

The drawing of the first class will begin at Philadelphia the fourth day of April next, or sooner, if sooner full.

The public will be advertised as soon as the tickets are ready for sale.

The managers are instructed to sell the tickets for ready money only.

Philadelphia, December 6, 1776.

In CONGRESS, November 27, 1776.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the legislatures of the United States respectively, to pass such laws as will most effectually tend to prevent the counterfeiting or forging the tickets of the public lottery.

Extract from the minutes. CHARLES THOMSON, secretary.

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January 8.

We were in hopes, ere this, to have had the pleasure of communicating to the public a well authenticated account of the late further successes of the American arms in the Jersey state; but the particulars are not yet arrived. We are, however, persuaded, that the enemy have met with a very severe check near Trenton, and that the American army, under the gallant general Washington, hath gained a noble ascendancy over the legions of Britain and their German auxiliaries; and yet "HOWE was there!"—We impatiently wait for the confirmation and detail of an event so glorious; in the mean time, we take the earliest opportunity of presenting our readers with the following intelligence, brought to Philadelphia, by several persons, on Sunday the 5th inst. where it was believed.

General Washington having drawn up his army, and taken post on the hills, on the south-side of Trenton bridge, caused large fires to be made and kept up, and having received certain intelligence that general Howe, with a considerable reinforcement, was on his march from Princeton, to join the main body at Trenton, he decamped in the middle of that night, made a forced march, and met Mr. Howe, about Maidenhead, or at Quaker bridge, gave him battle, put him to the rout, and took from five to seven hundred prisoners; pushed forward, took possession of Princeton, and eight pieces of cannon, with a number of officers, and the fortieth regiment.

Our informant adds that on Sunday morning it was reported and believed, at Philadelphia, that general Washington was still pursuing the enemy, and was determined to push on to Brunwick, where were all the enemy's valuable stores, &c.—That part of the enemy's army which possessed the part of Trenton on the north side of the bridge, never discovered general Washington's march until they heard the engagement; they then took possession of all the heights, and were under arms till 11 o'clock, when they marched off the Penny-town road, in order, as was supposed, to get on the other side our army, and join general Howe.

The council of safety of Pennsylvania, in compliance with a resolve of the honourable continental congress, are taking the most vigorous and speedy measures for punishing all such as shall refuse continental currency. The general at Philadelphia, hath been directed by the president of the congress, to give the council every necessary aid for carrying into effectual execution their measures for supporting the credit of the money issued under the authority of congress, and for punishing those who shall attempt to destroy or lessen its credit.

This evening two troops of light-horse, from Virginia, commanded by captains Temple and Lee, arrived in town, on their way to join general Washington.

Several couriers have arrived since our last dispatches to the hon. congress, from his excellency gen. Washington, the contents of which have been transcribed. All our accounts, however, agree, that his excellency's head-quarters are now at Morris-Town, where his troops are in high spirits, in consequence of their late successes, and were determined to take example by their gallant leader, in patiently bearing the fatigues and hardships of a winter's campaign, rather than suffer their country to be exposed to the further ravages of a barbarous vindictive foe.—That the enemy's head-quarters were still at Brunwick, but that they were taking every necessary precaution to secure a safe retreat to New York.—That there have been several recent skirmishes in various parts of the Jersey state, between our troops and the enemy, in which the former have always been successful; but the particulars are so variously related, that we must defer saying more on the subject, till we hear further, than that we have taken a number of prisoners, a considerable quantity of stores, and that the enemy are now catching nothing but *Tanagers* in Jersey.

We hear that a number of Hessian prisoners are on their way to this town.

A letter from Philadelphia mentions, that a considerable body of New-England troops have landed on the east end of Long Island, and were on their march towards New-York, in consequence of which general Howe hath been obliged to detach a considerable body of troops that way, the present inhabitants of New-York having a great aversion to American powder.

The Meliah transport, laden with clothing, &c. for Canada, taken by the Alfred man of war, is late arrived at Dartmouth, in Massachusetts-Bay.

It is reported and credited, that Fort Cumberland, in Nova-Scotia, is in possession of capt. Egan, and company.

Since our last two troops of light horse, from Virginia, commanded by capt. Nelson and Jamieson, arrived in town, on their way to join general Washington's army in Jersey.

In a company which arrived yesterday from George-Town, on their way to join the American army, there is a cadet of 22 years of age; a gentleman of fortune in this state.

When it was reported to the immortal general Wolfe, during the siege of Quebec, that a part of the British army were in a very critical situation, and in danger of being cut off, he cheerfully replied, "Never fear, HOWE is there,"—having the greatest opinion of the bravery and military talents of this gentleman, who was employed in a most honourable service.

