

Byram bridge, and our cavalry proceeded to Horse-nack. Some time after they appeared on Bliffin's Hill, where, for particular reasons, I wish they had continued a little longer.

I think lieutenant-colonel White a valuable officer, and take pleasure in again expressing how highly I approve his conduct. The officers and men of the cavalry behaved with a gallantry and spirit truly laudable. Captain Pope of the infantry, and the officers and men of his command, are mentioned by those of the cavalry in a manner demonstrative of their merit, and expressive of the gratitude of the horse for the support they afforded them.

The enemy without doubt suffered a good deal. Lieutenant Gill counted 14 men lying on the field at some place of action—and more must have fallen at other places. The officers of the parties I sent out after the enemy, when I found them retiring, learnt of the inhabitants that they acknowledged their loss (in proportion to the numbers engaged) considerable. Of the horse on our side 33 men only are wounded, and they so slightly that they are now on duty. Of the infantry I have as yet had no return, but understand from captain Koe that 2 only are killed. We did not lose an horse, and had but 3 or 4 wounded—4 of the enemy's were taken in the action. Proper returns shall be transmitted your excellency, the moment I receive them.

Upon the whole, I think this a clever little affair; and flatter myself it will meet, Sir, with your approbation. I have the honour to be,

With the greatest respect,
Your excellency's most obedient servant,
ROBERT HOWE.

P. S. I have ordered the things taken to be sold for the benefit of the captors. So sensible are the horse of the good behaviour of the infantry in this affair, that they have unanimously voted them half a share extraordinary, in reward of their merit.

S I B, West Point, August 10, 1779.
YOUR very polite favour of the 17th ult. with the extract of an act of congress, I have just now received. The honourable manner in which that respectable body have been pleased to express their approbation of my conduct in the enterprise on Stony-Point, must be very flattering to a young soldier; but whilst I experience every sensation arising from a consciousness of having used my best endeavours to carry the orders of my general into execution, I feel much hurt that I did not in my letter to him of the 17th of July, mention (among other brave and worthy officers) the names of lieutenant-colonel Sherman, majors Hull, Murphy and Poey, whose good conduct and intrepidity justly entitled them to that attention.

Permit me, therefore, through your excellency, to do them that justice now which the fate of my wound diverted me from in the first instance: and whilst I pay this tribute to their merit, I must not omit major Nottmont de Lantouville, a French gentleman, who (in the character of a volunteer) stepped amongst the first for glory.

I will only beg leave to add, that every officer and soldier, belonging to the light corps, discovered a zeal and intrepidity that did and ever will secure success.

I am,
With every sentiment of esteem,
Your excellency's most obedient humble servant,
ANTHONY WAYNE.

His excellency JOHN JAY, Esq;
president of congress,
Published by order of congress,
CHARLES THOMSON, secretary.

Extra of a letter from Paramus, August 22.
Sundry late military occurrences, which you cannot be unacquainted with, gave the alarm to the enterprising genius of major Lee, who being ordered into this country, took into contemplation an attempt on Powles-Boo, a place naturally difficult of access, and highly improved by art. He busily employed himself in gaining a knowledge of the place, its situation, strength, &c. This done, he communicated the matter to his excellency, who, surprised at the many obstacles, declined his assent to an affair so replete with danger. But on a fuller representation from the major, whose endeavours were unremitting until the necessary intelligence was collected—having devised the mode of attack, the method of retreat, and the number of troops adequate, transmitted them accurately to the general, who was pleased to approve of the disposition, and ordered every thing requisite for a matter of so much difficulty.

A description of the place will not be improper, as it will serve to give you an idea of the many obstructions to be met with. The Hook is formed by a winding curve of North-River, directly opposite New-York; a wide gulf intersects the tongue of land, and leaves the piece of fortification an entire island; the gulf in depth is so considerably encreased, as to render it impassible a little more than half flood; interior to this runs a line of abattis of great strength, which extends to the extreme verges of the island; still within these is a fort (except the gate way) impregnable, assisted by a chain of redoubts situate on its left, of superior strength; the whole surrounded by a marsh two miles in breadth, rendered almost impervious; by reason of a number of gulfs, which irregularly intersect it at various points.

