

bour she was anchored off in the stream, and no person except the captain was suffered to go on shore or have any communication with the inhabitants of the city. It is said she brought important dispatches, after the delivery of which, she immediately put to sea.

A correspondent assures us it may now be affirmed with certainty, "that the Dutch and also the Portuguese have joined the northern powers in the armed neutrality; the former with good will and from the heart, the motives of the latter are not yet so well ascertained."

It is far from being improbable that the negotiations for a general pacification will take their rise from the politics of this neutrality. If Great-Britain chuses to persist it will be like the rest of her blind and deluded conduct.

ANNAPOLIS, January 5.

We are requested to insert the following lines, addressed to those AMERICAN LADIES, who have lately distinguished their patriotism, in generously contributing to the relief of the soldiery.

"The attempt is praise."

ALL hail! superior sex, exalted fair, Mirrors of virtue, heav'n's peculiar care! Form'd to inspire and enoble man, The immortal finish of creation's plan; Accept the tribute of our warmest praise, The soldier's blessing and the patriot's bays!

For fame's first plaudit we no more contest, Constrain'd to own it decks the female breast;

While partial prejudice is quite disarm'd, And e'en pale envy with ecstasium charin'd;

Freedom no more shall droop her languid head,

Nor dream supine, or sloth's lethargic bed No more sit weeping with the vet'ran band,

These virtuous brave protectors of her land,

Who nobly daring, stem despotic sway, And shine the patriot wonders of the day; For lo! these sons her glorious race renew, Cheer'd by such gifts, and smiles and prayers, from—you—

More precious treasure in the soldier's eye, Than all the wealth Potosi's mines supply, Or costly gems th' enlivening fun awakes— They prize the offerings for the donors' sake.

And hence, ye sister angels of each state, Their honest bosoms glow with joy elate, Their gallant hearts with gratitude expand,

And trebly feel the bounties of your hand; And wing'd for you their benedictions raise,

Warm from the soul, and grateful to the skies!

Nor theirs alone: th' historian patriots fir'd,

Shall feel the gen'rous virtue you've inspir'd;

Invent new epithets to warm their page, And bid you live admir'd from age to age; With sweet applauses dwell on ev'ry name, Endear your memories, and embalm your fame;

And thus the future bards shall soar sublime,

And waft you glorious down the stream of time,

The breeze of panegyric swell each sail, And plaudits pure perfume th' encreasing gale;

Then freedom's ensign, thus inscrib'd, shall wave—

"The patriot females who their country save,"

'Till time's abyss, absorb'd in heav'nly lays,

Shall flow in your eternity of praise.

A SOLDIER.

By the HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 27, 1780.

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be authorized to settle the accounts of the contractors for horses and waggons pur-

chased or hired, or received from nonjurors, agreeable to chapters the 25th and 27th of June session last, and that he be directed to allow such of the contractors as appear to him to have conducted themselves properly in the execution of the trust reposed in them, for each horse or waggon by them purchased or received, five dollars and one third of the new emission, as a compensation for their trouble, and that he allow their reasonable expences in coming to Annapolis, for the purpose of obtaining money or settling their accounts, as well as all actual necessary expences incurred by them in the execution of their duty; but no contractor shall be paid the above advance, before he returns to the clerk of this house, or the auditor-general aforesaid, a list of the waggons or horses furnished by nonjurors, and the names of the nonjurors who furnished each of the same, and also a list of waggons and horses by him purchased, and of whom and at what price respectively, on account of the public.

Extract from the minutes, FREDERICK GREEN, Clk.

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Annapolis, December 23, 1780.

BELOW are the numbers of loan-office certificates which were taken, in Chesapeake bay, about the 28th of November, on board the Luzerne, captain Shapp, by the privateer trimmer, captain Phillips, from New-York; No. 2700 and 2701, dated the 20th of Februtry, 1779, each 1000 dollars, payable to Samuel S. Coale, emitted by Thomas Smith, Esq; continental loan-officer, Philadelphia—No. 6395 and 6396, dated March, 1779, 600 dollars each, payable to Thomas S. Hodgkin, emitted by Thomas Harwood, Esq; continental loan-officer, in Annapolis.—A description of the above certificates is lodged in both the loan-offices, and will be stopped, if presented for payment.

I HEREBY forewarn all persons from hunting within any of my encloures with either dog or gun. ROBERT DAVIDGE.

Annapolis, Jan. 3, 1781.

THERE is in my custody, a negro man, committed as a runaway by the name of JACK, who says he belongs to Mr. Robert Knox, in Charles county, near Maryland-Point, and that he came from a plantation in Virginia. His master is desired to pay charges and take him away. T. HARWOOD, sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.

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 Nicholas Darnall, near Mount Pleasant, Anne-Arundel county, taken up as a stray, a bright bay horse, about 14 and a half hands high, 3 white feet, and a star in his forehead, no perceivable brand, lame in one of his shoulders. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

FOR SALE, A STRONG healthy NEGRO MAN, 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.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD STOP THE THIEF.

Annapolis, Dec. 26, 1780.

ON Saturday night, between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock, was stolen out of the house of the subscriber, sundry wearing apparel, consisting of one striped and flowered callico gown, one striped and white printed linen ditto, interspersed with a purple berry and leaf, one coarse striped black and white stamped cotton ditto, one striped purple and white ditto and apron, one spotted red and white ditto and apron, and one pompadour chiers ditto, two fine white linen shirts, one ruffled and one plain, marked F I, No. 2, two oznabrigs table clothes, marked T I, No. 2, one woman's scarlet cloth cardinal, one old black callimanco petticoat, one black silk bonnet, and one small blue and white chequered apron. The above articles were stolen by a certain Sarah Ouel, about nineteen years of age, fair complexion, gray eyes, straight yellow hair which hangs in her neck; had on when she went away a short striped country cotton jacket pretty much worn, an old quilted red petticoat, neither shoes nor stockings; she says she came from Montgomery county, near George town, from her aunts, and that her mother lives on the Eastern shore in Kent county.

Whoever stops and secures the articles aforesaid, so that the owner may get them again shall receive the above reward, and so in proportion for any part thereof, and a handsome additional reward for securing the thief, so that she may be brought to justice. T. JOHNSON, jun.

500 CONTINENTAL DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, the 20th of July last, a negro woman named SUE; 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 tartan gown, a white linen ditto, a callico ditto, a striped silk jacket, a new country made linsy 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 she 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 be brought home reasonable charges, paid by the subscriber. DAVID KERR.

Charles county, October 18, 1780.

I HAVE in my custody, committed as a runaway, a negro man named HARRY, who says he belongs to Parterosa 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 trousers. His master is desired to pay charges and take him away.