

I wrote you this morning that 30 sail of the enemy's fleet were moved down the river, since which it appears that their whole fleet is in motion. From our church steeple I can see 60 or 70 sail of vessels of different kinds, hovering about the mouth of James river. What they mean is impossible to tell. It is imagined that Dunmore's fleet are coming out in search of provisions, every kind of which is so very scarce with them, that the quantity formerly allowed to a single man is now obliged to serve four.

ANNAPOLIS, June 6.

On Tuesday last, the general assembly of this province, which stood prorogued to that day, was further prorogued to Wednesday the 12th instant, on or before which day, we are assured that writs will be issued for a general election.

IN CONVENTION, May 25th, 1776.

RESOLVED, That no person or persons shall, after the first day of June next, deal or barter with any private soldier, knowing him to be such, without the licence in writing of the colonel or major of the battalion, or captain or commanding officer, for the time being, of the company or party to which such soldier shall belong, under the penalty of such sum, not exceeding fifty shillings common money, as shall be adjudged by the committee of observation for the county where such soldier shall be stationed, or where the offender shall reside; and that upon complaint of the colonel, major, captain, or other commanding officer, as aforesaid, to such committee, of any breach of this resolve, the said committee shall have power to call the offender before them, and upon enquiry into the complaint, and conviction of the offender, to impose such fine upon him or her as in their discretion they shall adjudge, not exceeding the said sum of fifty shillings. And upon non-payment thereof may, by warrant under their hands, empower any person they shall judge proper to levy the same, by distress and sale of the goods of the offender; which fine, when so levied, shall be paid into the hands of the captain, or commanding officer, for the time being, of the company or party to which such soldier shall belong, and by him paid to the treasurer of that shire where the offence shall be committed.

WHEREAS his Britannic majesty, king George, has prosecuted, and still prosecutes, a cruel and unjust war against the British colonies in America, and has acceded to acts of parliament declaring the people of the said colonies in actual rebellion; and whereas the good people of this province have taken up arms to defend their rights and liberties, and to repel the hostilities carrying on against them, and whilst engaged in such a contest cannot, with any sincerity of heart, pray for the success of his arms. Therefore Resolved, that every prayer and petition for the king's majesty in the book of Common Prayer and Administration of the sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, except the second collect for the king in the Communion service, be henceforth omitted in all churches and chapels in this province, until our unhappy differences are ended.

Extract from the minutes, G. DUVALL, clerk.

THREE PENCE per pound is given for fine white LINEN RAGS, and one penny per pound for coarse, by the Printer hereof.

June 5, 1776. On Monday the 1st of July next, will be exposed to public sale, at the house of Mrs. Chilton, in Baltimore, at three o'clock in the afternoon,

THE SLOOP Resolution, about twelve months old, has never been out of the bay; square sterned, burthen about 45 tons, with all her tackle, apparel, and furniture; an inventory of which may be seen in the hands of the subscriber; lately the property of Mr. James Burtell, Worcester county, and taken by a writ of replevin for James Dick and Stewart. The money to be paid immediately on the sale. For further particulars apply to THOMAS BRERETON, broker.

Calvert county, May 20, 1776. THE subscriber thinking that the making of linen, cotton, and woollen CLOTHES at all times, especially now, would be of great advantage to the inhabitants of this province in general, and this part thereof in particular, hath brought from the manufactory of Philadelphia some hands, and has engaged several others, if he finds them wanting, to carry it on in the greatest perfection, has fixed them near his dwelling-house, and in a few days will be ready to weave or spin, in any manner, either of the storefraid yarns as required; or he will purchase either of the aforesaid materials at a reasonable price, and will pay cash for them.

May 18, 1776. ALL persons indebted to the estate of ROBERT A. BROWN, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment to the subscriber; and all persons having just claims against the said estate are desired to give in their accounts with sufficient marks of probity, and they shall be paid by JOHN BROWN, jun. administrator.

WHEREAS MARY my wife has eloped from me without cause, and I am apprehensive will endeavour to run me in debt, I do hereby forewarn all persons from trusting her on my account, as I will not pay any debt of her contracting after this date. JOHN WOOD. MOSES SCEARES.

STRAYED from Bladensburg, the 27th of April last, a bay horse about thirteen hands and an half high, a star on his forehead, some white on his fore foot-locks, with a bob tail; when rode, trots, paces and gallops, and is shod before. Whoever has taken up the said horse, and will bring him to the subscriber shall have twenty shillings reward, and all reasonable charges paid by JOSEPH CARLYLE.

THERE is at the plantation of Zachariah Barlow, in Anne-Arundel county, on Elk-Ridge, taken up as a stray, a bay gelding, about fourteen hands high, shod all round, a star in his forehead, trimmed with a ridge mane, branded on the near shoulder and buttock thus, N. The owner may have him again, on proving property and paying charges.

