

Stephen Steward. They arrived at a kind of peninsula called Chalk point, about a mile from Mr. Steward's; it appears from the rout they took, they were conducted by a negro of Mr. Steward's, who lately ventured to try their generosity and escap'd from his master. On Chalk point was a cannon for six pounds, and six men, who conceiving the enemy's approach must be in front (unless they knew the situation of the cannon) were unfortunately alarmed too late to make use of their cannon; for at their first discovery they were within a very few yards of the shore, and considerably in the rear of the guards; on being challenged, they answered, Friends to congress from Annapolis; they were fired on by twenty of the guard; some of their pieces missing fire, the others, frightened at their numbers, immediately ran off; they returned it furiously with twivels and small-arms; unfortunately for those whose inclination was to harrats them, those who ran off had with them all the ammunition; they were in three large barges; their number is supposed to have been about 100 men; no farther resistance being made (for indeed it was now impracticable) they advanced by land to Mr. Steward's, where the whole force that could be mustered was six or seven on whom there could be any dependence; it was determined to retreat to captain Harrison's, where they were next expected, and there make what resistance they could, with the assistance of what neighbours might join them; but their vengeance was satiated for that time; when they had so gloriously completed the destruction of every thing valuable to Mr. Steward on that place, how did they exult! how glow'd the generous bosom of the Briton at a sight so glorious! how did the conscious blush, which suffuses each feature of the hero, brighten their looks! how beat the gallant heart, when they beheld the flames which British heroism alone could kindle, ascend and consume all before them! A ship of 20 guns, that in a few days would have been launched, the dwelling house with most of the furniture, two or three store houses, &c. filled with articles of every kind for conducting the business of building ships, as well as for private purposes, provision, tools, timber, every thing was lost; the houses, though not elegant, were, for the purpose they were intended, equal to the most superb; the hospitable door was ever open to the honest, and guests of every degree were welcome as their merits entitled them; and the very savages who effected this horrid affair, a few hours before might have been fed had they been hungry. The loss is not yet to be estimated; every hour they discover their loss greater; some papers and books were consumed. This brave band, at length fatigued with this mighty feat, their vengeance glutted, retired in good order, and made good a retreat, to their immortal honour, although opposed by such numbers. Their malice seemed to be levelled alone at Mr. Steward, they having passed through Mr. Harrison's house without injuring it, and in their way up and returning they passed several others, without molesting them; there was cannon at the ship yard, but they were too well informed of its direction to march that way. Say ye deluded few, whom idle fear, prejudice, or treachery, actuate; ye warm advocates for a union with Britain! Can idle fancy picture the idea; no; even folly laughs at it; insanity derides it. Oh! George, which of the heroes, from the long line of kings which have graced the British throne, can compare with thee? Brave, generous, just, humane, time can never produce any thing to emulate thy worth.

*Extract of a letter from Halifax, March 20, 1781.*

"This forenoon, the hon. Whitmore Hill arrived from general Greene's head quarters, and brings the following most interesting intelligence: That on the morning of the 15th inst. an engagement

was brought on between a small part of our regulars joined by a very considerable body of militia, and most of general Cornwallis's army. The scene opened by major Lee early in the morning, and was conducted with equal zeal and spirit by col. Washington and some other choice troops joined as above, so as to terminate greatly to the honour and advantage of the American arms. As I said before, Lee displayed before the enemy early, when our main body were at the distance of three miles, and by his very extraordinary mode of address deprived his excellency lord Cornwallis of 140 men killed on the field. It is easy to suppose an affair of this kind would make matters serious on both sides; a general O'Hara, of the British, as soon as our main body came up, made a vain attempt to cut off the few regulars in the field; but col. Washington (at the expence of captain Fauntleroy and captain Barrett, with ten privates killed and wounded) entirely destroyed the party commanded by gen. O'Hara; himself amongst the rest fell, with a col. Lovell and almost every officer in the division. In consequence of some North-Carolina militia making a start, the other part of our army, after a conflict of an hour and a half, retired about 12 miles, as did the enemy. A col. Dickson, of ours, says he came over a part of the enemy's dead after they had decamped, and from his own observation, as well as some women and others who were paying their last respects to the deceased, they must have lost 800 killed; we, on the largest computation, did not lose more than 200. Gen. Greene is well satisfied with what is done, and determined to follow up his stroke, having since the action received larger reinforcements than he lost in killed, wounded, and run away."

