

ments of fraud. I think the governor and council were too mild to them and their lenity will rather encourage than deter the disaffected. A firm decided conduct with regard to torics, will make government respected; any favour or indulgence shewn to them will render it contemptible. The torics may rely their conduct is observed, and shall be made public, whenever necessary; and I hope our executive will give no cause of complaint, to the whigs of this state, for an improper compliance: or an ill-judged, or ill-timed exertion of compassion to the refugees, or their Tory friends. That Mr. Callis, or Mr. Carr (who married the sister of Mr. Boucher's wife, the niece of Mr. Addison) should find a number of friends to be their security, I did not wonder; but I was mortified to see the sheriff of Prince-George's county officiously offer himself, and enter their security. Unless the sheriffs of Prince-George's and Frederick counties collect the treble tax from the property of the two refugee parsons, they shall hear of it.

A B Y E - S T A N D E R .

From the London Gazette extraordinary. At the court at St. James's, the 30th of December, 1780.

P R E S E N T,

The king's most excellent majesty in council.

HIS majesty, having taken into consideration the many injurious proceedings of the states general of the United Provinces, and their subjects, as set forth in his royal manifesto of this date, and being determined to take such measures as are necessary for vindicating the honour of his crown, and for procuring reparation and satisfaction, is pleased, by and with the advice of his privy council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that general reprisals be granted against the ships, goods, and subjects, of the states general of the United Provinces, so that as well his majesty's fleet and ships, as also all other ships and vessels that shall be commissioned by letters of marque or general reprisals, or otherwise, by his majesty's commissioners for executing the office of lord high admiral of Great-Britain, shall and may lawfully seize all ships, vessels, and goods belonging to the states general of the United Provinces, or their subjects, or others inhabiting within any of the territories of the aforesaid states general, and bring the same to judgment in any of the courts of admiralty within his majesty's dominions: and to that end his majesty's advocate general, with the advocate of the admiralty, are forthwith to prepare the draught of a commission, and to present the same to his majesty at this board, authorising the commissioners for executing the office of lord high admiral, or any person or persons by them empowered and appointed, to issue forth and grant letters of marque and reprisal to any of his majesty's subjects, or others whom the said commissioners shall deem fitly qualified in that behalf, for the apprehending, seizing and taking the ships, vessels, and goods belonging to the states general of the United Provinces, and their vassals and subjects, or any inhabiting within the countries, territories or dominions of the aforesaid states general; and that such powers and clauses be inserted in the said commission as have been usual, and are according to former precedents: and his majesty's said advocate general, with the advocate of the admiralty, are also forthwith to prepare the draught of a commission, and present the same to his majesty at this board, authorising the said commissioners for executing the office of lord high admiral to will and require the high court of admiralty of Great-Britain, and the lieutenant and judge of the said court, his surrogate or surrogates, as also the several courts of admiralty within his majesty's dominions, to take cognizance

of, and judicially to proceed upon all, and all manner of captures, seizures, prizes and reprisals of all ships and goods that are or shall be taken, and to hear and determine the same; and, according to the course of admiralty, and the laws of nations, to adjudge and condemn all such ships, vessels and goods, as shall belong to the states general of the United Provinces, or their vassals and subjects, or to any others inhabiting within any of the countries, territories and dominions of the aforesaid states general; and that such powers and clauses be inserted in the commission as have been usual, and are according to former precedents; and they are likewise to prepare, and lay before his majesty at this board, a draught of such instructions as may be proper to be sent to the courts of admiralty in his majesty's foreign governments and plantations, for their guidance herein; as also another draught of instructions for such ships as shall be commissioned for the purposes aforesaid.

B A S S E T E R R E, (St. Christopher's) February 10.

By the ship which brought the Dutch soldiers and other prisoners to this island, we are informed, that the fleet of vessels amounting to 27 in number, bound to Holland, under convoy of the Dutch admiral, which took its departure only two days before the capture of St. Eustatius, was all brought back in safety to that road by a detachment admiral Rodney had dispatched for that purpose. That the Dutch admiral was killed by the first broadside; and after a very short but smart engagement, the whole stuck.

Yesterday evening about six o'clock appeared off this road, a brig with a signal of a white jack at her fore-top-mast-head, on which the fire ship and frigate that were here immediately got under way and proceeded with the brig, suppoied for St. Eustatius. Various are the conjectures upon it, as report says, there was a fleet sent to leeward of Martinico.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, March 20.

