either of the mares. The owner or owners of the above mares may have either or both of them, proving property and paying charges.

CHARLES CARROLL.

THERE is at the plantation of Joseph Penn, living in the Fork of Patuxent, near Snowdens forge, a stray bright bay horse, with a mealy belly, about 7 years old, 13 hands and an inch high, branded I S on the near shoulder, and has no other marks, trots and gallops; he has a small bell fastened on with an old crupper. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 1 X 6 3

THERE is at the plantation of Henry Pool, living on Linganore, in Frederick county, taken up as a stray, a small bay horse, about 12 hands high, 6 years old, and branded on the near shoulder and buttock something like S G and has a few gray hairs behind his ears, he trots, and had a small bell on. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 1 6 3 16 w3

To be SOLD,

The 2d day of March next, at the plantation of William Smith, on the north side of Severn river, opposite to Indian-Landing warehouse,

HORNED cattle, one mare, hogs, and houshold goods. Six months credit will be given the purchasers for all sums exceeding 3l. common money, by giving bond, with security, to

w3 2 VACHEL STEVENS.

Annapolis, February 1776

THE Subscribers intending soon to leave this province, earnestly request such persons who are indebted to them to pay off their respective accounts, and thereby enable them to put their intentions into execution: Should this request be attended to, it will much oblige their humble servants.

3w 2 J. R. and ANNE NEILSON.

Patuxent Iron-Works, February 6, 1776.

BEING desirous of settling the estate of our father, RICHARD SNOWDEN, late of Patuxent Iron-Works, deceased, we request all such as are indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, as no longer indulgence will be given them. Also all persons that are indebted to the Patuxent Iron-Works Company, of more than twelve months standing, are requested to come immediately and make payment; and those who have it not in their power to make immediate payment, it is expected they will come and settle their accounts by note or bond. If the above requests are not complied with, we shall take such methods as will compel a settlement, without respect to persons, although it will be disagreeable to

tf 2 SAMUEL and JOHN SNOWDEN.

STOLEN from the subscriber, living near Mr. Samuel Mansell, in Anne-Arundel county, on the first day of this instant, February, the following articles, viz. 5 large silver spoons, marked P B H on their handles; one silk gown and chintz ditto, 1 white muslin ditto, 5 calico ditto, a rapper, 10 yards of white sheeting, 4 yards of white Tammy, 2 dimity petticoats, 1 red cardinal, 9 yards white Jean, 8 napkins marked the same as the spoons, 3 pair of sheets, about 6 yards of long lawn, a parcel of ribbons, tapes, pins and blond lace, 3 yards of stamped cotton, a fringed table cloth, a yard and a half of flowered lawn, 6 pounds of brown sugar, and sundry other small articles which are not remembered. Whoever will make discovery thereof, and bring the thieves to justice, on their being convicted thereof, shall receive three pounds current money reward, from

w2 2 X PHILIP HAMMOND, jun.

Annapolis, February 7, 1776.

To be SOLD, by the Subscriber,

A FEW pieces of osnabrigs and striped hollands.
A few boxes of spermaceti candles.
Old French brandy, by the barrel, keg, or gallon.
Holland gin, in cases.

3w 9 X THO. C. WILLIAMS, and Co.