

Mattering recompence of all my labours would be the testimony of your satisfaction."

To which the president in behalf of congress returned the following answer:

"SIR,

"We receive with much concern the intimation you have given us, that the bad state of your health obliges you to leave America; though at the same time we are sensible of the continued friendly care of his Most Christian Majesty, in sending a new minister plenipotentiary to these states.

"Great as our regret is in thus parting with you, yet it affords us pleasure to think how well disposed you are to improve the favourable opportunities you will have, on your return to France, of evincing to his majesty the reality of those sentiments on our part, which may justly be termed the animating principles of the United States.

"By such representations the king will be assured, that the citizens of these states observe with the most lively satisfaction the repeated instances of his amity for them; that they regard the alliance as an inestimable connection, endeared to them by the purity of the motives on which it was founded, the advantages derived from it, and the blessings it promises to both nations; that their resolution of securing its essential objects, liberty and independence, is unalterable. That they are determined, by all the exertions in their power, to advance the common cause, and to demonstrate that while they are attentive to their own interests, they as ardently desire to approve themselves, not only faithful but affectionate allies.

"By a residence of more than a year near congress, you are enabled to form a competent judgment of the difficulties we have had to encounter, as well as of our efforts to remove them.

"Sir, We should be deficient in the respect due to distinguish merit, if we should fail to embrace this opportunity of testifying the high esteem, which you have obtained throughout this country by your public and private conduct. You have happily combined a vigilant devotion for the dignity and interests of our most excellent and illustrious ally with a zealous attachment to the honour and welfare of these states.

"Your prudence, integrity, ability and diligence, in discharging the eminent trust reposed in you, have secured our entire confidence, and now solicit from us the strongest declaration of our satisfaction in your behaviour.

"That you may be blessed with a favourable voyage, the approbation of your sovereign, the perfect recovery of your health, and all happiness, is among the warmest wishes of every member of this body.

Extract from the minutes.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary."

There have been amongst the testimonies of respect exhibited to his excellency. Besides which, the attention paid to him by our worthy general and by the army, in two visits to the camp; and moreover the deference shown to him in polite assemblies and more public companies, which he has honoured with his presence, have completed that satisfaction which his sensibility would lead him to enjoy, from a knowledge that he has possessed the universal confidence and esteem of a virtuous and free people.

Thursday, October 21st, he set sail from the continent: his reputation shall remain amongst us, and go down with reputation to posterity. In the language of Cicero, "he has left a pleasing and lasting memory of his services and name with all Americans."

Shall it be said, that the testimonies of esteem exhibited to this illustrious character might be spared, seeing he was the minister of a foreign power, and not of these States? Let it be considered that he was the minister of a foreign power, whose interests are the same with those of these States; and for this reason, he was in some sense the minister of these states. Moving in the same

* Ut Siculis omnibus, jucundam, disturbanque, memoriam questura, nominisque mei relinquerem Ora. pro Cecilio.

line, our ministers are the ministers of France, and the ministers of France are our ministers. When we cast away, as we ought to do, the idea of distinction in the councils, we lose also that of distinction in the persons. The conjunction of action gives a community of approbation; and while France honours our commissioners and later ministers with testimonies of esteem, we shall gratefully retribute, and amicably compromise the generous intention of good-will by equal acts, on our part, of complaisance and friendship.

The case is widely different where two powers, though not at war, yet are opposite in interests to each other. There the minister of each power is a spy upon the court where he is appointed to reside; and in proportion as he executes his trust faithfully for the respective power who has commissioned him, he is the object of watchfulness on the part of that power where he has his residence.

America and France, with regard to each other, are not in this situation. They enjoy a unity of interests, and combine a unity of councils. The man, in any station, who shall best understand and pursue the interests of the one, shall serve most faithfully the interests of the other, and shall best deserve the panegyric of both. THE HONEST POLITICIAN.

A LIST of continental agents, licensed by the Governor and Council to purchase in this state for the American army.

1779. PATRICK EWING, mail courier, Aug. 25. Assistant commissary of purchases.

Sept. 3. Henry Hollingsworth, Capt. deputy quarter-master-general for the eastern shore

Sept. 7. James Alboun, Baltimore, deputy quarter-master-general for the western shore

Sept. 10. Ephraim Blaine, deputy commissary general of purchases in the army of the United States.

Conrod Theodore Wederstrandt assistant deputy commissary of purchases for Queen-Anne's, Talbot and below

Nathaniel Potter, ditto, for Caroline.

Richard Dallam, ditto, for Harford.

Robert Buchanan, ditto, for Baltimore.

Thomas Richardson, ditto, for Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, and St. Mary's.

George Murdock, ditto, for Frederick.

Moses Rawlings, ditto, for Washington.