ANNAPOLIS, January 16.

The general assembly of this province is to meet in this city on Monday the twenty-ninth of this instant.

IN COUNCIL OF SAFETY, Jan. 15, 1777.

WHEREAS the odious practice of forestalling and ingrossing is more particularly at this time prejudicial to the state, by enhancing the price of provisions; to that neither the army, on which the fate of America depends, nor individuals, can be supplied on reasonable terms;—and the honourable congress having recommended to the executive powers of this and the neighbouring states, to limit the price of provisions; It is therefore earnestly recommended to all committees of observation, and other well disposed persons, inhabitants of this state, to enquire after and take notice of such as are guilty of the offences aforesaid, and return their names, together with the names of the witnesses who can prove the charge, to the council of safety, or to the justices of the several county courts, that such delinquents may be proceeded against according to law.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, clerk.

The following gentlemen are elected delegates to serve in assembly, to wit.

- For saint Mary's county. James Jordan, Hetton Reed, Athanasius Ford, William Thomas.
Charles county. Joseph H. Harrison, Tho. Scramas, Zephaniah Turner, Alexander Macpherson.
Calvert county. William Fitzhugh, William Allen, Richard Farrar, John Mackall.
Prince-George's county. Walter Bowie, David Crauford, Osborn Sprigg, Jeremiah Magruder.
Montgomery county. Thomas S. Wootton, Richard Crabb, Edward Burgeis, Elisha Williams.
Frederick county. John Hanson, jun. Upton Sherdine, Christopher Edelen, Philip Thomas, Baltimore county. Charles Ridgely, Thomas Cockey Deye, John Stevenson, Peter Shepherd.
Baltimore town. John Smith, Jeremiah T. Chase.
Harford county. Jacob Bond, Thomas Bond, John Archer, William Smithson.
Cecil county. John Veazey, Joseph Gilpin, Patrick Ewing, Bond.
Kent county. Peregrine Lethbrury, John Maawell, Isaac Perkins, Danaldien Yates.
Queen Anne's county. James Kent, William Bruff, Robert Wright, James Bordley.
Talbot county. Edward Lloyd, John Gibson, Jeremiah Banning, James Benson.
Dorchester county. James Murray, William Ennalls, Henry Steele, John Henry, jun.
Caroline county. Nathaniel Potter, Richard Mason, Henry Dickinson, William Douglas.
Somerset county. William Hervey, Henry Lewis, John Waters, William Stone.
Worcester county. Peter Chaille, Smith Bishop, Josiah Mitchell, John Selby.

To be SOLD,

By the subscribers, in ANNAPOLIS, A PARCEL of choice JAMAICA SPIRIT, in hogheads, tierces, and kegs; MUSCOVADO SUGAR, in hogheads and barrels; PICKED COTTON; COFFEE, and GINGER.—These goods were shipped in JAMAICA for the BRITISH market, and are of the very best quality.

WILLIAM WILKINS, JOHN MUIR.

Annapolis, January 30, 1777.

THE subscriber being appointed commissioner by the Convention to superintend the business of a loan-office in the state of Maryland for the purpose of borrowing continental currency for the use of the united states, agreeable to resolves of the honourable Congress, gives notice, that an office for that business is opened in West-street, Annapolis, in the house that the treasurer's office is now kept, where constant attendance is given by

THOMAS MARWOOD, jun.

THOSE who are desirous of sending their children to the Latin school on South river, and want a place to board them, may hear of several creditable families who will take boarders on the most reasonable terms, by enquiring of the Printer hereof, or Thomas Henry Hall, Esq; who lives within a quarter of a mile of the school.

STRAYED or stolen from the subscriber, living in Prince-George's county near Upper Marlborough, on the 23rd of November last, a light gray horse, about 13 hands high, branded on the near shoulder and buttock I B, paces and gallops well. Whoever takes up said horse, and delivers him to the subscriber, shall receive four dollars reward.

ELISHA RISTON.

HERE is at the plantation of John Marriott, on the head of Severn, in Anne-Arundel county, taken up as a stray, a small bay horse, about 13 hands high, with a long mane hanging on the near side, some small white spots in his forehead, and some small saddle spot; but no perceivable brand. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

HERE is at the plantation of Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, living near the Governor's bridge, taken up as a stray, a sorrel horse, about 6 years old, 12 hands high, has many white hairs down his forehead, paces, trots and gallops, has no perceivable brand. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

Queen-Anne, December 15, 1776.

I HAVE found it extremely difficult, and much to the prejudice of myself and family, by continuing so long to carry on the business of my shop on credit; and I feel infinite regret, that I am now under the disagreeable necessity of informing the public, that I can no longer work (without respect to persons) but for the ready pence.—Those who will please to favour me with employ, must deposit the cash when the work is delivered.

