

at the request of the court of England, and
 on pretence of piracy, but having a
 from congress, they are discharged, the
 being released will be delivered up, the
 at Dunkirk being contrary to treaty, which
 employed till war is declared, which
 enemy's fleet of men of war and transports,
 which all their troops (except some few at
 and Staten-Island,) are embarked, have been
 about the capes of the Delaware this week
 times standing into the bay, and out to sea
 Friday last they disappeared, and were not
 when the last accounts came away. The follo-
 ter was on Sunday last received from Mr. Fish-
 stationed near the capes to watch the motions
 men of war which infer that quarter.
 Lewis-Town, Aug. 2, 1777. 1777. A. M.
 When I wrote to you last I acquainted you of
 being near the capes, they made for our bay
 evening, and I expected next morning to see
 them within the capes, but when day light ap-
 ere several leagues further out than they were
 before, which I imagine was owing to their
 very little wind, and a whole ebb tide in the bay
 at 9 o'clock, A. M. of the 31st ult. the con-
 e, which was one of the nearest ships to the
 gun and hoisted a flag, and bore down on the
 the wind being to the westward. About noon
 calm, and about 6 o'clock, P. M. the wind
 southward, and the fleet stood off by the
 frigates and tenders, which are at sea
 road. Just before sun set we were alarmed
 light house that the fleet was standing in
 er, on the 1st of August they were entirely
 t. Whether they are gone to the southward
 ward is not in my power to tell. A wind
 eared the wind was about south. I should
 if this express before, but delayed it from re-
 often brought that they were standing in
 toebuck went off with the fleet, and has not
 ne.
 HENRY FISHER,
 N. B. Nehemiah Field and Samuel Edwards, both
 went on board the enemy's ships from the beach
 of a letter from a gentleman of Charlestown
 Maritimo, St. Pierre, June 24th, 1777.
 The act of parliament that was lately passed
 purpose of destroying our commerce, by im-
 our seamen, has begun to operate among the
 s. All Americans that are now taken, are clo-
 sed until an opportunity offers for sending them
 eat Britain.
 a letter from Boston we learn, that capt. Ed-
 was said to be taken; is arrived with a very
 cargo from France, and that capt. Clouston
 prize has also got safe in.
 In C. O. N. G. R. E. S. S. July 29, 1777.
 Resolved, That an enquiry be made into the reasons
 evacuation of Ticonderoga and Mount Independence,
 and into the conduct of the general officer who
 in the northern department at the time of the
 at a committee be appointed to digest and report
 mode of conducting the enquiry.
 July 30.
 Resolved, That major gen. St. Clair, who command-
 Ticonderoga and Mount Independence, forthwith
 to head quarters.
 August 1.
 Resolved, That major gen. Schuyler be directed to
 to head quarters.
 Resolved, That general Washington be directed to order such
 al officer as he shall think proper, immediately to
 to the northern department, to relieve major
 Schuyler in his command there.
 Resolved, That brigadier Poor, brigadier Patterson, and brig-
 Roche de Fermoy be directed to repair to head
 quarters.
 August 3.
 Resolved, That gen. Washington be directed to order
 general whom he shall judge proper, to relieve gen-
 eral in his command, to repair with all possible
 sion to the northern department, giving him
 ions what number of the militia to call in from the
 of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Connec-
 ticut, York, New-Jersey and Pennsylvania.
 Notice be immediately sent to the executives
 of the said states, and that they be earnestly
 ted to get the militia in those parts of their re-
 spective states most contiguous to the northern depart-
 ment ready to march at a moment's warning, and to
 with all possible expedition; such parts of them
 general commanding in the northern department,
 require, to serve till the 1st of November if he
 relieved by continental troops, or dismissed by
 commanding officer of the department, and be
 paid to continental pay and rations.
 Resolved, That the commanding officer in the northern de-
 partment have discretionary power to make requisitions
 of the states aforesaid, from time to time, for such
 onal numbers of the militia to serve, in that de-
 partment as he shall judge necessary for the public
 service.
 Resolved, That the order of congress of the first day
 of the month, respecting the said brigadiers, be ful-
 filled, until gen. Washington shall judge it may be
 put into effect with safety.
 Extract from the minutes.
 CHARLES THOMSON, Sec.
 Resolved, That major gen. Gates be appointed to com-
 mand in the northern department, with orders im-
 mediate to repair thither.
 (Continued from our last.)
 In C. O. N. G. R. E. S. S. July 30, 1777.
 Resolved, That the commissaries general and the re-
 spective officers under them apply to the quarter master
 or his respective officers for waggon, teams
 and pack animals in the several districts, and if at any
 time it shall be necessary to hire the same, they are not
 to exceed the rates stipulated by congress for the quarter
 master general's office.
