

do, and the Hague, and especially from North-America. Every wheel in the political system of Europe, would have its motions rapidly accelerated; by certain news from America, of any decisive advantage obtained over Cornwallis in South-Carolina, so true it is that America is the center of the whole. The death of the empress queen, it is generally thought, will make no alteration in the system of Europe; yet it is possible, that after some time there may be changes; none, however, that can be hurtful to us. I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect, Sir, your most obedient and most humble servant,

JOHN ADAMS.  
His Excellency the president in congress general of the United States.  
On public affairs.

Extract of a letter from major-general Baron Mullenberg dated "On the road from Petersburg to Cofferfield court-house, 10 miles from Petersburg, April 25, 1781.

"On the 24th I reconnoitred the enemy's fleet, then lying off Westover, and consisting of 13 topsail vessels and 23 flat bottomed boats full of men. The whole number of troops on board I judged to be about 2500. The same day the fleet stood up the river. I therefore ordered general Mullenberg to move up as high as the vicinity of Blandford. In the evening the enemy landed their whole force at that point, which fully evinced that their first object was Petersburg. Being obliged to send large detachments to the neck of land between James and Appamatox rivers, I had not more than 1000 men left to oppose the enemy's advance. I determined, however, to defend the place as far as our inferiority of numbers would permit, and made choice of Blandford for the place of defence, and the bridge of Pocahuntas for our retreat. The troops were disposed accordingly and passed the night under arms.

"This morning I was informed that the enemy were within 3 miles of our advanced post, and that 11 flat bottomed boats were at the same time moving up Appamatox river. Towards noon they came in sight, formed and displayed to their left; but it was near 3 o'clock before the firing commenced, which continued from post to post until past 5, when the superior numbers of the enemy obliged me to order a retreat, and the bridge to be taken up, which was executed in the greatest order, notwithstanding the fire of the enemy's cannon and musquetry. With the same good order the troops retreated to this place, where they are just encamped. I am not yet able to ascertain our loss, but believe it not to be great. I do not think the enemy took a single prisoner. Of the enemy's loss I can form no judgment.

"General Mullenberg merits my particular acknowledgments for the good disposition he made, and the great gallantry with which he executed it. I deem the gallant conduct of all the officers and the particular good behaviour of the men most, I am persuaded, have attracted the admiration of the enemy.

"I have the pleasure to say that our troops disjuncted the ground with the enemy inch by inch, and executed their manœuvres with great exactness.

Published by order,  
CHARLES THOMSON, sec."

To be SOLD in Annapolis,  
A PAIR of very strong gray HOKSES, upwards of fifteen hands high.  
WILLIAM BROWN.

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.

April 23, 1781.  
By virtue of an act of the assembly of Maryland, passed in December, 1773, will be exposed to sale, by public vendue, on Monday the 11th day of June next, for gold or silver,

THE SITUATION for any kind of water-works, known by the name of the CURTIS'S CREEK FURNACE, lying on the head of the said creek, in Anne Arundel county, about 12 miles by water from Baltimore-town, or seven miles by land, with sundry tracts of land, containing 433 acres more or less. There are, 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's, 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 those creeks. About 100 acres are cleared around the furnace, and two or three small tenements on different tracts rented by 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,  
ELKANOR DORSEY.  
N. B. The sale is deferred, on account of its not having been advertised six weeks successively in the Maryland Gazette, agreeable to law.

Office for the preservation and sale of forfeited estates, April 9, 1781.

To be SOLD at VENDUE,  
THE two manors of Beaver-dam and Chaptico, lying in St. Mary's county, in parcels as tenanted to the present possessors, or otherwise, as may be most conducive to the purpose intended. Many of the leases are expired, several for the lives of persons yet in being, and others for terms of years yet unexpired. The sale of Beaver-dam will begin at Leonard town on Tuesday the 29th of May next, and of Chaptico on the Monday following. One fifth of the sum bid to be paid in specie, within three weeks from the day of sale, the remainder in bills of credit of the new emission, one half in two months, and the other half in four months from the day of sale.

