

64 Allocation; I believe, will occasion a good many, chiefly to catch, to return again to their own country. On a late alarm twelve out of thirteen North-Britons, enrolled in one company, refused to march, on which they were dismissed; the alarm proved false, within an hour after the fatal discovery. I am very unwilling to do any thing harsh, but it is surely time to know who may be depended on. Under pretence of neutrality, our inveterate enemies will remain silent till we are off the hip, and then fall on like devils to overthrow us. I have done myself much pleasure in writing you this loose unconnected letter; and I shall have more, in knowing the length of it does not tire you. My best wishes attend you. I am,

My dear Sir,
Your most affectionate servant,
THOMAS JOHNSON, jun.

Mr. GREEN,
Pleased to give the following a place in your paper; and oblige
A CUSTOMER.

THE following queries, made for information, if answered, will oblige several (perhaps many) who from the present mode of transacting the public business of the province, had it not in their power to hear, or know, any reasons assigned for several resolutions of the Convention of this province, on which have been placed various constructions, and which, from circumstances, now call for a minute one.

Viz. When the Convention, in July 1775, resolved that "every able bodied, effective freeman within this province, between sixteen and fifty years of age (except as therein excepted) shall enroll himself in some company of militia, &c." whether they intended that any person exceeding the age of fifty years, who signed the enrollment, should be bound thereby, or whether from the words of the enrollment he could not plead his exempt on, as being not enrolled "agreeable to the resolutions of the Convention, held at Annapolis the 26th day of July, 1775?"

Also, When they resolved that "if a number of men shall be enrolled not amounting to fifty privates, besides sufficient for non-commissioned officers, for any one company, they shall not be considered as a company;" and again, "that no company be permitted to choose officers, before a sufficient number of men be enrolled, to make up fifty privates, besides non-commissioned officers;" whether they intended that number to be a full bodied, effective men, who would be able, and obliged, to perform the exercise, and if occasion required, march to any part of the province? or whether they intended it to be made up of those who are not able, and actually do not bear arms in the common-muster field? or whether, if commissions be granted by virtue of such an enrollment, together with the names of persons who cannot be found, so that a company consist of about thirty privates only, it will be considered and considered as a company? and whether, if it should, it may attend to defend this province, nay the continent, in point of strength?

An answer to the above is asked by
AN INHABITANT OF PATUXENT HUNDRED,
ANNE-ARUNDEL COUNTY.

April 16, 1776.
To be sold at public vendue, by the subscriber, on Thursday the 16th day of May next, on the premises, for sterling or current money, at the general exchange,

PART of a tract of land called Duvall's range, conveyed to the subscriber for 276 acres more or less, situate in Anne-Arundel county, on the east side of the north branch of Patuxent river. On this land are two tenements, with plenty of good board, shingle and rail timber; forty acres of good meadow may be made on the said land, with very little trouble; the tenements are in good repair and produce very fine tobacco and Indian-corn. Twelve months credit will be given the purchaser, on giving bond on interest with security if required. The land may be viewed any time before the day of sale by applying to the subscriber.

THE noted half blooded horse, Frederick Jones, full fifteen and a half hands high, a fine dapple gray, eight years old, strong, active and boney, stands at Notley-hall, Prince-George's county, and will cover at thirty shillings the season. Good for mares gratis.

Bladensburg, April 10, 1776.
RAN away last night from the subscriber, an indentured servant named John Teasdale, an English man, about twenty-two years of age, five feet six or seven inches high, well set, of a fair complexion and good countenance, wears his own short straight hair of a dark brown colour, and is by trade a cooper: he had on a blue searought sailor's top jacket about half worn, a waistcoat of London brown cloth, and ragged breeches of strong superfine dark drab cloth, a check shirt, and an old small brim'd dirty felt hat bound round the edging with white canvas. Whoever secures said servant and brings him to me shall receive forty shillings reward and all reasonable charges.

WILLIAM SYDEBOTHAM.

ALL persons indebted to George Matthews, late of Kingbury furnace in Baltimore county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment, to enable us to execute his will, and all those who have claims against him are desired to exhibit them properly authenticated, to

T. RUSSELL and JAMES SMITH, } executors.

THERE is at the plantation of Isaac Simmons; near Herring-bay, in Anne-Arundel county, taken up as a stray, a dark bay horse, near fifteen hands high, a star in his forehead, has many white spots on his back, supposed to be hurt with a saddle, a bit of his right ear cut off, his mane hangs on the wrong side, his off hind foot white, shoes on about half worn, branded but cannot make it out. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

Harford county, March 21, 1776.
TAKEN up as a stray, a bright bay mare, about nine years old, thirteen hands and a half high, no brand appears, paces and trots, short dock. Any person proving property and paying charges may have her again.

JEREMIAH SATCHWELL, in West-street, Annapolis, to the military gentlemen.

AS the use of arms is become absolutely necessary for the preservation of American liberty, this is to inform the above gentlemen, that he makes all sorts of silver and fine metal sword hilts; likewise cleans and repairs the same. Those gentlemen who please to favour him with their custom, may depend on having their work done with the greatest punctuality and at the most reasonable rate, which he hopes will give satisfaction to the public in general, having served a regular apprenticeship to the said branches in London.