 Resolved, That all persons employed to pur-

United States any articles in the several departments
 of the commissary general of purchases, quarter master,
 director, or clothier general, or the commissary general
 of military stores, shall previously apply to them, or the
 principal officers, under them respectively, for certifi-
 cates of the several prices by them allowed for such ar-
 ticles, and shall not, on any pretence whatsoever, ex-
 ceed such prices. And it is recommended to the se-
 veral states to give to their purchasers respectively li-
 cense directions.
 XXXVII. That the commissary general of pur-
 chases, from time to time, provide sufficient quantities
 of salt, and deliver it to the commissary general of issues,
 or the respective officers under him, who are directed
 to issue to the troops only such quantities and in such
 manner as the commander in chief or commander of
 the respective district shall direct. And the commissary
 general of issues shall direct the respective deputy com-
 missaries general to employ a suitable number of coopers
 and packers, who shall salt and pack provisions at the
 several magazines and stores, and take the proper pre-
 cautions with respect to all provisions therein deposited.
 XXXVIII. And whereas great confusion hath arisen
 from the manner in which officers and soldiers have
 been paid for rations and parts of rations allowed to
 be not drawn by them respectively.
 Resolved, That the parts of a ration be estimated as
 follows, viz. for the daily allowance of beer, pork or
 fish, four ninetieths of a dollar; of bread or flour, two
 ninetieths; of pease or beans, one ninetieth; of milk,
 one ninetieth; of pease or beans, one ninetieth; of rice, one part
 of a ninetieth; and of soap, one half of a ninetieth;
 and that for the future the quarter master or
 other person drawing provision for any regiment, corps
 or detachment, shall, on the 1st day or every month
 make out an abstract of the number of retained rations
 due to each officer respectively, and also the number
 of each part of a ration due to such regiment, corps
 or detachment; and deliver the same to the respective
 issuing commissary, who shall compare it with his books,
 and finding it right shall certify thereon that the sev-
 eral charges in the abstract are just, and that such a sum
 as he shall find to be due should be paid to the respective
 paymaster of the regiment, corps or detachment, who
 shall annex the said abstract to the pay roll, that the
 paymaster or deputy paymaster general of the militia
 may pay, and he is hereby required to pay such ration
 abstract to the regimental paymaster, who is directed
 to pay the respective officers and soldiers, and take
 their receipts. And when any regiment, corps or de-
 tachment, or issuing commissary is ordered to leave a
 post before the end of the month, the ration abstracts
 shall be made up to the day of his or their leaving the
 post, and certified by the commissary as aforesaid.
 XXXIX. That the commissary of issues at every
 post waste cattle be killed for the use of the army,
 appoint a careful person to take charge of the hides and
 tallow, to see that the former are properly dried, and
 that the latter is properly rendered, and that both are
 disposed of as the commissary general of issues, by order
 of congress, shall direct.
 XL. That the commissary and deputy commissaries
 general of purchases in each department, and every
 purchaser employed under them, shall take the oath of
 fidelity to the United States, and the following oath or
 affirmation, viz.
 "I do solemnly and sincerely swear (or af-
 firm) in the presence of Almighty God, That I will not
 collude with any person or persons whatever, to enhance
 the price of provisions or any article of commerce which
 I shall at any time hereafter be directed to purchase for
 the use of the United States, and that I will endeavour,
 by every honest means in my power, to procure the
 articles which I may be directed to purchase at the most
 reasonable rates, and that I will not charge the public
 with any advance on any purchases by me to be made,
 and that I will in all things conduct myself as becometh
 a faithful servant of the public."
 XLI. That the commissary and deputy commissary
 general of issues in each department, and every is-
 suing commissary employed under them, shall take the
 said oath of fidelity, and the following oath or affirma-
 tion, viz.
 "I do swear (or affirm) That I will faithfully receive,
 take the care of, and issue the provisions and other
 stores committed to my trust, and keep regular ac-
 counts, and make regular returns, agreeable to the res-
 olutions of congress, and oftener if thereunto required
 by any superior officer having right to order returns;
 and that I will in all things honestly demean myself as
 a faithful servant of the public."
 XLII. Resolved, That the commissary general of
 purchases shall keep his office in the place where con-
 gress shall sit, and that he or his clerk shall constantly
 attend therein.
 JUNE 16.
 XLIII. Resolved, That the pay and allowance to the
 commissaries general, deputy commissaries general, as-
 sistant, and persons employed under them, be as fol-
 lows, viz.
 Per day, Dollars. Rations.
 To the commissary general of purchases, 8 6
 To the deputy commissary general of purchases, each 5 4
 To the assistant commissaries of purchases, each 4 4
 To the commissary general of issues, 150 6
 To the deputy commissaries general of issues, each 75 4
 To the assistant commissaries of issues, each 40 2 1/2
 To the clerks of the commissaries general, and deputy commissaries general, each 35 2
 To such deputies as purchasers of live stock are empowered to employ for receiving the same at the several posts, while in such service, each 2 1/2 1/2
 XLIV. That the commissary general of purchases be empowered to regulate the pay of drovers and butchers, and transmit regulations to congress.