By order, G. DUVALL, cl.  
N. B. The sale of Beaver-dam manor above mentioned is postponed until Tuesday the 11th of June, and of Chaptico until the Monday following.

March 19, 1781.  
NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition signed by the subscribers and many others was presented to the last general assembly, praying the confirmation of a road, which was laid out soon after the building of Ellicott's lower mills, and which led out of the Elk ridge road above Mr. Ely Dorsey's, and between said Mr. Ely Dorsey's and Mr. Mitchell Dorsey's, also between Mr. Brice Howard's and Mr. Joshua Howard's to the land of Mr. Rezin Hammond, then thro' the land of said Rezin Hammond to the upper corner of Valentine Brown's lane, thence to intersect an accustomed road, then down said Brown's lane to Patuxent bridge, then with the main road to Dr. Pue'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.

B A D G E  
COVERS this season at Bellair, in Prince-George's county, at forty shillings hard cash, or the exchange, a mare, and a state dollar at the groom.  
Badger is five years old this spring, a dark gray, full fifteen hands and an inch high, and allowed by judges to be a fine horse. He was got by governor Eden's imported horse Badger, who was got by lord Chedworth's Hesperus, his dam by Black and all Black, and his grand-dam by Childers.

Badger's dam was got by Samuel Galoway, Esquire's, Selim, his grand-dam (an imported mare) by Spot, his grand-dam by Cartouch, his great grand-dam by Old Traveller, his great-great-grand-dam by Sedbury, his great-great-great-grand-dam by Childers, out of a barb mare.

Good pasture for mares at a dollar a week, but I will not be answerable in case of loss.  
The money to be paid before the horse is led out of the stable.

JOHN CRAGGS.

April 16, 1781.  
CARELES  
COVERS this season, on Elk-Ridge, about three miles from Elk-Ridge Landing, for three pounds hard money, or the exchange, a mare, and one state dollar to the groom.

Careles is a fine bay, about 15 hands high. He was got by col. Baylor's Fenought, his dam by Dove, his grand-dam by Othello, his great-grand-dam by Old Spark, out of Queen Mab, a very high bred imported mare, that was the dam of Old Millie, and col. Hopper's Pacolet.

Good pastures for mares, under a very good fence, but I will not be answerable for any that may get away.

DAVID SCOTT.

NOTICE is hereby given to all OFFICERS and SOLDIERS of the troops of the state of Maryland, in the service of the United States, who have claims for their pay in their own right, or as representatives of those who have fallen or died in the service, that it will be necessary to produce their accounts supported by vouchers or proof by their own oath, of the time they were in the service, and the rank they held, between the first of January 1777 and the thirty-first of July 1780, also of all sums of money received on account of their pay, or otherwise not accounted for, with the date of each sum received, and likewise of what clothing with the prices thereof for which they are accountable.  
W. WILKINS, Commissioner.

April 4, 1781.  
STOLEN out of the pasture of the subscriber, living near Mr. Samuel Hanton, in Charles county, on Saturday last, being the 31st of March, about 12 o'clock, a large roan HORSE, with a hanging mane and twitch' tail, paces and canters extremely easy, branded on the near shoulder, or getting up side, thus, S; it is supposed that he was stolen by a Moses Jones, a deserter from our army, and a remarkable thief and robber, who was in the neighbourhood, equipping for a mare he said had strayed away from him, and who is suspected of having committed several robberies there. Whoever secures said horse, so that I get him again, shall receive a reward of twenty five dollars.  
WILLIAM HANSON.

TAKEN up as a stray, by Joseph Pen, in Anne-Arundel county, a small brown MARE, about 12 1/2 hands high, 12 years old, one hind foot white, a small star on her forehead, not branded, blind in her left eye, trots and gallops. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.