

time when the late elections may afford me an opportunity of receiving the most certain information of the disposition and the wishes of my people, to which I am always inclined to pay the utmost attention and regard.

The present arduous situation of public affairs is well known; the whole force and faculties of the monarchies of France and Spain are drawn forth, and exerted to the utmost, to support the rebellion in my colonies in North-America, and without the least provocation or cause of complaint, to attack my dominions; and the undisguised object of this confederacy manifestly is to gratify boundless ambition, by destroying the commerce and giving a fatal blow to the power of Great-Britain.

By the force which the last parliament put into my hands, and by the blessing of Divine Providence on the bravery of my fleets and armies, I have been enabled to withstand the formidable attempts of my enemies, and to frustrate the great expectations they had formed; and the signal successes which have attended the progress of my arms in the provinces of Georgia and Carolina, gained with so much honour to the conduct and courage of my officers, and to the valour and intrepidity of my troops, which have equalled their highest character in any era, will, I trust, have important consequences in bringing the war to a happy conclusion. It is my most earnest desire to see this great end accomplished; but I am confident you will agree with me in opinion, that we can only secure safe and honourable terms of peace, by such powerful and respectable preparations as shall convince our enemies, that we will not submit to receive the law from any powers whatsoever; and that we are united in a firm resolution to decline no difficulty or hazard, in the defence of our country, and for the preservation of our essential interests.

Gentlemen of the house of commons, I have ordered the estimates for the ensuing year to be laid before you. I see and feel with great anxiety and concern, that the various services of the war, must unavoidably be attended with great and heavy expence; but I desire you to grant me such supplies only, as your own security and lasting welfare, and the exigency of affairs, will be found to require.

My lords and gentlemen, I repose an entire confidence in the zeal and affection of this parliament, conscious that during the whole course of my reign, it hath been the constant object of my care, and the wish of my heart, to promote the true interests and happiness of all my subjects, and to preserve inviolate our excellent constitution in church and state.

Baltimore-town, Feb. 6, 1781. On Wednesday the 7th of March next, will be offered for sale, by the subscriber, who will attend for that purpose at Mr. Daniel Grant's tavern,

A NUMBER of very valuable HOUSES and LOTS of LAND, in the most advantageous situations in this town. Also several excellent FARMS in the counties of Baltimore and Harford. A long credit will be given the purchasers. The particulars relative to these estates will be published in the Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser.

H. D. GOUGH.

BY the death of the reverend Mr. Arthur Hambleton, Port-tobacco parish in Charles county is become vacant; any minister of the church of England, who will apply to the vestry of said parish, and can come well recommended, the vestry will be ready, on behalf of said parish, to treat with such minister making such application; the salary to be allowed is thirty thousand pounds weight of transfer tobacco per annum, on subscription, clear of the charge of collection.

Per order, JAMES RUSSELL, reg.

Calvert county, Jan. 26, 1781. STOLEN from the subscriber, near Hunting-town, a bay horse with a switch tail, branded under the mane thus, S. Whoever secures the said horse so that the owner may have him again shall receive one hundred pounds, paid by RICHARD FURNER.

N. B. The person who stole the horse is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, pale complexion, gray eyes, short white hair; he has also a down look and is a little round shouldered; he passed sometimes by the name of Benj. Sea, and sometimes by the name of Benj. Everit.

ANY person capable of keeping school and well recommended, may meet with good encouragement, by applying to colonel Richard Harwood, Thomas Noble Stockett, Joseph Watkins, or Robert John Smith, near South-river church.

FIVE HUNDRED CONTINENTAL DOLLARS REWARD. Near South-river ferry, Anne-Arundel county, Feb. 7, 1781.

ON Wednesday morning, near the break of day, were stolen out of the subscriber's house, one fiddle, one pair of new osnabrig trousers, one pair of cotton stockings, one striped lawn apron, and one coarse fan-tail hat. The same thief took a curb bridle out of my kitchen, and went to the quarter of Mr. Charles Steuart, son of Dr. George Steuart, which plantation joins mine, and took out of his stable a dark iron-gray gelding, about thirteen and a half hands high, no brand that can be remembered, his tail hand-docked, has a very large belly, trots and gallops, is a very good working horse, and but young. The above articles were stolen by a lad named Thomas Hammond, about 16 or 17 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, brown hair, thin long visage, speaks slow and rather foolish: had on a black and white country cloth waistcoat and breeches, kersey wove, an osnabrig shirt, and it is likely he may have the trousers and stockings on, as he had no stockings but them, he had on likewise a new pair of black leather shoes. The above named Thomas Hammond said he lived three years with major Henry Ridgely on Elk-ridge, and after that with captain Thomas Richardson of Prince-George's county, and from thence was brought down to Annapolis to take the place of a soldier that had a fore leg, but the colonel would not pass him on account of his being knock-kneed; this is what he told me at the time I hired him. His father is a white man and his mother a mulatto, who lives at Linganore, which place it is likely he will go to. Whoever stops and secures the horse and other articles aforesaid, so that the owners may get them again, shall receive the above reward, and so in proportion for any part thereof, and a handsome reward for securing the thief, so that he may be brought to justice, paid by JAMES STEUART, JACOB LUSBY.

THERE are at the plantation of Richard Haynes, near the fork of Patuxent bridge, five stray cattle, viz. One small black cow, both her ears about half cut off, with a small slit in each; one red steer, with a white face and white belly, marked as the aforesaid cow; one brindled and pied steer, marked as above; one black steer and a small red bull with a white face, neither of them marked. The owner or owners may have them again on proving property.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of John Hammond of Thomas, late of Baltimore county, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment; and those who have claims against said estate are desired to bring them in to VACHEL HAMMOND. N. B. Two salt-pans to be sold by Beale Hammond, near Annapolis.

Allen's-fresh, Feb. 5, 1781. RAN away from the subscriber, the 4th inst. a mulatto lad named Daniel Cain, about seventeen years of age, well grown, his dress an over and under jacket and breeches of white yarn, cloth shoes and white yarn stockings, an imported fan-tail hat marked on the lining H G; he rode off a bay horse, well made, natural pacer, about fourteen hands and a half high, and hath a remarkable short tail, and I believe a star on his forehead, which lately hath been seated with bog-skin, a blue fringe housing and a leather girt. Whoever will apprehend the aforesaid runaway, horse and saddle, so that I get them again, shall receive 250 continental dollars, paid by BENJ. PHILPOTT.

500 CONTINENTAL DOLLARS REWARD. Greenberry's-point, Oct. 2, 1780. RAN away from the subscriber, the 1st 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) of any certain mark to describe her by; as she has a variety of cloaths, among which there is a tartan gown, a white linen dress, a callico ditto, a striped silk jacket, a new country made linsley woolley jacket and petticoat, with others of country cloths, &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 goal in this or any other state shall receive the above reward, and I brought home reasonable charges, paid by DAVID KERR.

BELOW are the numbers of loan-office certificates which were taken in Chetapeake bay, about the 28th of November, on board the Luzerne, captain Sharp, by the privateer Trimmer, 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.

CAME to the subscriber's plantation, beyond Elk-Ridge, a sorrel mare, about thirteen-hands-high, a star in her forehead, four white feet, docked, not branded, three years old last spring, is a natural pacer. The owner is desired to prove his or her property, take her away, and pay charges. CHARLES CARROLL.

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.