 XLV. That the commissary general of issues, in like manner, be empowered to regulate and transmit to congress, the pay of coopers, packers, and other per-

sons which he may find necessary to be employed in such kind of services.
 JULY 1.
 Resolved, That the deputy commissaries general of purchases respectively be authorized to make reasonable allowances, to such of the assistant commissaries as are employed in buying and collecting live stock, for all extraordinary travelling expenses which they may necessarily be put to, not exceeding one dollar and one third of a dollar per day; for such additional allowance.
 Extra from the minutes.
 Published by order of congress.
 CHARLES THOMSON, secretary.
 JUNE 1.
 Resolved, That Joseph Trumbull, Esq; commissary general, and the several persons by him lately employ- ed in the commissary's department, be directed to supply the army with provisions in the mode which they have heretofore practised, until the commissaries general, on the new establishment, shall be prepared to enter upon the business.
 ANNAPOLIS, AUGUST 14, 1777.
 In COUNCIL, Annapolis, July 12, 1777.
 THE general assembly having by an act of the last session appropriated two thousand pounds for erecting public buildings, any person who has a convenient situation to let to the public, or would undertake the management of the work, is desired to propose terms to the governor and council.
 Per order;
 T. JOHNSON, jun. cl. co.
 Prince-George's county, Aug. 6, 1777.
 Mr. GREEN,
 ON perusing the piece in your paper of the 24th ult. signed John Dent, and which referred to the public the disposition of three Ladies, relative to what happened at the house of Mrs. Margaret Hutton in April, 1776; however unwilling I may be to trespass upon the private of your readers, who perhaps may think them- selves but little concerned in the matter, I must beg leave to say, through the decency of some part of the company present, I am obliged to oppose more attention to the depositions aforesaid, unless those of Mrs. Hut- ton and her daughter (who by the by are not much more interested to defend, than some of the deposing Ladies seem to be, to asperse the character attacked) can be admitted on the occasion. With regard to general Dent's attack upon my character, I desire to acquaint him, that his informant was mistaken, when he told him I had not signed the association prescribed by this state, he may be better informed, if he will give himself the trouble to apply to Mr. Robert Young, of Charles county, who was present, or to Benjamin Mackall, Esq; of Hollowing-Point, in Calvert county, who was likewise present, and at whose house I gave myself the pleasure of subscribing on the 18th of September, 1775, although I was at that time about to sail on a voyage to London. The length of the time of my absence, and the difficulty I met with in returning to Maryland, have, it is true, hitherto prevented my enrolling in any of the companies of the militia; but the delay has by no means proceeded from any disaffection to the cause of America, to which I perceive the genera. does me the justice to believe me not naturally averse. I now take my leave of the subject, and shall not again trouble the public on the occasion.
 HEZEKIAH MAGRUDER.
 To be SOLD at the PRINTING-OFFICE,
 VOTES and PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 SENATE,
 FEBRUARY and JUNE SESSIONS, 1777.
 VOTES and PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
 JUNE SESSION, 1777.
 AND THE
 LAWS
 Passed last Session of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 Charles county, August 6, 1777.
 To be SOLD;
 THE PLANTATION on which I now dwell; containing about five hundred and thirty acres of land, lying in Charles county, near Port-Tobacco; on which are a dwelling-house, with seven rooms and two passages on the lower floor, and five rooms and a passage above stairs, a kitchen with a brick floor, a brick milk-house, spinning-room and lumber-room, under one roof, a large granary, corn-house, stables, two tobacco-houses, cow-house, a dwelling-house, calculated to suit a weaver, and other out-houses; This land is rich, and capable of producing any commodity suited to the climate; there is a considerable quantity of low ground, which might be converted into fine meadow. The situation is high, dry, and healthy, the prospect delightful, having a fine view of Patow- mack river, Virginia, Port-Tobacco creek, and the neighbourhood all round you, very convenient to two places of public worship, a protestant church, and Roman-catholic chapel, which last is an elegant building, full in view, and adds to the other beauties of the place; two grist-mills within a mile and a half, and Port-Tobacco warehouse almost at the door, plenty of fish in their season; and frequent opportunities in the winter of getting oysters—in short, this seat has every advantage to make life delightful and happy. Any person inclinable to purchase may view the premises, and know the terms of sale, by applying to
 WILLIAM HANSON.
 To be sold by public vendue, at Mrs. Gibbon's, in Upper-Marborough, on Wednesday the 27th of August, for ready money, agreeable to the will of Mr. Benjamin Berry, deceased, sundry NEGROES, con- sisting of men, women, boys and girls.
