

among the latter: you see I am not afraid to speak the truth, because I have no reason where-with to reproach myself. I shall finish this letter with an observation that may occur to every military man. — If you lost fewer men than I did, and your ship was less damaged, what reason had you not to continue the action? As you saw the miserable condition of my rigging, and the impossibility of my manœuvring and of steering any other course than before the wind, whilst your situation put it in your power to take the advantage of the wind for the purpose of retreating? You are either deficient in truth in not acknowledging your loss, or else you wanted spirit in declining the combat, when your loss was so trifling, and considering the advantage you had over me from the good success of your shot, as you know very well that no American frigate ever appeared in our fight. I request you to answer this argument, and to permit me to suspend my opinion of you, until you have satisfied me, or that, fortunately, the chance of war should again bring us together, to give us an opportunity of trying our skill, which I solemnly declare to you, I most ardently desire. I wait your answer, and am with most sentiments with which your first conduct inspired me, Sir, your most humble, and most obedient servant.

(Signed) LA TOUCHE.

Mawker, Esq; captain of the British frigate the Iris.

PROVIDENCE, July 1.

Saturday last arrived here from Philadelphia, escorted by a party of light horse, Mont. de Corney, commissary at war, in the service of His Most Christian Majesty.

The British frigate Flora, which the enemy sunk in the harbour of Newport, was on Thursday last raised, and got to one of the wharfs, in order to be repaired.

We have the pleasure to observe, that the generous encouragement given by this town to recruits for the continental army is such, that we have every reason to believe the town's proportion will be entitled in a few days. Fifty silver dollars bounty, forty shillings per month, and sundry articles of clothing, are offered to a few more men, for six months service, which being better wages than are to be expected in any other employment, we doubt not but all those who are willing to leave their country in a military line will cheerfully engage in the service.

PHILADELPHIA, July 22.

The French fleet arrived at Rhode-Island the 25th inst. in exceeding good order, amounting to 8 ships of the line. The French troops are animated with the greatest pleasure on opening the expedition on which they have been sent by our illustrious ally. They show the greatest satisfaction at the manner in which they were received by the inhabitants of Newport, and manifest an extreme ardor, and the greatest anxiety to join in the operations against the common enemy. The French soldiery have been made acquainted with the extraordinary exertions now making throughout the United States, to render the campaign effectual and glorious, and this has redoubled the ardor with which they were before inspired; it is hinted, that in addition to the many proofs which we have already had of the friendship of his Most Christian Majesty for the Thirteen United States, a further evidence thereof will soon be given.

The first nobles of the kingdom of France have followed as a mark of distinguished favour the honour of coming over to fight on this continent. M. the count de Rochambeau commands the French troops; and he has with him, under the direction of general Washington, M. le chevalier de Ternay, formerly governor of the Isle of France, who commands the French squadron.

The whole fleet is arrived, except one transport with 300 men on board, which separated from the squadron 4 days before their arrival. She is expected daily.

They have taken several prizes, amongst them is the vessel with dispatches for England, with the account of the surrender of Charles town.

ANNAPOLIS, July 28.

Extract of a letter from a member of congress to a gentleman in this city, dated Philadelphia, July 25, 1780.

The French fleet arrived at Rhode-Island the 25th inst. 8 ships of the line, and several frigates, with 5000 land forces. Our worthy ally is making great exertions in our favour.

There has been lately an embarkation of troops from New-York, and a fleet of ships of

war and other vessels to the amount of 61 or 62, sailed from the Hook, on Wednesday last, steering, as far as they could be seen, about a southerly course. Various are the conjectures respecting their destination. Some think they are gone to the West-Indies, to reinforce admiral Rodney, who it is reported, has lately met with a severe drubbing by the combined fleets; having lost 4 ships in the engagement, a 7th sunk and 3 taken, and the rest drove into St. Lucia, some in a shattered condition. Others are of opinion that their object is Rhode-Island. Their superiority in shipping, and the number of troops they may be able to spare from New-York for so short an expedition, may induce them to attempt something, there before the French fleet and army can be reinforced. A few days will clear our doubts.

ANNAPOLIS, July 26, 1780.

ALL officers of the Maryland line, and all soldiers belonging to the continental army, who are within this state, are ordered to repair immediately to the places herein mentioned; those on the eastern shore to Chester town, and those on the western to this city.

U. FORBES T, Lieut. col. and commanding officer.

ANNAPOLIS, July 27, 1780.

LOST, about the ninth instant, A WATCH, the outside case silver, the inside pinchbeck, maker's name Jonathan (abridged) booke. A reward of 100 pounds will be given to any person who will bring said watch to the subscriber. If offered to be sold, it is requested that it may be disposed of.

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND.

WHEREAS the subscriber obtained a warrant out of the land-office in the year 1763, which warrant was executed, and a certificate returned to the land-office, by the name of Hill in the Middle, agreeable to the rule and practice of said office, and all other requisites complied with; but before the issuing of a patent, he was under the necessity of bringing an action or trespass and ejectment, which action is now depending in the general court; there are therefore to give public notice, that after this shall have been advertised eight weeks, he intends to apply to the general assembly for an act to pass, to direct the register of the land-office to issue a patent, or to enable him to prosecute the said suit, in as good and ample a manner as if the said patent had issued.