By authentic intelligence from the eastward we learn, that the French Squadron sailed from Newport the 8th instant, and the British fleet put to sea from Gardiner's bay two days afterwards.

Yesterday arrived here a prize brig, late belonging to Baltimore, laden with flour; she was re-taken by captain sutton, in a letter of marque from this port, having been taken by a British cruiser on her voyage to the West-Indies.

Also arrived the brig Amelia, late commanded by captain Lindsay, from St. Kitts bound to London, prize to the Felicity and Antelope letters of marque, belonging to Baltimore.

This vessel brings us a confirmation of the very important intelligence respecting St. Eustatius being taken by the British fleet on the 3d ult. The particulars we learn are, that all the property on the island was seized on by admiral Rodney, whether belonging to English, Dutch or American merchants. That the Dutch island of Curafoa had also been seized by the British admiral, who had sent a number of his prisoners to St. Kitts in transports, and that a report prevailed in the West-Indies of the British having cut out upward of 250 sail of Dutch vessels from the Texel, in Europe.

A passenger on board the Amelia prize says he was at Antigua on the 8th of February, when war was formally declared against the states general.

West-river, March 2, 1782. THIS is to give notice, that I intend to apply to the next general assembly for a confirmation of my title to part of a tract of land lying in Montgomery county, purchased of Mr. Edward Sprigg, junior.

3 THOMAS MORTON, jun.

BY an act passed last session of assembly, entitled, A Supplement to the act for raising the supplies for the year 1780, hundred and eighty one, it is enacted, That the new bills of credit emitted in this state, and the new continental bills of credit emitted in this state, shall be received at the rate of one dollar of the bills for one half a Spanish milled dollar if rendered before the first day of April next, by persons entitled to pay in money for the part of the tax payable the first day of April next, or for the whole year tax to be paid under the said act.

THOMAS DORSEY,
JOHN WEEM,
RICHARD HARWOOD,
THOMAS WATKINS,
CHARLES WALLACE,
Commissioners of the tax of Anne-Arundel county.

P U B L I C A U C T I O N .

WHEREAS the general assembly at their last session did enact, That the following LOTS, to wit, No. 11, 38, 40, and 41, in Baltimore town, and the land adjoining or near to Baltimore-town, belonging to the heirs of Edward Fotherrell, late of the kingdom of Ireland; the property of Anthony Bacon, John Eversfield, George and Andrew Buchanan, James B. own and company, Mackie, Spiers, and company, Mackie, Spiers, French, and company, James Christie, John Buchanan, John Glasgow and company, the heirs of Samuel Hylton the heirs of Thomas Bladen, all of Great Britain, should be sold at auction.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the property late belonging to any or more of the aforesaid persons, lying in or adjoining to Baltimore-town, will be exposed to sale on Wednesday the 4th of April next, at the court-house in said town, on the following terms, viz. One fifth part of the purchase money to be paid in specie within three weeks from the day of sale, the remaining four fifths in the new bills of credit emitted by this state and the continental bills of credit emitted in the state, one half to be paid in two months, the other half within four months from the day of sale.

By order of the commissioners, THOMAS YATES, auctioneer. N.B. The commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property are now attending in Baltimore-town.

T W O H U N D R E D D O L L A R R E W A R D .

Kent-Island, Feb. 26, 1782. WAS lost or stolen on Kent-Island on Saturday the 24th instant, a china faced silver WATCH, maker's name, &c. as follows, W. Wilkinson No. 7960, London. The person suspected of stealing the said watch, passed from Kent-Island to Annapolis on the 25th instant, is an Englishman, about 27 or 28 years of age, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, his dress unknown; had a knapsack at his back, and is supposed to be a deserter from the continental army. Whoever will deliver said watch to the printer hereof, shall receive the above reward.

N. B. N. M. (the initial letters of the owner's name) are cut in cyphers on the back of said watch.

CAME to the plantation of John De Butts, before Christmas 1780 two yearlings and a calf about five months old, one of the yearlings, an heifer of reddish colour, had part of one ear cut off, the other is now a young bull of chestnut colour, without mark, the calf is yellow and white, also without mark. The owners are desired to prove their property, pay charges, and take them away.

* * Advertisements omitted will be inserted next week.