

Thomas Bickford, was killed; on which, the... for coming to the shore, and informing of what had happened, it being very foggy, the town was alarmed, when a number of boats went off to his assistance, and quelled the mutiny. After which 21 of the prisoners were brought on shore and committed to prison.—A jury of inquest being summoned to sit on the body of the deceased, after forty-four hours examination of the prisoner separately, found, from their own confession, eleven principals and accomplices, accessory to the murder, who are now in gaol waiting for trial.

IN CONGRESS, Aug 22, 1780.

WHEREAS it is of the utmost importance effectually to prevent the destruction, waste, embezzlement and misapplication of the public stores and provisions, upon which the existence of the armies of these United States may depend, and no adequate provision hath been made for the just punishment of delinquents in the departments of quarter-master-general, commissary-general of purchases, commissary-general of stores, clothier-general, commissary-general of military stores, purveyor of the hospitals and hide department; therefore,

Resolved, That every person in any of the said departments intrusted with the care of provisions, or military or hospital stores, or other property of these United States, who shall be convicted at a general court martial of having sold without a proper order for that purpose, embezzled or wilfully misapplied, damaged or spoiled any of the provisions, horses forage, arms, clothing, ammunition, or other military or hospital stores, or property belonging to the United States of America, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as shall be directed by a general court-martial, according to the nature and degree of the offence, at the discretion of such court; and every person in any of the said departments intrusted as aforesaid, who shall be convicted at a general court martial of having through neglect suffered any of the articles aforesaid to be wasted, spoiled or damaged, shall suffer such punishment as the said court shall in their discretion direct, according to the degree of the offence.

AUGUST 23d.

Resolved, That no certificates issued in the quarter-masters and commissaries departments after the 15th day of September next, afford any claim upon the United States, unless issued under the following regulations.

First, That they be for services performed or articles purchased, within their respective departments.

Secondly, The quarter-master-general and commissary-general shall themselves sign all such certificates as are issued in their respective departments.

Thirdly, All such certificates shall be given for specie, or other current money equivalent.

Fourthly, All contracts or purchases made, for which certificates shall be given, shall be made for specie value.

Fifthly, The articles so purchased, shall be enumerated in such certificates with the rates and prices thereof, and the prices shall be reasonable when the present circumstances of our affairs are compared with the cost of articles of like quality, or services performed in the year 1775, or when compared with the allowance by congress to the United States as expressed in their resolution of the 15th February last.

Resolved, That certificates issued under and agreeably to the foregoing regulations, shall bear an interest of six per cent. per annum from the time stipulated for payment until paid.

Resolved, That the quarter-master-general and commissary-general be, and hereby are strictly enjoined, to make monthly returns of their purchases and proceedings to the board of war, and make monthly returns, to wit, on the last day of every month to the board of treasury, of all certificates so issued as aforesaid.

Extract from the minutes,

CHARLES THOMSON, Sec.

N. B. The printers in the different states are requested to publish the foregoing resolutions in their respective news-papers.

WILLIAMSBURG, Sept. 2.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman at Richmond, dated August 30, 1780.

“ Since my last, advice is received from general Gates, informing that our loss of officers is but small, and upwards of 500 men made their escape. Very few of Sumpter's party have suffered; our greatest loss is the baggage and stores. Eternal honour is due to the Maryland and De-

laware brigades; they killed and wounded upwards of 500 of the enemy, and made their retreat good. De Kalb is mortally wounded, and Rutherford taken.”

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 8.

By a letter from Salisbury, North-Carolina, of the 23d ult. we are informed, that generals Smallwood and Giff were there collecting the troops; that col. Hall was gone to Hillsborough to prepare an hospital; that capt. Hamilton, who was taken prisoner and came out on parole, gives the following list:

Baron de Kalb, dead of his wounds; lieutenant. Woolford, Vaughan, and de Bufon, were wounded and taken prisoners; majors Winder and Patton prisoners; capt. Dorsey and Smith, and lieutenants Hardman and Shoemaker, prisoners and wounded; lieutenant. Donovan dead of his wounds; Hanlon prisoner and wounded.

Five captains, 9 subalterns, prisoners, and several missing; general Rutherford and a number of North-Carolina militia prisoners.

Our loss is not certainly known but supposed to be about 500 killed, wounded and missing.

Baltimore, Sept. 2, 1780.

THIS is to give notice to all persons whom it may concern, that the inhabitants of Baltimore county intend to petition the next general assembly for leave to bring in a bill to empower the justices of said county to levy money on the inhabitants thereof, in order to finish the court-house, repair the public gaol, and to build a gaol yard.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, on Saturday the 16th instant, agreeable to the last will of John Marriott, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased.

TWO NEGRO MEN, and part of his other personal estate. The sale to begin by 11 o'clock, at his late dwelling plantation. EDWARD GAITHER, jun. executor.

THERE is at the plantation of John Mercer, on the head of South-river, in Anne Arundel county, taken up as stray, a large brindled cow, marked with a crop in the right ear and a hole in the left. The owner is desired to prove property, pay charges and take her away.

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.

W. 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 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 20 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.

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

ROBERT WILSON.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the SALT-ING-MILL on Patuxent falls, in complete order, and at work, where may be had nail rods of any size, equal, it not superior to any fit on the continent. The public utility 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, under hundred and fifty pounds per ton cheaper than it could be procured in Baltimore town before she got to work. They likewise may be supplied with sheet iron of any thickness, by their humble servants,

WHELCROFT and M'FADON.

TAKEN up as a stray by the subscriber, living in Prince-George's county, a bay GELDING, about 14 hands high, 3 or 4 years old, has a blaze, hanging mane, and long tail, and is branded on the near buttock L G. The owner is desired to take him away and pay charges.

THOMAS LUCAS.

To be Sold at the Printing-Office,

LAWSON MARYLAND, Passed last Session of ASSEMBLY.

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 DOVEK, 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 top of his right ear, which was unknown to me when I first advertised him as a runaway. A negro man committed to my custody as a runaway, on the 21st of July last, by the name of GEORGE, the property of John Nelson, (I have been since informed of Frederick county) he is a small fellow, and appears to be young; he is a Guinean, but speaks tolerable good English, and appears to be very artful, and cunning; had on and took with him when he made his escape, an old white linen shirt, a country linen ditto, a pair short linen breeches, and a pair of And a negro man named PELER, the property of Mrs. Anne Adams, committed to my custody on the 10th inst. for poisoning, he is much stricken in years, and talks bad English; had on a country linen shirt, and old country cloth breeches. Whoever apprehends the said negroes, and secures them in any gaol, so that I get them again, shall receive a reward of one hundred and fifty continental dollars for each, or either of them, and all reasonable charges paid, and if brought home to me, one dollar for every mile above thirty.

BENJAMIN CAWOOD, jun. sheriff.

March 4, 1780.

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, thin 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.