

on the 4th of July, 1776? The convention, that framed the government, are silent on this head. The legislature have declared, that those who left this state are subjects of this state. If by the declaration of independence British subjects became aliens, where did the estate vest between the declaration of independence and the 14th of August, 1776, when the constitution was framed? The principles laid down by the writers on the law of nature and nations, do not apply in the present instance. The subjects of an independent nation know the terms on which they purchased and acquired property; they purchased subject to the events of war; but British subjects, who acquired property here, did it agreeable to the constitution and laws under which they lived. For what cause will you take away the property of abettors? Did they, by going away, infringe any law? Their property was acquired legally; if they infringed no law, when they went away, it would be an ex post facto law, and is contrary to the declaration of rights, to take their property away for that which was not an infringement of any law. The bill, therefore, establishes an ex post facto law, and consequently is contrary to the declaration of rights. It infringes the constitution in another instance, which declares, that the legislative, executive, and judicial power, should be kept separate and distinct. The courts of law are to determine who are British subjects. If we undertake it, we violate the constitution, which I am sworn not to violate.

If we cannot carry on the war without British property, our enemies will know it and continue the war, and we must soon yield. The delegates say, that a tax of £100 continental, on every hundred pounds of equal property, will sink the old money in circulation, and defray the current expenses of the year. This is but 40¢ gold, a mere trifle. He would give 1/2 one half, say the whole of his property, sooner than fall in the present contest. There is no necessity for British property as a fund; it cannot give credit to the money emitted on it, because a man may say, it will be given up at the treaty of peace, and is therefore precarious; or a tax will be laid to make a compensation to the value. We have funds enough; taxes on luxuries would be an ample fund to support the new bills of credit.

THE subscribers being appointed by Prince George's county court to examine the records of the said county, give notice, that they will attend at the court-house in Upper-Marlborough, on every Wednesday, till the 30th of August next, in order to examine all such deeds, &c. as may be offered them.

DAVID CRAUFORD,  
SAMUEL REPBURN.

TAKEN up adrift, last Easter, in South river, a large pine canoe, 37 feet long, 2 1/2 feet in the clear, with 4 rowlocks, and a large locker in her stern; she has been cracked, and has eight knives in her sides and one in her head, with a rope painter. The owner may have her again on proving his property and paying charges.

FRANCIS WAYMAN.

LAWs of MARYLAND, passed November Session, 1779, may be had at the printing-office.

Baltimore county, April 4, 1780.  
NOTICE is hereby given, that I intend to petition the next general assembly, for a road to lead from the main road leading from Pineoak to Anne to the lower ferry, to the plantation whereon David McGrath formerly lived, and now in the possession of

MARY WAGGAMAN.

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 to empower the subscriber (now a minor) to make a good and sufficient deed of conveyance, for certain tracts of land lying in Charles county, which he inclines to make sale of.

HARRISON MUGRAVE.

Caroline county, Maryland, March 22, 1780.  
His day was committed to my custody a negro man named BEN; he formerly belonged to a certain Philip Wilson, of Philadelphia. His present master is desired to come, pay charges, and take him away.

HENRY DOWNES, Sheriff.

O. V. I. II.  
A beautiful, high formed well bred horse, sixteen hands high, raised by William Fitzhugh, Esq (of Marlborough) and from whom he was lately purchased.

STANDS this season at my plantation near Piccadilly church, and will cover mares at one hundred pounds the season, if paid by the first of August, if not 300lb. tobacco must be paid in lieu thereof by the first of January. Ovid was got by Aristotle, as high a bred horse as any in America; his dam by colonel Tasker's old Oshello, his grand dam by the famed and high bred imported horse Monkey, well known for his activity and goodnels on the turf, his great grand dam by the late secretary Carter's imported horse Pompy. I have good pasturage gratis for those who live at a distance, and great care shall be taken of all mares left, but will not be answerable for escapes or other accidents.

WILLIAM COURTS.

THE COMMITTEE OF GRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE will sit to do business in the committee room, every day, from eleven in the forenoon till four in the afternoon, during the present session of the general assembly.

