

Petre's seat at Thorndon-hall in Essex, with an intent to destroy that beautiful structure.

The new prison and Clerkenwell Bridewell were both on fire when this paper went to press.

Large detachments of the military were posted round the bank all last night.

Whatever may be the future fate of the present petition against the catholic bill, the House disposed of it very judiciously, by deferring it to a future day.

At the destruction of the stock in trade of Mr. Rainford the tallow-chandler on Monday night, a fellow who was very busily employed in throwing the boxes of candles into the fire, archly exclaimed, "You tallow-chandler to his majesty and the house of commons, and not light up for the king's birth day? Sic for shame! Master Rainford, see what trouble you give your best friends!"

BALTIMORE, August 24.

We are assured, by good authority, that on the 16th instant, at 2 o'clock, A. M. a bloody battle was fought within 8 miles of Camden, South-Carolina, between his excellency general Gates, at the head of about 3000 men, 900 of whom were regulars, and the British forces, under the command of Earl Cornwallis, consisting of 1800 regulars, and 2400 refugees, &c.

The Virginians have completed their quota of five thousand men, who are marching, in detachments of five hundred men each, to reinforce general Gates.

Charles county, August 23, 1780.

BROKE gaol yesterday evening and made their escape, the three following negroes, to wit: A negro man who was committed to my custody as a runaway, on the 14th of April last, he then called himself DOVER, and said he was the property of Mr. James Lloyd on James river, but on the 15th inst. being examined by a man who said he knew him, he confessed his name to be Isaac, and that he was the property of Methiah Jones, of St. Mary's county, near Point-Lookout, he says he is about 23 years of age, he is a middle sized fellow, remarkable black, and speaks good English, his apparel very bad, he has a small nick in the soft part of his right ear, which was unknown to me when I first advertised him as a runaway.

BENJAMIN CAWOOD, jun. Sheriff.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the SLITTING-MILL on Patapisco falls is now in complete order, and at work, where may be had nail rods of any size, equal, if not superior to any slit on the continent. The public will see the great utility this mill is to the state of Maryland, and what they have suffered by her being kept idle these two years past, as they may now be furnished with slit iron at this mill, twelve hundred and fifty pounds per ton cheaper than it could be procured in Baltimore-town before she got to work.

TAKEN up as a stray by the subscriber, living in Prince-George's county, a bay GELDING, about 14 hands high, 8 or 9 years old, has a blaze, hanging mane, and long tail, and is branded on the near buttock I G. The owner is desired to take him away and pay charges.

LAWSON MARYLAND Passed last Session of ASSEMBLY.

Forest of Prince-George's, August 17, 1780. RAN away this morning from the subscriber, near the Brick Church, a negro man named CÆSAR, about 25 years of age, five feet 6 inches high, or thereabouts, a likely lively black fellow, an imported negro, but speaks very good English, boasts much of his family in his own country, it being a common saying with him, that he is no common negro, and is a very remarkable mimic; he has been accustomed to go by water, and will perhaps endeavour to get on board some vessel; has nothing on but a jacket and breeches of country cloth kersey wove, very much worn, the breeches particularly almost rags, no hat nor shirt that I know of.

RALPH FORSTER. He has short pinched up feet, as if his toes had been cramped by wearing shoes too small, and steps short, as if he was a little lamed thereby.

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.

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; These 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.

STOLEN out of the stable of the subscriber, at his quarter near the city of Annapolis, 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 CD, 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.

TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD, For apprehending two MULATTO LADIES, one named DICK, and the other JACK SMITH.

DICK is about 18 or 19 years of age, has a scar by one of his eyes, had on a country TIDEEN COAT, a blue worked waistcoat, Irish linen shirt, with a large patch on the left part, a pair of country made breeches, similar to Russia drab, a pair of country trousers, a pair of shoes with buckles, and a straw hat covered with tow; he is the property of doctor Warfield. JACK SMITH, about 26 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, a well set likely fellow, wears his hair neatly combed up; had on and took with him an old broad-cloth coat very dirty, a brown country ditto, white country jacket, a pair of blue breeches, a pair of old spotted velvet ditto, country linen shirts, a pair of crocus trousers, an old felt hat, and a pair of old shoes with buckles; he is the property of James Howard. As they are artful chaps, it is more than probable that they will change their cloaths. We conjecture that they will make either to Baltimore-town or Annapolis, and that their intention is either to enlist as soldiers, or endeavour to get on board some vessel that is bound from one of the above places, to some of the islands, as they are exceedingly artful and pliable there is no doubt but they will exert every faculty that they are possessed of, to induce that they converse with to believe that they are not slaves. Whoever will apprehend them, lodge them in any gaol, so that they may be got, shall have one thousand dollars for each, and if brought to their masters in the part of Anne-Arundel county, the above reward and reasonable travelling charges paid by CHARLES ALEXANDER WARFIELD, JAMES HOWARD.

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 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.

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 "An act for the better regulation of the public accounts, and for the relief of the 14th section whereof is as follows:—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 and 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 6 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 other only in part complied with, the several collectors will therefore be pleased to take notice of the necessity there is for making due returns of payments regularly for the future, and that report of the proceedings on this law will be laid before the honourable assembly at their next meeting.

Signed per order T. GASSAWAY, Clk.

ALL officers of the Maryland line, and 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. FORREST, Lieut. Col. And commanding officer.