April 2, 1781.  
**TO BE SOLD** at public sale, for hard cash or the exchange, at Mr. Ogle's plantation, near Annapolis, the twenty-fifth day of this month, precisely at 12 o'clock, several very valuable young **NEGRO WOMEN** together with their children.

**D A M O N.**  
**STANDS** at the subscriber's plantation, at three pounds hard money, or the exchange, or in lieu of either six barrels of corn or oats, or eight bushels of wheat. He is a beautiful bay, 15 hands and an inch high, rising 5 years. His sire was Junius, who was got by old Fearnought, out of stately, who was got by the thorough bred imported horse Sober John, out of the high bred imported mare strawberry. Damon's dam was got by Fearnought, out of the thorough bred imported mare Steady Sally, who made a shining figure on the turf at Newmarket for a king's plate, but unfortunately fell, though foremost. Damon was bred by col. Robert Baylor of Virginia. Good pasturage at 2/6 per week, but I will not be answerable for the mares.

**OSBORN SPRIGG.**

**THERE** is at the plantation of Joseph Allen, near Queen-Anne, in Prince-George's county, taken up as a stray, a small dark bay horse, 13 hands high, has a small blurred brand on his off buttock and near shoulder, but imperfect, a small star on his forehead, a few white hairs under his left eye, some saddle spots, and part of his near hind foot white. The owner may have his own or proving property, and paying charges.

West-river, March 2, 1781.

**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.

**THOMAS MORTON, jun.**

Annapolis, March 1, 1781.  
**UNITED STATES LOTTERY.**  
 THE fourth class tickets which are now in the hands of the subscriber for renewing, such as were disposed of by him in the third class, any time on or before the 15th day of April next; the possessors are therefore requested to be particular in bringing their tickets, whether blanks or prizes for that purpose by that time, as no will be renewed thereafter, and the owners will lose the benefit of such remain unrenewed on that day in the class.

**JOHN DAVIDSON.**

March 20, 1781.  
 By virtue of an act of the assembly of Maryland, passed in December 1773, to be exposed to sale, by public vendue on Tuesday the first day of May next for gold or silver,

**THAT** situation for any kind of water-works, known by the name of **CURTIS'S CREEK FURNACE** lying on the head of the said creek, Anne-Arundel county, about 13 miles by water from Baltimore-town, or 17 miles by land, with sundry tracts of land containing 4838 acres more or less. The same, where the furnace stands, a large stone dwelling house, kitchen, meat house, smith's shop, and mill house, all of which with the furnace, may be made very good. The lands mostly lie on and contiguous to Curtis, Marley, and Stony creeks, and abound with wood and timber, pine, oak, hickory, and chestnut. Craft for the reception of wood, &c. go up all the creeks. About 100 acres are cleared round the furnace, and two or three improvements on different tracts rented the year. A plot of the whole may be seen at the coffee-house in Baltimore, and the lands shewn on application to Mr. Thomas Cromwell near the furnace. Sale to begin at the dwelling house at 10 o'clock a. m.

**CHARLES RIDGELY,**  
**MICHAEL PUE,**  
**W. GOODWIN,**  
**W. BUCHANAN,**  
**ELEANOR DORSEY.**

March 19, 1781.  
**NOTICE** is hereby given, that a petition signed by the subscribers and many others was presented to the general assembly, praying the confirmation of a road, which was laid out soon after the building of Ellicott's lower mill and which led out of the Elk-ridge road above Mr. Ely Dorsey's, and between said Mr. Ely Dorsey's and Mr. Michael Dorsey's, also between Mr. Brice Howard's and Mr. Joshua Howard's to the land of Mr. Rezin Hammond, then the land of said Rezin Hammond to the upper corner of Valentine Brown's land there to intersect an accustomed road then down said Brown's lane to Patuxent bridge, then with the main road to De Puy's lane, then to Hell-town, thence to Balderton's tavern, and so to Ellicott's lower mills; which said petition was referred to the consideration of the next general assembly. Notice of the same will be continued in this gazette for eight weeks, agreeable to the resolve of the honourable house of delegates.

**REZIN HAMMOND,**  
**M. PUE,**  
**JOSHUA HOWARD.**

**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 property, pay charges, and take them away.