JOHN TRAMMELL.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to apply to the general assembly of the state of Maryland, to pass a law for recording and enrolling a deed of bargain and sale from John Starkey, lately deceased, to Joshua Donoho, for conveying and assuring all that tract or parcel of land lying in Cecil county, called Worth Little which said deed has not been recorded and enrolled, agreeable to the laws of this state.

JONATHAN BOOTH.

TULIP HILL, June 30, 1780.

T O B B S O L D, A COPPER STILL, containing between 2 and 300 gallons; 2 ditto of 300 gallons, with a pewter worm; 2 ditto of 200 gallons, with a copper worm; 1 copper boiler of 40 gallons; 1 pewter worm that will weigh near 2200 weight; 2 worm tubs; 30 mashing tubs, with tops, will hold 200 gallons each, which by putting a proper head to them will make exceeding good elder cask; a parcel of mashing troughs and old iron. For terms apply to

JOHN GALLOWAY.

THERE is at the plantation of Stephen Kenham, near Bladensburg, in Prince-George's county, taken up as a stray, a light bay HORSE, about 13 hands and a half high, branded W.C. on the near buttock; trots and paces. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

ANNAPOLIS, July 4, 1780.

T O B B S O L D, A LIKELY young country born MULLATTO FELLOW, who has had the small pox or he would be exchanged for a likely boy, with a proper allowance for the difference. Enquire of the printer.

Calvert county, June 26, 1780. TAKEN up in the bay, on the 19th inst. about 25 miles above the mouth of Patuxent, a BAL-TOE, about 20 feet long, built with pine plank. The owner may have her again on proving his property and paying the cost of this advertisement.

FRANCIS WOLF, jun.

WHEREAS I made over a tract of land, lying in Little Choptank river, in Dorchester county, to William Steele, for which I received his bond, which he never discharged, and who since died intestate; I therefore do give this public notice, that I intend to petition the general assembly for an act to pass, confirming my title to the said tract of land.

ROBERT WETSON.

PRINCE-GEORGE'S COUNTY, May 16, 1780.

A PETITION will be offered to the first session of assembly, after this notice has been given eight weeks, for an act to admit the recording and to give effect from the date to a deed executed in this county, by Matthew Sparks and Margaret his wife, to John Hammetton, for a tract of land lying in the storefield county.

JOHN HAMMETTON.

TREASURY OFFICE, July 23, 1780.

IN virtue of an act of assembly, entitled, An act to enable the treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell bills of exchange, and for an emission of bills of credit, if necessary, BILLS OF EXCHANGE, at forty days sight, drawn on the trustees of Maryland in Europe, are now selling, and will continue to sell, at the treasury office in Annapolis, until the 31st of August, at not less than forty-five for one on the selling money, turned into currency at the exchange of £. 166 13 4 for £. 100 sterling.

H. HARWOOD, treas. w. sh.

Office for stating and settling the public accounts.

THE commissioners find it necessary, for the public service, to give further notice, that the honourable assembly, at their March session, 1780, enacted a law, entitled "A Supplement to the act for the assessment of property, the 17th section whereof is as follows:— 'And be it enacted, That the several collectors, at the time of settlement of their accounts with the commissioners of the tax for their county, shall account to the said commissioners for the treble tax due by law in their counties respectively, and the said collectors shall pay the treble tax by them collected, or which by law they ought to collect, to the treasurer of his shire, at the time appointed by law for the payment of the public assessment, and in case of default they shall be answerable for and liable to pay an interest of 10 per cent on the said sums; and every collector, who hath collected the treble tax, and omitted to pay the same into the treasury, and every collector who by law ought to have collected the treble tax, shall be accountable for the treble tax due by law in his county to the commissioners for stating and settling the public accounts.'— And, whereas the duty enjoined by law on the collectors hath in many instances been totally neglected; and in others only in part complied with, the several collectors will therefore be pleased to take notice of the necessity there is for making due returns and payments regularly for the future, and that a report of the proceedings on this law will be laid before the honourable assembly at their next meeting.

Signed per order T. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Charles county, April 17, 1780.

I HAVE in my custody, committed as a runaway, a negro man who calls himself Dover, and says he belongs to Mr. James Lloyd on James river; he says he is about twenty-three years of age; he is a middle sized fellow, remarkably black, and speaks good English; had on, when delivered to me, a striped country cloth jacket and breeches, country linen shirt, one pair white yarn hose, and one pair blackish coloured mixed yarn ditto, a pair of old shoes and an old country cotton cap. His master is desired to pay charges and take him away.

BENJAMIN CAWOOD, therif.

THERE is at the plantation of Robert Lawson, in Charles county, taken up as a stray, a small iron gray MARE, 12 hands high, switch tail and hanging mane, appaia to be about three years old; branded on the left buttock B. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.