 SARAH BERRY, Executrix.
 DAVID CRAUFORD } Executors.
 JOHN BERRY }

ALL persons indebted to the subscriber, either on bond, note, or open account, are requested to make immediate payment, or they may expect to be dealt with as the law directs, without respect to persons.
 ALEX. OGG.
 N. B. All persons indebted to the late Edward North, Calvert county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment unto the subscriber
 A. O.
 Maryland, Anne-Arundel county, August 14, 1777.
 To be SOLD to the best bidder, and most advan- tage, on the 25th day of September next, if fair, if not, the next fair day, pursuant to the last will and testament of West Burgess, deceased, on the pre- mises,
 ABOUT three hundred and twenty-three acres of very valuable LAND well timbered, mixed with hickory, about eighty acres cleared, and under good fence; situate between Savage and Magothy rivers, and not above three quarters of a mile from either, which are famous for fish and oysters, conven- ient to three or four water-mills, and about nine miles from the city of Annapolis. It is adapted for a farm- er or a planter; about fifty acres of meadow may be made; fruit-trees of all kinds; between three and four hundred apple-trees, which have been planted about twelve years, chiefly of the English kind of fruit; there is on said land a dwelling house, with three rooms on the lower floor, and sundry out-houses. Any person desirous of purchasing, may view the pre- mises, by applying to Elijah Robeson, who lives ad- joining to the said land, and will show the same. Any passing current money will be taken in payment, by
 ELISABETH BURGESS, Executrix.
 Notice is hereby given, to all persons who have any demands against said estate, to bring in their accounts properly proved: Also those who are indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.
 ALL persons having claims against the estate of Edward Cole, late of Anne-Arundel county, de- ceased, are requested to bring them in, properly au- thenticated and attested, that they may be adjusted, and those who are indebted to the said estate are ear- nestly requested to make speedy payment, that the sub- scriber may thereby be the better enabled to pay off the claims against the said estate in due time.
 All accounts received and approved by Mr. Basil Burgess, who is empowered to settle the business, and all receipts given by him; for money received for the use of the said estate, shall be binding on
 MARY COLE, Administratrix.
 There came to the subscriber's plantation, in the life time of her deceased husband, about a year ago, a middle sized black cow, with a calf by her side; she is marked with a hole and slit in the right, and a crop and under ear in the left ear, her fore legs white, has a bob-tail; and is about 8 or 9 years old. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take her away.
 August 6, 1777.
 THE officers of the first Maryland regiment, now in this state, are required to repair to Annapolis on the 25th instant, bringing with them all their re- cruits, fully prepared to march to join the army.
 JOHN HANCOCK BEANES,
 Capt. 1st. Maryland regiment.
 August 12, 1777.
 RAN away, on Saturday the 9th instant, from the subscriber, in Bladenburg, a Mulatto slave named John, or John the Baptist, which he calls him- self; he was a few days ago the property of Mr. James Brooks, in Annapolis, and have heard he was this day in that town. Any person apprehending the said slave, and will have him secured, so as the owner may get him again, shall have three pounds reward, and reasonable charges paid, if brought to Bladenburg.
 HENRY BRADFORD.
 RAN away from the subscriber, living in Anne- Arundel county, near Herring-creek church, some time in March last, a negro man, named Jack, commonly called Jack-Hutton, near 30 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches high; he is a good carpenter, cooper, and plaiter; he went away with a mulatto woman belonging to Miss Mary Bell, near Rock- creek; carried with him a mouse-coloured mare, with foal, branded, M. F. four white feet and a star. Who- ever takes up said negro, and secures him, so that I get him again, shall have sixteen dollars, and four for the mare.
 JOHN WEEMS.
 To be SOLD, by public sale, on the 21st day of August next, at the store of the late Mr. James Hoggan, merchant, in Bladenburg, for ready money, all his EFFECTS and wearing apparel.
 All persons indebted to him, or to whom he is in- debted, are desired to settle the same with Mr. Joseph Noble Brynes, at Bladenburg, or with
 ALEX. HAMILTON, Executor.
 The creditors will not forget, that the vouchers for their claims must be legally authenticated, before they can be paid.
 ALL persons indebted to the estate of Mr. James Maccubbin deceased, are desired to come and pay off their accounts, and all persons who have just claims against said estate are desired to bring them in pro- perly proved.
 WILLIAM WOODWARD, Administrator
 of James Maccubbin deceased.
 Annapolis, July 29, 1777.
 ALL persons indebted to the late Dr. JOHN SHAW, on bond, note, or open account, are desired to make immediate payment, as this is the last time of asking, and may depend that suits will be brought against them without further notice.
 ISAAC HARRIS, } Executors.
 ROTH HARRIS }