

of state fidlers, who having, as on such occasions is usual, played over several delectable tunes to humour his majesty's disorder; they at last fiddled him into his senses, but he unfortunately relapsed again—lord North caught the disorder, and in a moment, with epidemic swiftness, the whole court by its baneful influence, were in a state of lunacy—Her majesty the queen leaped out of bed naked as Venus; and the prince of Wales appeared as bare as Apollo of Delphi—The maids of honour forgot their modesty; the lords in waiting forgot their breeches. A general tumult ensued.—The guards—the menial domestics—and the lords of the council, with their secretaries, mingled together in the great anti-chamber, tag-rag and bobtail, where they danced and capered to and fro, belly to belly, back to back, right and left, hands across, &c. The doctors are disputing on the nature of the distemper—the doctors of divinity are preparing to exorcise the spirit of madness which possessed the court—the doctors of law are taking down notes of the case—the doctors of physic are preparing clysters and emetics, to drive the disorder up and down; and the undertakers of the kingdom are snuffing for the funerals of such as might become defunct.

The grand fleet under the command of admiral Geary is to be reinforced with several capital ships, and to sail again in the course of this week down the channel for the protection of the fleets that are daily expected.

All the civil officers who had retired from Charles-town, and were living here on pensions, have had this alternative given them—to receive a years salary, and return immediately, or be struck off the pension list.

The loss to government, and the army and navy in America, by the late capture will be very great, for twenty of the West-India ships were entirely laden with stores, provisions, &c. for their use, and amongst other valuable articles, there were no less than 39,000 sacks of flour.

Extra of a letter from Plymouth, August 22.

On Sunday night several American prisoners escaped from mill prison in this neighbourhood, among whom was the well known captain Cunningham, taken only about two months ago; they were luckily stopped yesterday morning, on the point of setting off in a post-chaise for Exeter, and safely lodged in the black-hole, where Mr. Cunningham's golden key, which he has twice successfully made use of, will probably be of no further avail.

On the 2d of this month a very extraordinary fight was seen at Kirton-le-Moor, in Cumberland: a man, his wife, and thirty of their children, walking to the christening of the thirty-first. The youngest of the walkers was two years and five months.

ANECDOTE.

IN the reign of Edward the sixth, king of England, the duke of Somerset, a privy counsellor, was prosecuted for conspiring against the life of the duke of Northumberland, the marquis of Northampton, and the earl of Pembroke, three other privy counsellors. Upon his trial, Northumberland, the most aspiring yet abject and unprincipled man in the nation, together with Northampton and Pembroke, the other offended counsellors, were so totally void of common decency, as to appear and vote among his judges, a majority of whom were probably Northumberland's creatures; and thus shamefully were the principles of common justice violated, in order to ensure Somerset's condemnation. History, however, for this their infamous conduct, has done the world the justice to hold them up to perpetual execration: Northumberland enjoyed his victory but a little while, for in about two years afterwards he atoned for his crimes on the scaffold.

December 14, 1780. To be SOLD at PUBLIC SALE, on Saturday the 30th Instant, at Elk-Ridge Landing, TWO likely young NEGROES, the one a BOY and the other a GIRL. The sale to begin between two and three o'clock.

TAKEN up as a stray, by Edward Gaither, junior, at Elk-Ridge, a brown horse, about fourteen hands high, with a small star and snip, shod before, has some saddle spots, has been branded on the near buttock, but too imperfect to be understood, trots and gallops, and is supposed to be about twelve years old. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 1 Pair 100 Dollars

Northumberland county, Virginia, Oct. 24. RAN away from the subscriber, a mulatto slave named John Wiggins, a carpenter and lawyer by trade, he also professes a good deal of the tinkers business, and to be very skilful in horles and diseases incident thereto; had on when he went away, a pair of white cotton breeches, and white woollen jacket striped with black yarn, what cloaths he carried with him is uncertain; he is a likely fellow, about thirty-nine years old, broad square shoulders, and light eyes, about five feet six or seven inches high, very talkative when intoxicated, which is frequent when he can get liquor; he is supposed to have gone on board a vessel belonging to Mr. John Turberville, of Westmorland county, which set out for Baltimore the day he eloped, and I suppose intends to pass as a freeman. I will give fifty pounds reward to any person that will secure him in gaol and give me the earliest information, provided he is out of the state, if in the state, I will reward any person gently. ELIZABETH KENNER.