N. B. All sorts of silversmiths work done also.

April 10, 1776.
STANDS the ensuing season at Strawberry-hill, within one mile of Annapolis, and will cover mares at six dollars the season, if pastured; four dollars, if not pastured; or two dollars, the single leap. CARELESS is a fine bay, rising five years, upwards of fourteen hands two inches, and was got by col Baylor's Fearneought; his dam by Dove, his grand-dam by Otello, his great-grand-dam by old Spark, out of the high bred mare Queen Mab, who was the dam of col. Hopper's Pacolet. Good grafs for mares. Indian corn will be taken in payment at 2 s. 6 d. per bushel, delivered at Strawberry-hill before the first of July, by

THOMAS WILLIAMSON.
P. S. I will be answerable for no mares that may get away.

Bladensburg, April 1, 1776.
I HAVE for disposal, on very reasonable terms, a servant man, who has about three years to serve. He was bred a cutler, is an ingenious fellow in his business, and can do any country blacksmith's work. He might be very useful to any person in the gun or locksmith business.

WAS found in the possession of one of my negroes, a jockey coat of double mill'd drab cloth, the collar lined with velvet, and the cape with shalloon the colour of the cloth. As I suspect the coat to have been stole, the person who has lost it, on proving his property and paying the charge of this advertisement, may have it by applying to

SIX DOLLARS REWARD.
STRAYED away from the widow M'Donnell's, between Baltimore and Annapolis, on Thursday night the 13th of March, out of the fodder house, a bay horse, about 14 hands and an half high, paces, trots, and gallops, marked CS on his left shoulder. Whoever takes up said horse, and brings him to capt. Samuel Maynard's at Herring-Creek, or to William Hayes, Fell's Point, Baltimore, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges paid if brought home.

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

SAMUEL and JOHN SNOWDEN.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION OF THE PROVINCE OF MARYLAND, Held at the City of Annapolis; on Thursday the 7th of December, 1775.

PREROGATIVE OFFICE, March 11, 1776.

WHEREAS the records of the commissary's office are removed to Upper Marlborough, by the direction of the Council of Safety for the province of Maryland, I am directed to give this public notice, that the common business of that office will from henceforth be transacted at that place.

And as the commissary's courts are by law appointed to be held at the city of Annapolis, where the same must indispensably be continued, the commissary general, anxious to relieve as far as in his power the difficulties arising to the people, from the removal of the records to such distance from the capital, hath resolved to attend at both places in every court week, which will be on the second Tuesdays of May, July, September, and November; and to that end, will hold his courts every second Tuesday in said month at the city of Annapolis, for the convenience of the inhabitants of the Eastern shore, and others whom it may best suit. And he will from thence proceed on the Thursday to Upper Marlborough, there to sit during the remainder of the week for the dispatch of public business.

I also give notice, that for the greater ease and convenience of the inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, who may have business with me as deputy commissary of that county, I shall give attendance every Tuesday at the house of Mr. Cornelius Garretson in the city of Annapolis for that purpose.

ELIE VALLETTE, register.

Charles town, Cecil County, March 19, 1776.
THIS day was committed to my custody, on suspicion of being a runaway, by the name of Andrew Sandford, an Irishman, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 9 or ten inches high, long black hair tied behind: has on a light coloured coat and waistcoat, brown cloth breeches, a half worn beaver hat, blue ribb'd yarn stockings, and old shoes. He says he has been three years in this country, and worked a considerable time as a journeyman barber with Mr. John James in Philadelphia; and from last harvest until this time with Mr. Clements, barber in Baltimore-town. His master, if any, is desired to pay charges and take him away, and if any of the above gentlemen can make it appear that he is a freeman, he will be released according to law.

JAMES ORRICK, Sheriff of Cecil county.

Wanted, immediately, delivered at the contractor's store in Annapolis,
A QUANTITY of potatoes, parsneps, carrots, beans, cockstone beans, or any kind of Indian peas, for which will be given the highest prices, by
ISAAC M' HARD,
for Mr. ROBERT CUMMINS.

TO BE SOLD,
A VALUABLE tract of land, containing 280 acres more or less, situated upon Back creek in Frederick county, within four miles of George town and eight of Bladensburg, 150 acres whereof are in wood, and the remainder inclosed by a good fence; there are about ten acres of the aforesaid land may be made good meadow with little trouble. I have likewise for sale 25 acres of land near or adjoining the town of Upper Marlborough, in Prince-George's county, with good improvements thereon, and a valuable mill in good repair, and grinds all seasons. For terms apply to Robert Whitaker near the aforesaid town, or William Belt in Frederick county.

Annapolis, March 26, 1776.
RAN away from the subscriber, an indentured servant lad, named Edward Busford, born in Hampshire, about five feet two inches high, fair complexion and brown hair: had with him two cloth coats, one a London brown, the other of coarse light coloured cloth with waistcoat of the same, much worn, good buckskin breeches, ribb'd worsted stockings and English made shoes. He is very fond of liquor, and can give no better reason for his elopement, than that he often merited chastisement and never received it. Should he be taken ten miles from home I will give 20 shillings reward on his return.

ABRAHAM CLAUDE,
WATCHMAKER, JEWELLER, and SILVERSMITH,
Opposite Mrs. Johnson's tavern, ANNAPOLIS.

BEGS leave to acquaint the public in general, and his friends in particular, that he still continues to carry on the aforesaid trades in all their various branches, and at the most reasonable rates; also that he cleans and repairs all sorts of fire-arms, small swords, hangers, and cutlasses. He also makes hooks for swords in the neatest and most approved manner.

N. B. He has several grofs of hoo... dispose of cheap.