Sept. 13. Charles Beatty, deputy quarter-master general for Frederick.

Sept. 14. Richard Butler, deputy quarter-master ditto.

Nicholas Tick, ditto, for ditto.

Sept. 17. Henry Wright, jun. assistant deputy forage master-general for all the counties of the eastern shore of this state except Cecil.

John Greer, assistant deputy quarter-master-general for the lower part of Frederick and upper part of Baltimore counties.

Henry Shyock, ditto, for Washington.

David Poe, ditto, for Baltimore.

Oct. 12. Joseph Ford, assistant commissary of purchases for St. Mary's and Calvert counties.

21. Levin Spedding, deputy assistant commissary of purchases

Nicholas Goldborough, ditto.

John Caille Harrison, ditto.

George Dawson, ditto.

Robert Walter, ditto.

Aquila Brown, ditto.

23. James Martin, ditto.

William Horsey, ditto.

Levin Handy, deputy assistant commissary of purchases.

Novemb. 19. William Wright, ditto, Queen-Anne's county.

Jacob Giles, jun. assistant commissary of purchases. Harford.

William Lyles, ditto, Prince-George's.

Nov. 30. Benjamin Chambers, deputy quarter-master-general of forage, for Dorchester, Worcester, and Somerset.

James Hindman, deputy assistant commissary of purchases for Talbot.

James Sullivan, ditto, for Dorchester county.

Dec. 11. Walter Hanson, deputy assistant commissary of purchases for Charles county.

PETITION will be offered to the first session of the general assembly after this notice shall have been published eight weeks; for an act admitting to record, and giving effect from the date to a deed executed in Prince-George's county, by George Cohn, to Josias Shaw, for part of a tract of land called William and Anne.

RICHARD HENDERSON.

To be sold at public sale, on Wednesday the 24th of February next, at the plantation of Vachel White, near the head of Severn river,

A PARCEL of NEGROES, consisting of men, women, and children; one of the men is a pretty good carpenter, and understands going by water. 100 Dollars

In COUNCIL, Annapolis, Dec. 17, 1779.

ANY gentleman having vessels to let on freight to Europe or the West-Indies, and willing to treat with the Governor and Council, are requested to transmit their proposals as speedily as convenient.

T. JOHNSON, jun. d.

CAME some months ago to the plantation of Mrs. Eleanor Carroll, on Rock-Creek, Montgomery county, the following stray cattle, viz. One red steer, one brindled and one black heifer; they are marked with two swallow-forks. The owner may have them again, on proving his property and paying charges, by applying to PAUL SOMERS, Overseer.

THERE is at the plantation of Samuel Jacobs, living near the Governor's Bridge, a red and white HEIFER, marked in the right ear with an upper and under slip, and in the left with an upper slip. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges. 3

FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD.

Baltimore county, December 10, 1779.

STOLEN and taken away from Middle-River, in Baltimore county, on Tuesday night last, the 7th instant, a small SCHOONER, the property of the subscriber. She has been lately repaired, her frame is mulberry, her bottom new planked, the cabin floor new, as are also the bulk-head and hatchway over the cabin; she has only two sails, a foresail and main-sail, which are about half worn and have some holes in them; her bowprit is on but she has no gibb, her boom is new, and had when stolen a small punt with her. The above robbery was committed by one Stephen Welsh, who also carried with him a thin faced spare woman, the wife of one Philip Steels and a small boy of his own about nine years old. Whoever takes up the said schooner and Welsh, and delivers them to the subscriber in Baltimore Town, shall receive the above reward or one thousand dollars, with reasonable charges, for the schooner and her materials only.

JOB GARRETSON.

ONE HUNDRED and SIXTY DOLLARS REWARD.

Annapolis, October 16, 1779.

STRAYED or stolen from the subscriber, on Wednesday the 6th of October instant, a dark bay MARE, four years old last spring, branded with an F and a B one hind foot white, a small blaze down the face in the form of a half moon at the top, one of her fore hoofs split, fifteen hands high, shod all round, paces and trots. Whoever will bring the said mare home to the subscriber in Annapolis, or Thomas Jones, blacksmith in Baltimore, shall receive 100 dollars reward, if only strayed away, but if stolen 160 dollars for the mare and thief.

JOHN TOWNSLEY, Copper-smith.

Annopolis, October 23, 1779.

FOR SALE.

THE UNITED STATES LOTTERY TICKETS in the third class. These go off very rapidly, from the advantage to the adventurer in this class compared with the preceding ones: the holders therefore of tickets in the second class, who purchased of the subscriber, being entitled to pre-emption in this, are requested to be speedy in their application to renew, otherwise they will be disposed of to others.

JOHN DAVIDSON.

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.

CASH given for clean Linnen and Cotton RAGS.