Three hundred Virginians, under the command of major Clark, two companies of Maryland, and McClean's dismounted dragoons, composed the assailants. The whole, directed by major Lee, took their route from the New-Bridge on Hackinsack, attended by a number of waggons to convey the opinion of a foraging party. The timid apprehensions of a principal guide, on our nearer approach to the enemy, proved the source of numberless mistakes, which retarded the execution of the design three hours, and occasioned an alteration in the primary disposition, instead of attacking in three different places as at first intended. The body was formed into two columns, and after forcing the abbat-

is, a separation took place by major Clark's inclining to the right, the other column to the left; the former preceded at some distance; instantly seized the grand fort, and re-echoed the watch-word; in less than ten minutes a complete possession of the works was effected, with little or no loss.

The necessity of a retreat every moment became evident; day-light approached apace, and obliged us to retire precipitately, though without confusion. Relying on the boats which were to transport us over the Hackinsack, 3 miles distant from the scene of action, and which constituted our safety—we moved on with the prisoners—but our arrival soon convinced us of a disappointment. The dangers of the situation were manifest: the North-River on the right was at many places not more than two miles distant from the party with the major part of the British army strewed along the opposite shore, obliged the exertion of every device and stratagem to obviate their intercepting a retreat of eighteen miles, which was judiciously effected, notwithstanding all their efforts to the contrary.

Sept. 1. Monday arrived here the sloop Terrible, with 118 puncheons of rum, from Jamaica. She was lately commanded by captain Erwin, and bound to New-York; but last Saturday night, being about four or five leagues from our capes, four of the sailors secured the captain and mate, took possession of the vessel, and brought her safe in. She left Jamaica the first of August, in company with about 160 tall of vessels, but separated from them in the Gulf of Florida.

We learn that a large ship, one of the above fleet, ran ashore in the Gulf, and was entirely lost.

By the Jamaica Mercury of the 24th of July we learn, that the Lion man of war, of 64 guns (one of admiral Byron's fleet) arrived there in a shattered condition, having received very material damage in her masts, yards, and rigging; that the carnage on board her was very considerable; that the accidental explosion of a quantity of cartridges on the lower deck, proved the destruction of a great many men, that 50 had been already buried, and many still remained badly hurt.

Extract of a letter from Bilbao, dated July 6, 1779.
"The British, Cadiz, and Ferrol fleets are all at sea to the number of 70 ships of the line, besides frigates, bombs, &c. so that a little time will discover their destination—All English effects have been prohibited with the utmost severity."

ANNAPOLIS, September 10.

A LIST of CONTINENTAL AGENTS licensed by the governor and council, to purchase in this state for the army, according to the act of assembly for the more effectual preventing to embezzling and engrossing, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Patrick Ewing, Cecil county, assistant commissary of purchases; licensed the 26th of August 1779.

Henry Hollingsworth, Cecil deputy quarter-master-general for the eastern shore; the 3d of September 1779.

James Calloun, Baltimore, deputy quarter-master-general for the western shore; the 7th of September 1779.

ANNAPOLIS RACES.

TO be run for, on the 27th of October next, over the course near this city, the four mile heat,

A PURSE OF ONE THOUSAND POUNDS, free for any horse, mare or gelding; aged to carry 133 pounds, six years old, to carry 126, five years old to carry 119, and four years old 112.

On the day following will be run for, over the same course, the three mile heats,

A PURSE OF FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, free for any horse, mare or gelding, under six years old; five years old to carry 119 pounds, four years old 112, and three years old 100 pounds.

On the third day will be run for, A PURSE OF THREE HUNDRED and SEVENTY-FIVE POUNDS, free for any horse, mare or gelding, under five years old, four years old to carry 112, three years old to carry 100.

Any horse winning two clear heats either day to be entitled to the purse; the winning horse, each preceding day to be excepted. Any horse running for either purse to be entered with Mr. George Mann, two days before the day of running, otherwise to pay double entrance at the post; non-subscribers to pay 60 dollars the first day, second day 30 dollars, third day 20 dollars. Subscribers to pay half entrance, each day. Proper judges will be appointed to determine all matters of dispute, agreeable to the rules of racing.

The horses to start each day at 11 o'clock precisely.

Annapolis, September 9, 1779.

TO BE SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, On Thursday the 23d inst. at the house lately occupied by Thomas Jennings, Esq; nearly opposite the prison, A QUANTITY of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of tables, chairs, drawers, looking glasses, pewter, a mahogany bedstead, bed and curtains, a guitar, German flute, a chest of carpenters tools, some wearing apparel, a very neat new glass for laying on a counter, and a variety of other articles.