Signed by order of the committee,  
A. GOLDBER, clk. com.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, in the city of Annapolis.  
A PERSON properly qualified to undertake the tuition of youth, in Latin, Arithmetic, and to read and write English. It is proposed to create a fund for his support, which is intended to be very liberal, and every way adequate to the times; the expenses of his board will be defrayed, and a school-house found. The number of pupils not to exceed twenty. A proficient in the classics is most desirable; yet should no such one offer himself in some short time, any person of a good character, well qualified in the other branches above enumerated, will be accepted. Apply to

ELIE VALLETTE.

STOLEN out of the stable of the subscriber, on the night of the twentieth day of February last, a chestnut sorrel MARE, about thirteen hands three inches high, eight or nine years old this spring, flaxen mane and tail, one hind foot white, branded on the near buttock C D, paces and gallops, and carries her head when rode very low. Any person who will give information, or secure the said mare so that the owner may have her again, shall receive one hundred dollars, and if brought home one hundred and fifty dollars, and any person securing the thief, so as he may be brought to justice, shall receive a reward of one hundred dollars, paid by

WILLIAM WATSON.

Office for rating and settling the public accounts, Annapolis, February 15, 1780.  
THE commissioners having desired the law for rating and settling the public accounts to be printed in the Maryland Gazette, think it necessary to give further notice, that they intend to continue sitting 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 will to prevent every unnecessary expense and delay. So they hope those who are interested will see the propriety and 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 those 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.

THO. CASSAWAY, Clerk.

To be sold by the subscriber, at his dwelling plantation, on the 27th day of April, 1780.

ALL the stock of horses, hogs, sheep, and cattle, together with the plantation and mill, for ready money only. As I intend leaving this state very soon, those who have any demands against me will bring in their accounts for settlements, and likewise those who are indebted to him will immediately discharge theirs, as my little indulgence will be granted by

ANDREW LEIPER.

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 the sale thereof by the time limited in the said will, she hereby gives this public notice, that after the continuance of this advertisement eight weeks, the public papers, she intends to petition the general assembly for an act empowering her 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.

WANTED a clergyman of the church of England. Any gentleman who will apply and approved by the vestry, they will give annually twenty thousand pounds of tobacco, and the use of a small globe.

LONARD WARING, Minister.

BADGER  
COVERS at Mr. Ogil's plantation, near Annapolis, at two hundred pounds the season and eight dollars the groom. He is fifteen hands one inch high, a dark gray, and allowed by judges to be a fine horse. He was got by governor Eden's Badger, his dam by Samuel Galloway, Esquire's Sejm, his granddam by Cartouche, his great great granddam by Traveller, his great great great granddam by Sedbury, his great great great great granddam by Chingels, out of a barb mare. Governor Eden's Badger was got by lord Chedworth's Bosphorus, who won seven king's plates, his dam by Othello, commonly called Black and all Black, who beat lord March's Bajazet over the Currah of Kildare, his granddam by the duke of Devonshire's Flying Children. Badger won the fifty at Guilford, and got land at Epson, the only times he started. Good pasturage for mares at five pounds a week, but I will not be answerable for any that may be lost.

No mare will be received, unless the money be sent with her.

G. WATKINS.

COMMITTED to my custody as a runaway, a negro woman named Monica, appears to be about eighteen years of age, she is five inches high, who says she belongs to James Perry, of Montgomery county. Her master desired to take her away, and pay charges to

GEORGE GALEY, Sheriff.

NOTICE is hereby given, that by an act of assembly made and passed at a session of the general assembly of Maryland, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on the 27th day of November, 1779, the bills of credit, issued in the year 1777, emitted and made current by an act of assembly, passed November session, 1776, are directed to be brought in and deposited with the western shore treasurer, on or before the 1st of June next, or the nearest redemption day, which the holders of said bills of credit may, at their option, receive either bills of exchange drawn on the western shore treasurer, or that some other estimate, bearing an interest of six per cent. But if the bills of exchange, or any of them, to be drawn in any of said acts, shall not be paid, the law shall be reasonable, but neither the drawer, nor the holder thereof, shall be answerable, for or on account of any damages, or other charges of profit.

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