

ANNAPOLIS, January 18.
TO THE CITY MEMBER.

SIR,
PERMIT an humble auditor to congratulate you on the success of your efforts (last night's debate) in favour of the established church; may you be always victorious in the promotion of virtue and piety, proving in this the glorious instrument of perpetuating our church supremacy, and render all attempts to subvert her fruitless.

A coincidence of sentiment is the great basis of respect and esteem. Permit me, whilst I avouch the greatest veneration for your great merit, to detach some thoughts which may tend to enlarge your consideration of this subject.

To be zealous for the promotion and safety of that religion which we think most acceptable in the sight of Him who is our supreme good, can best express our virtue, as being the foundation of our future felicity, and the support of our present establishment. Sir, he who wishes to avoid divisions, and to enjoin uniformity, as far as may be among us, will find it previously necessary, some religion and some good discipline be promoted and countenanced by law. Because in striving for superiority, I infer some religion will of course prevail; perhaps some sect or tenet with baneful maxims, will overflow this once peaceful land, assuming the ecclesiastical ruins with a rod of oppression, according to this undeniable axiom, that one independent religion, as one independent government, within another, must tend to the destruction of both. As there is therefore an obvious necessity for some established religion among us, let it be such an one as is best fitted to the wants of all men, and made at least so far universal, as to promote peace, harmony, and due subordination in the state. Here the old established church occurs to us, as most remarkable for her patriotism and public spirit; and if reduced to its primitive institution, the best calculated and disposed to dispense the greatest degree of happiness to its members and dissenting brethren of any church on earth; because she is most likely to maintain order and discountenance strife for conscience sake, and because we have long experienced her efficacious influence, and have reason to think, if we now let her fall, we can neither continue or discontinue her, without miserable inconvenience. You have well represented, Sir, the real already made, the diversity of opinions that flow in upon us; every sect having a new persuasion, forms a new party, without any restraint or principle lodged or left, save what rests in the human heart. Innovations still more baneful we have to fear. Already uncharitable to the extreme, jealous of one another, behold the seeds of rancour and antipathy scattered abroad! each bolder forth forms his party; the desire of love or applause are alone powerful stimulatives; novelty is not without admirers; the lax of discipline, the zeal and ambition of our adversaries, makes every good christian tremble at the approaching ruin. We are sensible of the persecuting disposition of many religions, that from the very nature of their principles, they will not display the same degree of lenity, moderation, and forbearance, to us, as we have ever shewn to them. If we could be sure of an equal indulgence, we might with less regret put an end to all distinctions; but, alas! search the whole world for a precedency; if you found an established church wanting, you found anarchy and confusion there. I would farther beg leave to observe, the very libertines in France, with not the subversion of the national church in England, the dissenters pray for its preservation because they know a dissolution would tend to a national confusion.

May we not hope, Sir, that the thinking and sensible part of our dissenting brethren in this state, whose views are moderate, whose ambition is restrained

by some noble principle, would be highly satisfied with a general toleration and other privileges the law affords (without encroaching on the church supremacy); more they cannot desire or you grant with safety or decency; let them acquiesce from political motives at least, in that wholesome and necessary law which shall perpetuate an established church. Now let us view her discipline, when placed on a proper footing; the influence, if well adopted regulations will apparently prove the best instrument of establishing our rights and privileges, as well as our future well being, on a permanent foundation; it will promote uniformity and unanimity among us, in alluring thousands of separatists into one fold under that great shepherd the prince of peace.

May we never want faithful and skilful persons to conduct us, and may Mary and ever condescend in your good sense and distinguished abilities, is the prayer and enlarged hopes of

A GALLERIAN.
Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1781.

Annapolis, Jan. 8, 1781.

THE copartnership of Eastman and Neth being this day dissolved by mutual consent, all persons who have accounts to settle with the said partnership are desired to apply to Joseph Eastman.

JOS. EASTMAN,
3w / LEWIS NETH.

PURSUANT to a commission to us directed by the court of St. Mary's county, for the purpose of ascertaining the boundaries of Denby, Maiden's lot, Aberdeen, and Kingston and Wheatly's hills, the property of Mr. John Debutts of said county, we do hereby give notice to all persons whom it may concern, that we will meet on Denby the third Tuesday in March next, for the purpose aforesaid, and examine all evidences that may be produced respecting their knowledge of its boundaries, and after, proceed to the other different tracts, and examine with respect to them. Given under our hands, this ninth day of January, 1781.

WILL. SOMERVELL,
W. B. FOOT.

St. Mary's county, Dec. 26, 1780.

MADE his escape from the subscriber, the 24th of this instant, a negro man who called himself James; he was committed about a month ago for felony; he at first said he belonged to doctor Thomas Gantt, of Calvert county, but a day or two before he went off said he belonged to a Mr. Johnstone, of Frederick county; he appears to be about twenty-five years of age, five feet nine or ten inches high, well made; had on a large striped country cloth jacket, also an under jacket striped, with a belt, an old Irish linen shirt and cotton long breeches; he had a pair of leg irons on when he went off, but I have reason to believe he got them off the same night; his wrists and ankles are galled with the irons. Whoever takes up the said negro, and secures him, so that I may get him again, shall receive two hundred dollars reward; and one dollar for every mile if brought to me.

ZACHARIAH FORREST, Sheriff.

BELOW are the numbers of loan-office certificates which were taken, in Chesapeake bay, about the 28th of November, on board the Luzerne, captain Sharp, by the privateer Tanager, captain Phillips, from New-York; No. 2700 and 2701, dated the 20th of February, 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 B. 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.

JOSEPH DOWSON.

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 if brought home to me, one dollar forevery mile above thirty.

BENJ. CAWOOD, jun. Sheriff.

TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR REWARD.

Annapolis, January 10, 1781.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber, about a month ago, a dark bay horse, about 13 and a half hands high, 11 or 12 years old, has some saddle spots, a hanging mane, a short switch tail, shod before, and branded on the rear buttock something like A. Whoever will give information where said horse may be had, shall receive one hundred dollars, and if brought home to the subscriber the above reward, with all reasonable charges and thanks, by

JONATHAN PARKER.

N. B. The said horse was purchased of Mr. James Mair, in the neighbourhood of Pigg-Point.

500 CONTINENTAL DOLLARS REWARD.

Greenberry's-point, Oct. 2, 1780.

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 linsley woolsey 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 Enterprise, 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 if brought home reasonable charges, paid by

DAVID KERR.

FOR SALE.

A STRONG healthy NEGRO MAN, 25 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.