JOHN SHAW, N. B. Household furniture retained by the subscriber on commission, to be sold by public or private sale.

Annapolis, September 9, 1779.

THE subscriber wants a number of COARSE SHOES made, for which good wages will be given; shoemakers may take them out in quantities.

A CURRIER will meet with encouragement by applying to WILLIAM GOLDSMITH, OF whom a good price may be had for coarse shoe thread.

NOTICE is hereby given to the freemen of Anne-Arundel county, that an election will be held at the city of Annapolis, agreeable to the form of government, on the first Monday in October next, being the fourth day of the said month, in order to choose four delegates to serve in the next general assembly.

L O B A G G O W A L L E R S H I R S, Sheriff.

W A N T E D, EITHER a single man or one with a small family, who can be well recommended for his sobriety and industry, and also for his knowledge in the business of a plantation, to overlook a farm near the city of Annapolis, whereon there are fourteen or fifteen good working hands. For further particulars, enquire of the

NOTICE is hereby given, that the corporation of the city of Annapolis intends to petition the next General Assembly for a law to pass enabling them to lay a further assessment on all property, and to regulate ordinaries, within the said city, and to discontinue of THIMPLE and DEAN streets, now stopped up and useless to the inhabitants.

To be SOLD at the PRINTING-OFFICE, L A W S Passed last SESSION of ASSEMBLY.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

August 25, 1779. RAN away from the subscriber, living in St. Mary's county, within six miles of Leonard Town, on the 14th instant, a likely NE-RO WOMAN, named MONICA, about 40 years of age, and five feet three or four inches high, was born in the country, and talks plain. She carried with her sundry kinds of cloaths; those she will probably wear in common are, a jacket and petticoat made of striped country cloth of cotton and wool, the stripes of yellow, blue, and black, and crossways the cloth; took with her also a woman's black furred hat and a silk bonnet; she has a large wen on her forehead, but often wears something tied over it; she will probably endeavour to pass for a free woman, and may endeavour to procure a forged pass, and go off by water. Any person who will take up the said negro woman and bring her home, shall receive twenty dollars reward if taken within ten miles of home, or the above reward if taken out of the county, and secured so that the subscriber can get her.

ABRAHAM CLARKE.

LOWER MARLBOROUGH RACES.

ON Tuesday, the 28th of September, will be run for, over the course at Lower Marlborough, a purse of THREE HUNDRED POUNDS, free for any horse, mare, or gelding, the three mile heats; aged horses to carry nine stone, and to fall agreeable to the rules of racing.

And, on Wednesday, the 29th, will be run for, over the same ground, a purse of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, two mile heats; horses carrying as above.

Horses to be entered with Mr. JOHN SPICKNALL, the day preceding the race, when proper certificate must be shewn. Subscribers to pay thirty dollars entrance the first day, and twenty dollars the second, non-subscribers to pay double each day.

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THERE are at the plantation of Patrick McGill on Elk-Ridge, in Anne-Arundel county, taken up as strays, two red HEIFERS, one marked with a crop in the right ear and an under slip in the left; the other neither brand nor ear mark; they appear to be about two years old. The owners are desired to take them away and pay charges.

Just published, and to be Sold, at the Old Printing office in Charles-Street, Annapolis. (price TWELVE DOLLARS a Dozen, or TEN SHILLINGS for a single one)

THE MARYLAND ALMANACK For the YEAR of our LORD 1780.

CONTAINING, Besides the usual astronomical calculations, which are made for the Meridian of ANNAPOLIS; Days of holding the several courts in this state, as settled by laws of assembly; a table shewing the value of any number of dollars; tables of interest in pounds and dollars, &c. &c. together with several instructive and entertaining pieces in prose and verse.

August 1, 1779. NOTICE is hereby given, that part of the inhabitants of Cecil county intend to petition to the general assembly, at their next session, to pass an act for the laying out a straight road from the bridge at the Head of Elk, unto the end of the straight road, laid out some years since by the commissioners of Newcastle county at the boundary line, of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice.

LOST by the subscriber, THE PROCEEDINGS of the ancient TUESDAY CLUB, bound in parchment; several of the leaves are loose. Whoever will deliver them to him, his office, shall receive forty dollars for their trouble.

FREDERICK GREEN.