

The brig—, Captain Prole, from Cadiz, for this port, being blown off the coast, is got into Martinico,

Captain Gustavus Cunnyngnam made his escape from Plymouth gaol the 5th of November, and arrived at Amsterdam about the 20th.

The schooner Polackie, captain Hartwell, from this port, for the West-Indies, is taken and carried into Antigua.

The schooner Baltimore, captain Earle, from St. Eustatia for Baltimore, being blown off this coast, is taken, and going into Antigua ran on the rocks, where she was beat to pieces.

On the 15th and 16th of December, there was a violent gale of wind at Teneriff, in which several vessels were drove ashore, among them a schooner, captain Adams, from Edenowyn, North Carolina, which had brought to that Island 17,000 slaves.

The brig Active, captain Mesnard, and the brig—, captain Stocker, both from St. Eustatia; the brig—, captain Chatham, from Teneriff, are arrived in the Delaware with valuable cargoes of rum, salt, wine, dry goods, &c. and will be up, as soon as the river is clear of ice.

ANNAPOLIS, March 3.

The naval force ordered by the count d'Estaing to the bay of Chesapeake, has rendered important service in keeping in awe the cruizers at the mouth of our capes, and in preventing the plundering expeditions of the enemy, which, there is reason to believe, they had intended to the coast of Virginia during the winter. If they had attempted any thing of this kind, they would have found it more difficult to succeed, than in their late inroad to Suffolk. The following extract of a letter from York in Virginia is an evidence of the spirit of our countrymen, and the generosity of our allies.

On the information which had been received in Virginia, of the embarkation of a body of troops at New-York, and in the uncertainty where general Clinton might meditate a disembarkation, Monsieur Vandrueil, commander of the Frigate of 74 guns, came to this city, and in conjunction with the chevalier d'Annoirs, consul of France, entered into a conference with the governor on the means of defending this state, and offered to contribute to that object all in his power. The governor observed to him, that the vessel of our illustrious ally could not fail to be the victim of our inability to give assistance by sea, since the English had at least five vessels in condition to attack us. He assured them of his concern for a danger so evident, and his desire that the Frigate should leave the bay, and go as high as possible up this river, where it could be in greater safety. The consul and the commander of the French vessel replied, that the king would not approve the conduct of an officer, who would leave voluntarily his allies in danger, and that his majesty would not regret a vessel which must cost dear to the enemy, in being employed to defend this river at the point where it might be judged proper to draw it up. The governor yielded to an offer so generous; he chose York-town to entrench, on account of a battery which runs out into the river. Monsieur de Vandrueil caused his ship to be carried higher up. His vessel is stationed here. The bold Rodrigue and another French merchant vessel will be brought up for the same purpose; the tenders will be out in the middle of the bay, to give ready information of the appearance of the enemy. Every possible means are taken to secure this place, and it is to be hoped that success will recompense the activity of our governor and the zeal of our allies, if it is on this quarter that the tempest is to break.

Extract of a letter, dated St. Eustatius, Feb 1.

The European intelligence generally received here is conveyed through the British islands, and so frequently of little faith as not to merit or justify a communication. Two ships last week arrived at this port from Liverpool, in eight weeks; at the time of their sailing, the combined fleets, as well as that of England, were in port at single anchor, which suggests a probability that they would soon put to sea. The papers by these ships mention, that the parliament of Ireland was unanimous in declaring in favour of an unlimited and free trade. The first people in the kingdom are active in their endeavours to obtain this piece of utility, and even dependents on the crown join in the crowd; in all probability their demands will be granted. The Dutch are determined to observe a strict neutrality towards the belligerent powers; a conformity to this will protect their neutrality, and from their

general and free trade will be derived immense advantages to themselves. Last night the Thorn, from Bolton, a ship of 16 guns and 55 men, from New-York, laden principally with dry goods, 18 of the prisoners were put on board a long-boat and landed here this morning; the prize has sailed for America. The British fleet, under the command of rear admiral H. Parker, is now at Antigua.

THE PLEBEAN, for particular reasons, declines, at present, to make himself known, as requested. The sentiments of the Senator, on the confiscation of British property, perfectly correspond with the opinion of the Plebeian, and he'll have his utmost support. The Plebeian will, hereafter, esteem himself honoured by the confidence of the Senator.

Several pieces are received, and will be published in the order they come to hand. Scarcely to the Senator contains several exceptional passages, and will be returned to the author. Vindex is likewise too personal, and cannot be published.

WHEREAS, colonel Edward Sprigg, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, having, by his last will and testament, directed his executrix to sell and dispose of part of a tract of land, lying in Frederick county, called, Addition to Piles's Delight, before the first day of June after his decease, for the payment of his debts; and whereas his executrix, through sickness and inability of body, could not attend to as to make sale thereof by the time limited in the said will, she hereby gives this public notice, that after a continuance of this advertisement eight weeks in the public papers, she intends to petition the general assembly for an act empowering her now to dispose of the said land, in order to enable her to make a final settlement of the estate of the said testator.

MARY PINDELL, executrix.