EIGHT DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber the 19th inst. a negro man named Raphael, a thick, short, well made fellow, has a scar over his right eye in form of a cross; his cloathing, when he went away, consisted of a Welch cotton jacket, striped country cloth breeches, and old felt hat: I suppose he will endeavour to change his habit. Whoever takes up said negro, and delivers him to the subscriber, living near Zacchiah Swamp, Charles county, shall be intitled to the above reward, besides what the law allows.

GERARD BOARMAN.

COMMITTED to my custody as runaways, the following convict servant men, viz. Thomas Rudder, a maltster by trade, and William Pim, alias Bryan, a miller, who say they belong to a certain Mary Hewett, on Kent-island.

Daniel Oliver, a sailor, who says he belongs to a certain John Smith, on Kent-island.

John Hughes, who says he belongs to a certain Daniel Wheeden, on Kent-island.

Joseph Phipps, a weaver by trade, who says he belongs to a certain Benjamin Cedars, on Kent-island.

The above servants were taken at the mouth of Patuxent river, in a pettianger, which they say belongs to Daniel Wheeden, attempting their escape down the bay. Their mistres and masters are requested to take them away, and pay charges to HENRY HUNTT, Sheriff.

THE jurymen summoned to March court are ordered to attend on the second Tuesday of June.

May 22d, 1776. Signed per order, J. BRICE, clk.

Wanted on hire for twelve months, TWENTY servants or slaves for the purpose of wood-cutting. DANIEL & SAMUEL HUGHES, at Antieatam furnace.

April 15, 1776. ALL persons indebted to George Matthews, late of Kingsbury 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.

THREE POUNDS REWARD.

St. Mary's county, Maryland, May 20, 1776. RAN away from the subscriber, on the night of the 6th instant, an indentured servant man, named Michael Ferroll, a common labourer, born in Ireland, and I believe between 20 and 25 years of age, well set, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, but little beard, black hair, and fond of liquor: had on when he went away, a new broad-cloth coat and waistcoat of a darkish claret colour, a pair of new sheepskin breeches with fringes in the knees, an osnabrig shirt, black stockings, and half worn shoes. It is likely he may change some of his cloaths and his name. I am inclined to think he will make towards Baltimore, or Alexandria in Virginia, and endeavour to enlist in some company. Whoever apprehends the said servant, so that I get him again, shall be entitled to receive the above reward and all reasonable charges paid by ATHANASIUS FORD.

Prince-George's county, Maryland, 19 May, 1776. COMMITTED to my custody as a runaway, a negro man who calls himself Will, and says he belongs to Mr. William Patterson near Colchester in Virginia. His master is desired to pay charges and take him from RALPH FORSTER, Sheriff.

STRAYED about a week ago from the subscriber, a small sorrel mare, about 13 hands high, has a large mane and very short tail, a large scar above her tail which is very remarkable, her brand is unknown. Two dollars shall be paid to the person who will bring her to Joseph Wilkins near Annapolis, or RICHARD WHITTLE on Elk-Ridge.

GOLIAH.

A remarkable strong black cart-horse, well known in and about this city, eight years old, upwards of sixteen hands high,

WILL, at the request of many respectable gentlemen, planters, and farmers, be let to mares this spring, at the moderate rate of two dollars the leap, and twenty pence to the negro that has the care of him, to be paid at the stable door. The finest and most promising colts are of Goliah's get, and may be seen.

All persons intending to send their mares, are desired to apply previous to the subscriber, and to look at the horse; and for the convenience of those whom it may not suit to pay cash, I will take good lambs, fit for killing, if brought with the mares in payment. JOHN ROBINSON.

I have no objection to sending the horse out of town, not exceeding five miles, when there are three or four mares, for a few days, on assurance that care will be taken of him and his attendant. J. R.

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.

SIX DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED away from the widow M'Donall'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 C S 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.

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, ribbd 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. He was seen at Mr. Jacob Sampson's in Prince-George's county, pretending leave to visit a ship-mate. Should he be taken ten miles from home I will give 40 shillings reward on his return. J. CLAPHAM.

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 cut-throats. He also makes hooks for swords in the neatest and most approved manner. N. B. He has several grots of hooks and eyes to dispose of cheap.

SPRIGHTLY.

To be let to mares the ensuing season, at School-field, Prince-George's county.

THE high bred English horse, SPRIGHTLY, full fifteen hands high, rising seven years old, is of a beautiful dark chestnut colour, was got by Wildman's Babram, his dam by Rogers's Babram, his granddam by Sedbury out of lord Portmore's Ebony; is well fitted to breed for either the saddle or turf, being remarkably light, and quick in his movements, free from any blemish or incumbrance of gum, and is imagined equal to any horse on the continent, four mile heats at nine stone. He will be let at six dollars, for the season, and half a crown to the groom, and as at so low a rate the cash will be expected before the horse is led out. Good pasture for mares to be had at half a crown a week, or at half a dollar, with proper feeding; and mares above 15 miles distance two weeks gratis.