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all such cases as the affirmation of quakers hath been allowed and accepted within this state instead of an oath. And further, on such affirmation warrants to search for stolen goods, or the apprehension or commitment of offenders, ought to be granted, or security for the peace awarded, and quakers, dunkers or menonists, ought also on their solemn affirmation as aforesaid to be admitted as witnesses in all criminal cases not capital.

37. That the city of Annapolis ought to have all its rights, privileges and benefits, agreeable to its charter and the acts of assembly confirming and regulating the same, subject nevertheless to such alterations as may be made by this Convention or any future legislature.

38. That the liberty of the press ought to be inviolably preserved.

39. That monopolies are odious, contrary to the spirit of a free government, and the principles of commerce, and ought not to be suffered.

40. That no title of nobility or hereditary honours ought to be granted in this state.

41. That the subsisting resolves of this and the several Conventions held for this colony ought to be in force as laws, unless altered by this Convention or the legislature of this state.

42. That this declaration of rights, or the form of government to be established by this Convention, or any part of either of them, ought not to be altered, changed or abolished by the legislature of this state, but in such manner as this Convention shall prescribe and direct.

This declaration of rights was assented to and passed in Convention of the delegates of the freemen of Maryland, begun and held at Annapolis the 14th day of August, anno domini 1776.

By order of the Convention,

MATTHEW TILGHMAN, President.

In COUNCIL of SAFETY.

October 11, 1776.

WANTED, 5000 pair of SHOES. Those who are desirous of contracting for the same, or any part of them, are requested to apply to the Council of Safety of this state.

October 23, 1776.

A QUANTITY of strong coarse STOCKINGS wanted for the use of this State. The Council will contract with any person therefor.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, clk.

In CONVENTION. November 4, 1776.

RESOLVED, That all civil officers now in commission for this State under the old government, shall continue to act in their respective departments, until others shall be appointed and commissioned in their stead, by the legislature or executive power of the state, and qualified to act, and that the county courts affect the county charges as usual.

Extract from the minutes,

G. DUVALL, clk.

In CONVENTION, May 22, 1776.

RESOLVED, That a public salt-work be erected on or near the Bay, near the mouth of Patowmack, and another on the sea-board of this province; and that the said works be carried on the public account, under the management and direction of such persons as shall be appointed by the Council of Safety for the time being; and that any sum of public money, not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds, may, by order of the said Council of Safety, be expended in erecting and carrying on each of the said works.

Extract from the minutes,

G. DUVALL, clk.

In COUNCIL of SAFETY, June 10, 1776.

ALL persons who are willing to undertake the erecting and carrying on salt-works, agreeable to the above resolve of the late Convention, are requested to attend the Council, and give in their proposals, which will be duly attended to.

By order,

G. DUVALL, clk.

November 13, 1776.
THE partnership of SHAW and CHISHOLM, cabinet-makers in Annapolis, being now dissolved, those persons who are indebted to them in company are requested to settle the same, as soon as possible, with JOHN SHAW, at the house lately occupied by the company, or with ARCHIBALD CHISHOLM, at the house lately possessed by Mr. Charles Peale, in Church-street, where each party intends carrying on their business of cabinet and chair making as formerly.

To be sold, on Saturday the 21st day of December, 1776.

NEAR 400 acres of valuable land, lying in the upper part of Anne-Arundel county, joining the plantation where I formerly lived: This land is exceedingly well adapted to corn, wheat, rye, and fine tobacco. There are also 140 acres of fine meadow ground, equal to any in this province, six acres of which are cleared, well set with timothy grass, under a good fence, and now rents for 12l. a year. There is a good orchard, and ground enough cleared to make 300 barrels of corn the ensuing summer. It is situated in a good neighbourhood, is about 22 miles from Elkridge landing, about 15 miles from Ellicott's mills, and about 23 from Bladensburg. There is a fine and extensive range. Any person inclinable to purchase, may view the land before the day of sale, by applying to capt. Benjamin Warfield, who lives near it. The terms will be made known on the day of sale, by Nicholas Dorsey, son of Joshua, on Elkridge, or by the subscriber,

JOHN WAYMAN.

Will be exposed to sale to the highest bidder, for ready money, on the 10th day of December next, agreeable to the last will and testament of John Young, deceased.

ONE hundred acres of land, lying in Talbot county, in Miles-River Neck, near the ferry, with a large good dwelling-house, with all other houses suitable to it, with two bearing orchards thereon. The sale to be on the premises. Likewise some stock and household furniture.

For further particulars, enquire of James Benson, near the said land.

MARY YOUNG, Executrix.

To be sold at public sale, on Tuesday the 10th day of December next (if fair, if not, the next fair day) at the dwelling-house of the late Mr. Benjamin Harrison, at West-River, for bills of exchange, bearing cash, or current money, at an exchange to be agreed upon on the day of sale.

A PARCEL of healthy NEGROES, consisting of men, women and children, among whom are two young fellows who are good sawyers.—All persons indebted to the estate of Benjamin Harrison are desired to make immediate payment; those who have claims are desired to make them known to

SAM. HARRISON, } Executors.
SAM. HARRISON, jun. }

Prince-George's county, November 10, 1776.

STRAYED or stolen from the subscriber, living near Snowdens iron-works, a dark bay mare, almost black, quarter blooded, about fourteen hands high, with a white spot on her withers about as big as a man's hand; she trots and gallops and has been lately docked; she has a small tail, low neck, her mane hangs each side on her neck; she is low in flesh, and suckled a colt when taken away; she has no perceptible brand. Any person who apprehends the rogue and secures the mare, so that the owner may get her again, shall receive five pounds reward; if strayed, twenty shillings paid by

THOMAS GASSAWAY WATKINS.