February 26, 1780.

THE subscriber gives this public notice, that he will apply for letters of administration on his deceased father's estate, if his elder brothers, to whom he gives the preference, do not take them out within a month from this date.

WILLIAM FRENCH.

Anne-Arundel county, February 29, 1780.

TAKEN up some time in January last, between the Bodkin and Mountain bars, three Hogheads of tobacco, the hogheads almost without heading, and part of the tobacco lost. The owner, upon proving property and paying all charges, may have the tobacco by applying to John Tradgall, on the Seven Mountains, near the mouth of Magothy. Also at same time and near the same place, were taken up, two hogheads, much hurt, and a great part of the tobacco lost. The owner, upon proving property may have the tobacco by applying to William Tradgall at the Bodkin.

FOR SALE,

A NEGRO WENCH about thirty years of age; she has been brought up to do either kitchen or plantation work, can spin very well, and is a very good plain cook. She will be sold for cash or tobacco, or any person having a likely young negro girl, about 10 or 12 years old, fit for house service, may have her in exchange, the owner being in great want of such a one. Enquire of the printers.

TAKEN from on board a pilot boat, which drove on shore on the 23d day of December, between Little and Great Choptank, sundry articles, as sails, cordage, butter, &c. with a chest some distance from her, having in it mens and womens apparel; the chief of her lading is tobacco, which cannot be saved. The owner or owners of said boat are desired to come and prove their property, and pay the subscribers salvage agreeable to law and custom in such cases.

THOMAS LINTHICUM, ABRAHAM LEE, JOHN LEE.

A 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 Mary Athey to John Webber, for part of a tract of land called Athey's Choice.

JOHN WEBSTER.

Office for stating and settling the public accounts, Annapolis, February 15, 1780.

THE commissioners having desired the law for stating and settling the public accounts to be printed in the Maryland Gazette, think it necessary to give further notice, that they intend to continue letting every day in the said house, Sundays excepted.

And as there appear many large sums due to the public for money advanced upon contracts (and for other purposes) which have been in many instances disregarded, the commissioners take this method to inform all persons concerned, that they are determined to pursue the directions of the legislature, as far as in their power; that they shall require a specific compliance with every public contract, as far as it is possible and equitable, and as they wish to prevent every unnecessary expence and delay, so they hope those who are interested will see the propriety and the absolute necessity there is for them to render their accounts, and make satisfaction to the public as speedily as possible. Those clerks of counties who have omitted to transmit lists of ordinary licences and fines, since the year 1775, are requested to forward them; the sheriffs indebted on thole or any other accounts to perfect their payments; the supervisors of roads, who have had money advanced from the year 1774; the committees of the counties, and in general all persons who have public money or effects unaccounted for, will be pleased to take notice and comply with the requisitions of the legislature.

Sign'd per order of the commissioners, THO. GASSAWAY, clerk.

TAKEN up as a stray by Joseph Wilson, living near the court-house in Montgomery county, Maryland, a small bay MAKE, about twelve and a half hands high, ten or eleven years old, branded on the off buttock something like U, had a bell on her, and was shod before when she came. The said mare was sold by the subscriber in March, 1778, to a certain Charles Pritchett, who has since swapt her away. The owner is desired to prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

JOSEPH WILSON.

FIFTY POUNDS REWARD.

Head of Severn, Jan. 17, 1780.

STOLEN from the subscriber, on Thursday morning the 13th instant, a coat, jacket and breeches, a pair of mittens, a comb, an ax, some powder in an olnabrig bag, and shot in a leather one. They were stolen by one PATRICK RILEY, an Irishman, about 5 feet 10 inches high, has yellow hair, a dark brown country cloth coat and breeches, and a whitish jacket, the breeches have a hole torn in the thigh; he has a cast in his eyes, a full red face, and very large limbs. He has a pats, which mentions his having had one from the governor of Virginia, which he lost, and that he is a deserter from the British army; he had with him a white birch, with yellow spots, short ears and tail. Whoever will secure the said Riley so that he be brought to justice, shall receive one hundred dollars if taken in the county, and if out of the county the above reward, paid by

JOHN M'COY.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

January 6, 1780.

RAN away from the subscriber's plantation, about seven miles from Annapolis, on the main road leading from thence to Baltimore, on Monday the 21st day of December last, a likely young NEGRO man, named TOM, about five feet eight inches high, a stout well set fellow with thick lips, and his legs rather large; had on when he went away, a light coloured country made cloth jacket, with a red short waistcoat under it, a pair of light coloured country cloth breeches, and also took with him a pair of leather breeches, dark coloured yarn stockings, and two pair of shoes. It is apprehended that he may have endeavoured to get over into Virginia, from whence he was brought when a small boy and was then the property of John Morton Jordan, Esq; deceased. Whoever will apprehend the said negro, and bring him to the subscriber, shall receive the above reward if taken in Maryland, and if out of Maryland a further reward of one hundred dollars, besides all reasonable charges, paid by

ELIZABETH SCOTT.

CASH given for clean Linen and Cotton RAGS.