SOLOMON SPARROW

Annapolis, December 27, 1776. THE subscriber having declined business, and having many accounts unsettled, will be much obliged to those who are indebted to him to discharge their respective balances; and if it is not convenient to pay them, he hopes they will not delay settling them by bond or note of hand. This reasonable request he flatters himself will not be objected to by any person who means well.

To be let, a two story brick HOUSE, near the public building where I now live, suitable for a grand family, has a good well of water in the yard, and necessary out-buildings, garden, &c.

N. B. A small parcel of European goods to be sold by the lump, at a small advance.

THOMAS HYDE.

November 13, 1776.

THE partnership of SHAW and CHISHOLM, cabinet-makers in Annapolis, being now dissolved, those persons who are indebted to the said 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.

STRAYED or stolen from the subscriber's plantation, near Newport, in Charles county, about the last of October, a yellow bay mare, about thirteen hands high, ten years old; her legs, belly, flanks, nose, and round her eyes, meally; a few white hairs in her forehead, which makes a kind of star; she trots and gallops; her brand, if any, unknown. Whoever takes up the said mare, and brings her to the subscriber's plantation, or to Mr. Thomas Reeder, at Newport, shall receive three dollars reward.

WALTER COMPTON.

December 15, 1776.

STRAYED or stolen, from the plantation of John Ray, sen. near Bladensburg, in Prince-George's county, on the 25th day of November last, a bay MARE, about 15 hands high, branded on the near thigh with 6 R; she paces short, gallops, and trots a little, part of one of her hind legs of a greyish colour, about seven years of age, and is forward with foal.—Whoever secures the said mare, so that she may be had again, and thief, if taken, shall receive five pounds reward, and if strayed, they shall receive fifty shilling, by us,

WILLIAM RAY.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

December 24, 1776.

WENT away from the subscriber's plantation, in Prince-George's county, near Snowdens Iron-works, on the 9th day of last October, a short well-set negro fellow, named JACOB, about twenty-eight years of age, five feet four or five inches high, and has had (not for his honesty) the under part of both his ears taken off. He has also a scar on the upper part of one of his thighs, occasioned by a burn. The apparel he had on when he went away was an old shirt, ash-coloured country cloth coat and breeches old yarn stockings, old hat, and old shoes; but as he is notoriously addicted to every kind of villainy, he has no doubt, ere now, furnished himself with other and better clothing; and being of a yellowish complexion he will very possibly endeavour to impose himself upon the credulous for a freeman. Whoever takes up said negro, and secures him in any jail, so that I get him again, shall receive five pounds, current money, and if brought home, the above reward.

THOMAS WELSH.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

Frederick county, Dec. 4, 1776.

STOLEN, from ISAAC WITESTER's plantation, on Patuxent river, Frederick county, about the 25th ult. a BLACK HORSE, about six years old, has two white feet, and is unbranded; he is a round bodied horse, better than 14 hands high, and used to the draught.—Whoever takes up the said horse, and brings him to the subscriber, shall receive, if ten miles from home, 20s. if twenty miles 20s. if thirty miles 30s. if fifty miles, or out of the province, 3l. for the horse; and if the thief is brought to justice, the above reward, and reasonable charges, by

WILLIAM WATERS.

ARCHIBALD CHISHOLM, Cabinet-maker, in ANNAPOLIS.

TAKES this opportunity of informing his old customers and friends in general, that the partnership of SHAW and CHISHOLM is dissolved, and that he has removed from the house lately occupied by the company, to the opposite side of the same street, at the house lately possessed by Mr. Charles Peale; where he continues to carry on the cabinet, chair-making, and turning business; He likewise makes sword scabbards, fifes, and billiard tacks, in the neatest manner.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

Lower district, Frederick county, Maryland Nov. 26, 1776.

RAN away last night from the subscriber, living in the fork of Hawling's river, near the chapel, an Irish servant man, named THOMAS PEARLE, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, a well set fellow, of a fair complexion, wears his own brown hair, has very little if any beard; had on, when he went away, two country cloth jackets, both kersey wove, and filled, the upper one black and white, much worn, the under one white, breeches of the same kind of cloth as the under jacket, much worn and patched, coarse country linen shirt, thread stockings, new shoes double soled, with iron plates on the soles, and nails in the heels, tied with blue g, a Dutch cap tied on the crown of it; he has lost one of his upper (i.e. teeth) and has a scar on his chin opposite the lost tooth, occasioned by a kick of a horse. Whoever takes up said servant, and secures him in any gaol, and gives notice to his master, shall receive ten dollars, and if brought home, the above reward, including what the law allows, paid by

RICHARD GREEN.