500 CONTINENTAL DOLLARS REWARD. Greenberry's-point, Oct. 2, 1780.

RAN away from the subscriber, the 2d of July last, a negro woman named SUH; she is about forty years of age, very black, and has a wen on her brow by the border of her hair (or wool) the only certain mark to describe her by; as she has a variety of cloaths, among which there is a tattan gown, a white linen ditto, a callico ditto, a striped silk jacket, a new country made lincey woolley jacket and petticoat, with others of country cloth, &c. When she went away, her intention was to go to Holland with a free mulatto named Mark Stubbs, a most notorious villain, who intended to pass her as his wife and free; he went from Baltimore in a ship called the Enterprize, and was disappointed in her scheme by the ship not stopping at Annapolis; she has since, as I am informed, been seen and harboured in Annapolis by Mr. Dulany's negroes, and in Baltimore county, between the town and Elk-ridge landing, by some free negroes and negroes of Mrs. Owings, who are her brother and daughters; she has been frequently in Baltimore town on Sundays, and at nights at a mulatto woman's house named Sal Needam, who lives among the French houses; she is sister to Stubbs and harbours her. Any person who will secure her in any gaol in this or any other state shall receive the above reward, and if brought home reasonable charges, paid by DAVID KERR.

Charles county, August 23, 1780.

BROKE gaol yesterday evening and made their escape, the two following fellows, to wit: 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 felt hat. And a negro man named PETER, the property of Mrs. Elizabeth 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 it brought home to me; one dollar for every mile above thirty. BENJAMIN CAWOOD, jun. sheriff.

November 13, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the vestrymen, churchwardens, and other inhabitants of St. Paul's parish, in Prince-George's county, intend in due time to prefer a petition to the legislature, for the support of the christian religion in that parish, for repairing the church, and other parochial charges.

THERE is at the plantation of David Scott, in Anne-Arundel county, a small dark brown horse, about 12 hands and a half high, has a small white spot on his forehead, and a little white on his near hind foot, paces and trots, and about four years old next spring, is neither branded or ear-marked. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 3x w3

By the COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS OF JUSTICE, Nov. 3, 1780. NOTICE is hereby given, that this committee will sit at the state-house from 9 o'clock in the afternoon until 5 on each day during the present session of assembly. By order, G. RANKEN, cl. com.

Charles-county, William and Mary parish, October 8, 1780. NOTICE is hereby given, that after the publication of this advertisement, a petition will be preferred to the general assembly of this state, praying that a law may be passed, to tax the parishioners of the parish aforesaid, for the purpose of repairing the glebe housing. Signed by order of the vestry, T. HARRIS, regr.

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 14th section whereof is as follows:—'And he 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 sum; 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, October 18, 1780. I HAVE in my custody, committed as a runaway, a negro man named HARRY, who says he belongs to Patterson Fletcher, of Culpepper county in Virginia; he is a short well set fellow, about twenty-four years of age, and speaks good English; had on when brought to gaol, an old white country cloth jacket, and an old pair of country linen trouters. His master is desired to pay charges and take him away. BENJ. CAWOOD, jun. sheriff.

THERE is at the plantation of Elizabeth Hall, in Anne-Arundel county, taken up as a stray, a small bright bay horse, about 11 hands high, branded on the near thigh with a trait mark, has several saddle spots, and is about 10 years old. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

THERE is at the plantation of Oliver Carr, near Clifford's ferry, in Prince-George's county, a small sorrel horse, three years old; thirteen hands high; with a hanging mane and switch tail, branded upon the near buttock with a fork. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

THERE is at the plantation of John Bruce, near Pifcattaway church, in Charles county, a small black BULL, about three years old, marked with a crop in the right ear, and a swallow-fork in the left. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

FOR SALE. A STRONG healthy NEGROMAN, 22 years of age, has served 12 years in a merchant mill, and is complete in that business. No other motive than his having attempted to escape to the enemy induces the proprietor to dispose of him. Any person desirous to purchase is requested to apply to colonel William Fitzhugh, Calvert county.