

tified in America may be called tender mercies. Finding we were not very unequal in consequence of their threatenings, a great ministerial house in London has written that by properly appealing, the condemnation of our vessels, taken under count byland's convoy, would be reversed. A great patriotic character among us, whom you know, I believe to have been very instrumental in our present measures.— Thus we may truly say, "auspice tanquam bona cauta triumphat," though by the bye there have been great political struggles here. The effects of this triumph must extend to America; for if after the open declaration of two great powers in its favour, the other maritime ones should combine to preserve a neutrality, and at the same time to protect and insist upon a free trade, England must stop her mad career or sink for ever. I have therefore strong hopes that peace may at length be the issue of these proceedings; especially if England could have its intolerable pride humbled by a blow at sea.

"You were, when among us, a personal witness of the inclination of many wealthy individuals of this country to place part of their money in the American funds; that inclination is not altered;—and should that desired peace be brought about by proper management, almost any sums might be procured, and at a lower rate than it would be possible in any other part of Europe. We hope to see speedily some person properly authorized for the above purpose, as well as for the granting of vacant lands, as we already observe a spirit prevailing here which agrees well with that idea. Thus would America reap important advantages from the wealthy individuals of Holland being its creditors, and land proprietors, as interest would fix and encrease the attachment, and produce the same effects as the English stocks have done, but on much better ground.

"Before this reaches you the French fleet destined for America will be probably on your coast, I hope your army will be ready for co-operation; the troops on board will very considerably encrease the number.

We will persevere in promoting the cause of America in Holland, and request your continued correspondence to enable us the better so to do."

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 1.

Head quarters, Bergen county, July 26, 1780.

S I R,

HAVING received information that there were considerable numbers of cattle and horses in Bergen neck, within reach of the enemy, and having reason to suppose that they meant shortly to draw all supplies of that kind within their lines, I detached brigadier-general Wayne, on the 20th, with the first and second Pennsylvania brigades, with four pieces of artillery attached to them, and colonel Moyan's regiment of dragoons, to bring them off. I had it also in contemplation, to attempt, at the same time, the destruction of a block house erected at Bull's ferry, which served the purposes of covering the enemy's wood cutters, and giving security to a body of refugees, by whom it was garrisoned, and who committed depredations upon the well settled inhabitants for many miles round.

General Wayne having disposed of his troops in such a manner as to guard the different landing places on the Bergen shore, upon which the enemy might throw over troops from York Island to intercept his retreat, and having sent down the cavalry to execute the business of driving off the stock, proceeded with the first, second and tenth regiments and the artillery to the block house, which he found surrounded by an abatis and stockade. He for some time tried the effect of his field pieces upon it, but though the fire was kept up for an hour, they were found too light to penetrate the logs of which it was constructed. The troops, during this time, being galled by a constant fire from the loopholes of the house, and seeing no chance of making a breach with cannon—those of the first and second regiments, notwithstanding the utmost efforts of the officers to restrain them, rushed through the abatis to the foot of the stockade, with a view of forcing an entrance, which was found impracticable. This act of intemperate valour was the cause of the loss we sustained, and which amounted in the whole to three officers wounded, 15 non commissioned and privates killed, and 46 non-commissioned and privates wounded. The wounded officers are lieutenants Hammond and Crawford of the first, and lieutenant Dehart of the second, the last since dead. I cannot but mention his death with regret, as he was a young gentleman of

amiable qualities, and who promised fair to be serviceable to his country.

The dragoons in the mean time drove off the stock which were found in the neck, the floops and wood boats in the dock near the block house were burnt and the few people on board them made prisoners.

I have been thus particular, lest the account of this affair should have reached Philadelphia much exaggerated, as is commonly the case upon such occasions.

I have the honour to be,
With the greatest respect,
S I R,

Your excellency's
Most obedient servant,
GEORGE WASHINGTON.

His excellency SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, Esquire.

Published by order of congress,
CHARLES THOMSON, Secr.

ACCOUNT and pocket books, writing, wrapping, and bonnet paper, lampblack, waters, sealing wax, and a variety of books and stationary too tedious to enumerate, or call, may be had of M. K. Goddard, at the printing-office in Baltimore-town, in exchange for clean linen and cotton rags, coarse or fine, old flannel, and junk.—A large quantity of those articles are now much wanted, at the paper-mill, near Elk-Ridge Landing, where, as well as at the printing-office in Baltimore, the highest prices will be given.

If the mill above mentioned is supplied with such rags as have been usually thrown away, they will be immediately converted into good paper, and offered for sale at the printing-offices in Baltimore, and Annapolis, at a much cheaper rate than any imported paper can possibly be sold.

Clean linen and cotton rags are also taken in, and the highest prices given, by Frederick Green.

WILLIAM PRICHARD,
BOOKSELLER and STATIONER, in Market-street, Baltimore.

BEGS leave to inform the friends of literature and science in Annapolis, that he is again returned to Baltimore, where he has opened a commodious book store, and has for sale books in various bindings, and in most modern languages; where gentlemen of the bar, the faculty, or the gown, may furnish themselves upon as reasonable terms as the times will admit of. He hopes by an assiduous attention to the improvement of his collection, with such additions as the unsettled state of the times will permit, and by reasonable profits, to prove himself not unworthy the favourable countenance of the public in general and his friends in particular, as he flatters himself his conduct in his line of business will not fail of giving satisfaction to those who may honour him with any commands in either the book-selling or stationary branch. Their most respectfully obedient humble servant,
WILLIAM PRICHARD.

N. B. Books given in exchange for books, or ready money for any gentleman's library.

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 of 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.

sw 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.

sw JONATHAN BOOTH.

July 11, 1780.

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 session, 1780, enacted a law, entitled "An act to amend the act for the assessment of property, the 17th section whereof is as follows:—*As it is 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 six 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.

Annapolis, July 27, 1780.

LOST, about the ninth instant, an inside watch, the outside case silver, the inside pinchebeck, maker's name Jonathan (abridged) Beake. A reward of 10 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 stopped.

A. GOLDER.

Annapolis, August 4, 1780.

WANTED, for a family in town, a middle aged NEGRO WOMAN, that has been brought up to house work, can cook and wash well. They may hereafter be purchased, by applying to the printer in town.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of James Cooper, deceased, are hereby requested to make immediate payment, and those that have any claim against the said estate are likewise requested to bring them in, that they may be adjusted and paid by

sw ELIZABETH COOPER, admr.

CAME to the plantation of the subscriber, near Annapolis, some time last May, a small red COW, with a crop in the right ear, and an under bit in the left, but with no other visible marks. The owner may have her again by proving property and paying charges.

sw PRISCILLA PINKNEY.

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 insolvent; 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.

sw ROBERT WILSON.

TO BE SOLD, 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.

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 of 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 black 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.

sw BENJAMIN CAWOOD, Sheriff.