

Feb. 21. The Sans Puer, a French privateer, captain Fall, is arrived at Helvoetsluys, with a hundred English prisoners, and fourteen ransomers, valued at 5,400 guineas. The same privateer has also taken the Ranger privateer, of 13 guns and 45 men; and on the 3d inst. she fell in with the Eagle privateer of 16 guns, which she sunk after an obstinate engagement of three hours and an half.

March 1. The relief of Gibraltar, tho' undoubtedly a necessary measure, is in the present juncture a very dangerous one. The Spanish fleet at Cadiz is alone considerably superior to any force we can send out to protect the intended convoy of provisions and troops; but if that is joined by the Brest squadron, before we effect our purpose, it would be madnes to pursue the attempt. It would be much better to let that fortress, important as it is, take its fate, than to hazard so much for its preservation; as it would be impossible to throw in any succours, without first defeating an enemy who would certainly oppose us; and where is the probability, even if the gentlemen of the navy discovered a greater spirit and alacrity for the service than of late they have done, of our encountering so great an odds with success? The destruction of our fleet would be the certain consequence of a battle in such circumstances. Every man must see the train of ruin that must follow that single misfortune; and therefore, where there is so little to hope, and every thing to fear, the present expedition to the straits fills every breast with an awful anxiety for the consequences.

Information is said to be received, that 25 ships of the line sailed from Brest to Cadiz, whence it is supposed they will soon proceed to the West-Indies.

Our fleet at Portsmouth is ready to fail the first fair wind, and consists of 28 sail of the line besides frigates; they are to be joined by four ships of the line at Plymouth, making in all 32.

PHILADELPHIA, May 30.

On Monday last arrived here the prize sloop Jane, from Charles-town, bound to New-York, laden with rice, &c. sent in by the Rising Sun privateer of this port. She has been but a short time from Charles-town, and brings advice of lord Rawdon's having burnt Camden, and retreated with his forces towards Charles-town; and that lord Cornwallis had retired from Wilmington to the same place. Upwards of 100 wounded British officers and soldiers had been shipped from Wilmington to Charles-town, supposed to have suffered at the late action at Guilford court-house.

Extra of a letter from Virginia. "General Phillips, late commander of the British forces in this quarter, is dead. "It is strongly suspected in the British camp under Arnold, that he precipitated the exit of major-general Phillips, who was avowedly sent to watch that picaroon, lest he should not give a fair return of the plunder his detachment was directed to make in Virginia. This charge against Arnold gains ground with the British officers themselves."

Charles county, May 26, 1781. BY the resignation of the rev. Mr. Joseph Mellenger, this day received in writing, the parish of Port-tobacco is again become vacant; the vestry of said parish do therefore give notice, that any minister of the church of England applying, who comes properly recommended, will be admitted into said parish, and will be entitled to the salary made up for the support of a minister, which is thirty thousand pounds of transfer tobacco per annum clear of collection; to be collected from a subscription made up by the inhabitants of said parish for that purpose; the time of the subscription will expire on the 1st day of August, 1781.

Signed per order, JAMES RUSSELL, reg.

May 19, 1781. RAN away from the subscriber, living near Bryan-town, in Charles county, a negro man named Harry, about 32 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, has a wen over one of his eyes, squints a little with one eye: had on when he went off, a black striped country cloth jacket and breeches, cotton and tow shirt. Whoever takes up the said fellow, and brings him home, shall receive ten pounds state money reward, if out of the state twenty pounds like money, paid by the subscriber.

I have some reasons to believe he was carried off by a certain Lewis Timberlake, who at the same time stole a gray horse, branded on the near buttock H, and a bay mare, four years old, no brand, had two lumps on the hind part of her back, a small white streak down one of her fore hoofs from the hair to the toe, and a long tether under her mane. Whoever apprehends the thief and horses, shall receive a reward of ten pounds state money, or for the horse five pounds like money, paid by

THOMAS WALTERS.

LANDS FOR SALE.

STRING ENLARGED, 644 acres, surveyed in January 1775, and certificate returned for 845 acres, examined and passed, by the name of Head-Quarters, but not patented, because of the war: part of Mansell's United Friendship, 359 acres: part of Mansell's Purchase 1400 acres: The Scheme, 74 acres: these four tracts lie adjoining each other. Part of Windsor-Forest, 1136 acres; this tract lies about 4 miles from the above lands. All the tracts are called Forest-land; a considerable part of them is very good soil; each tract is very well watered, and there are on the whole about 200 acres of good meadow ground. There is little timber on the above tracts, except on the main western fork of the western, or Delaware, falls of Patapco river, where enough may be procured to build tobacco houses: these lands lie near the great main road from Frederick-town to Baltimore, and between 25 and 30 miles from the latter, and in the neighbourhood of the late Mr. Samuel Mansell. Resolutions, granted for 667 acres, of which about one half is clear of elder tracts; this land lies below Bubb-creek, about 8 miles from Frederick-town, near one Solomon Turner's. Part of The Mountain of Wales, 200 acres; this tract lies near Mr. Jacques's Iron-works. In all about 4,347 acres. A reasonable price will be taken for the whole; if the tracts are sold separately, the price will be more or less, according to the quality and situation. The title to all the tracts is indisputable. New state money, or bond with security, for tobacco or specie, with interest, will be taken in payment, and the lands immediately conveyed. Enquire of the printers.

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 cloathing with the prices thereof for which they are accountable.

W. WILKINS, commissioner.

To be SOLD in Annapolis, PAIR of very strong gray HORSES, upwards of fifteen hands high.

WILLIAM BROWN.

A FEW copies of the LAWS of MARYLAND, passed last session of assembly, may be had at the Printing-office.

TAKEN up as a stray, by Hamton Robinson, near Mafathy mill, in Anne-Arundel county, a black MARE, about 14 hands and a half high, had on, when taken up, 3 shoes and a half, appears to be about 14 years old, trots, paces, and gallops, is docked, has a star on her forehead and a twitch tail, but no perceivable brand. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

May 22, 1781. THE subscriber intends to petition the general assembly, after this notice shall have been published eight weeks, for a power to sell an undivided moiety of the lot and tanyard in the city of Annapolis, which belonged to her late husband Joseph Selby, and by him devised to her during life, and after her decease, to her daughter, who is now an infant.

ANNE SELBY, executrix of Joseph Selby, deceased.

April 21, 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,

THAT 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 483 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, GOODWIN, BUCHANAN, LEANOR DOKSEY.

N. B. The sale is deterred, 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 16th of June, and of Chaptico until the Monday following.