FOUR DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or stolen, from the plantation of Mr. William Wilkinon, in Prince George's county, some time in October last, two dark bay geldings: The one about 14 hands high, a natural pacer, branded on the near buttock thus, I D, and has the marks of old age; the other about 12 or 13 hands high, branded as above, paces slow, trots and canters, and hath a star, or a few white hairs, in his forehead. Whoever takes up and secures the said horses, or either of them, so that the owner may get them again, shall receive the above reward, or a proportion thereof, as the case may be, paid by the subscriber, living in Charles county, near Romankey.

JOHN DENT.

Just published, and to be sold at the Printing-office,

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CONVENTION

OF THE

PROVINCE OF MARYLAND,

Held at the city of Annapolis, on Wednesday the 24th of August, 1776.

SIX POUNDS REWARD.

Fort Frederick Furnace, July 1, 1776.

RAN away last night, two servant men, viz. STEPHEN RICHARDS, a convict, has been four years in the country, a miner, born in Cornwall, a little fellow not exceeding 5 feet 5 or 7 inches high, hard featured and pitted with the small-pox, is bow-legged and wears his hair tied: had on and took with him a country linen shirt and trousers, cotton jacket dyed brown, a country linsley ditto, country shoes, broad brass buckles, and a good felt hat; he is about 28 years of age.

JOHN JONES, an indentured servant, has been in the country about 15 months, born in Wales, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, has been brought up about iron works and is acquainted with the different branches of the business; dark complexion and pitted with the small-pox, short curled black hair, has a four look; small eyes, speaks broken English: had on and took with him one of nabrig shirt, blue cotton trousers, blue upper jacket, one under ditto made of Welch cotton with sleeves, an old castor hat, and half worn shoes and buckles.

Whoever takes up said servants and brings them home, or secures them so that the subscriber gets them again, shall receive if 20 miles from home 20 s. if 30 miles 30 s. if 40 miles 40 s. for each; if 60 miles the above reward including what the law allows.

DENTON JACQUES.

Williamsburg, November 1, 1776.

By virtue of a decree of the hon. court of admiralty of this state, will be sold at public vendue, for ready money, on Monday the 25th instant, at James-Town on James river, about seven miles from the city of Williamsburg,

THE brigantine SARAH, of Great-Britain, lately made a prize of by the Montgomery privateer, capt. Polk, of Annapolis, in the state of Maryland, with her sails, rigging, and materials, being about 170 tons burthen, British built. An inventory of her sails, rigging, and materials, may be seen on board the said ship.—At same time and place will be sold her cargo, consisting of a large quantity of exceeding good Jamaica rum, muscovado sugars, coffee, ginger, cotton, and sundry other articles, shipped on board the said ship from Jamaica for the London market.

BENJAMIN POWEL, marshal.

THREE POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Charles county, near Port-Tobacco, on Tuesday the 24th of September last, two negro fellows, one named RALPH, a short well set fellow, about thirty years of age, has a scar above his right eye in the form of a cross: had on when he went away, a pair of nabrig trousers, ditto shirt, and felt hat. The other named HARRY, middle sized, has a deep scar on one cheek: had on when he went away, an of nabrig shirt, a pair of old cloth breeches and felt hat, and carried with him a caddoe. Any person bringing them to the subscriber shall have the above reward, or thirty shillings for either.

GERARD BOARMAN.

Annapolis, October 16, 1776.

THE CONVENTION of this province having thought proper to pass a resolve, that no bonds in the LOAN-OFFICE be put in suit for non-payment of interest before the 1st day of January next, those in arrears are requested to take notice, that no further indulgence will be given.

JOHN CLAPHAM,

WILLIAM EDDIS,

To be sold by public sale, to the highest bidder, on Friday November 15th, at 11 o'clock, at the house of the subscriber, near Maggoty river,

THREE likely NEGRO WOMEN, and one NEGRO GIRL. One of the said women can cook, spin, wash and plait linen very well. The other three understand plantation work.

DANIEL M'KINNON.

N. B. They are to be sold for cash only: and if the day of sale should prove rainy, the sale will be on the next fair day.

THOMAS HARWOOD, jun. treasurer of the Western-shore, will give constant attendance at his office in West-street, Annapolis, to give in exchange bills of credit emitted by the Provincial Convention of Maryland the seventh day of December, 1775, for those emitted by the Convention the twenty-sixth day of July, 1775.

Annapolis, Aug. 14, 1776.

LOST, on Monday the 5th inst. a small flat double cased watch, winds up in the back, and has a small screw in one part of the dial-plate; maker's name John Deards, London, No. 1641. Whoever will bring the said watch to me shall receive three pounds reward, and if offered for sale please to stop it.

JAMES MAWE.

ANNAPOLIS HEAD QUARTERS,

31 July, 1776.

THE benevolent people of this city, and county, are earnestly requested to send all the old sheets, and other old linen, they can conveniently spare, to Dr. Richard Tootell. Their donations will be received (with thanks) either at the doctor's own house or at the military hospital shop, on the State-house hill, where the free-school was formerly kept. Bees and myrtle wax, sassafras, seneca and black snake-roots, tormentil and calamus, are purchased. Likewise country sarsaparilla, if clean, split and well cured. Dog-wood berries, which must be gathered ripe and cured in the shade; when dried, if found they will appear of a dark red, if black they are faulty and will not answer the purpose.

R. TOOTELL, S. M.

Annapolis, June 19, 1776.

WANTED TO HIRE IMMEDIATELY, A SINGLE MAN, who understands waiting at table, and can write a good hand. Such a person, of good character, may hear of a place, where good encouragement will be given, by applying to the printer hereof.

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