

from Charles-town, bound to Wilmington, North-Carolina, taken by the letter of marque Dove, captain Lyon of this port. This vessel brings us an account of a reinforcement of between 2 and 3000 men, having lately arrived at Charles-town from Europe

Yesterday last the letter of marque ship Franklin, captain Angus, arrived at Chester, from France. On the 5th of May, in lat 42, long. 44, captain Angus fell in with a large privateer ship (copper bottomed) of 28 guns, belonging to Liverpool, which he engaged six glasses, when the enemy being much damaged in his rigging, &c. thought proper to steer off. Captain Angus had one man killed and seven wounded, and the enemy most probably suffered exceedingly. On the 20th of May, captain Angus took the schooner Dolphin, from Lisbon, laden with wine, &c. this vessel, after being divested of her most valuable effects, was sunk. The people on board this vessel gave an account of Gibraltar being relieved by the British fleet about the 13th of April, without any action.

Extract of a letter (found on board the schooner Dolphin, taken by captain Angus) from col. Bratbwaite to Mr. Mayne, of Lisbon, dated Madras, Oct. 10.

"In July last, Heyder Ali entered the Carnatic with 60,000 horse, 30,000 foot, 20 battering guns and 40 field pieces. The country fell before him like ripe corn before the reaper's sickle. We had no more than 3500 men. In the face of this army we were to make a junction to form any thing to oppose. I had with me about the number above mentioned, with 10 field pieces; I was ordered to join the general at the Presidency; I was at Pondichery; on account of rivers I was obliged to go inland, and the enemy was so situated that his second day's march would have crossed my fourth, but by marching always suddenly and in the night, and sending people to clear one road when I meant to take another, I made good my junction, with only the loss of a little baggage, which I could not protect from his numerous horse. I joined the general, and we marched to join lieutenant colonel Baillie coming from the northward, and with such a force as I had, we got within 10 miles of him, and even reinforced him by a detachment. The enemy, on this occasion, shewed a great piece of generosity, for he made as if he meant to attack us, kept by us in the night, fell upon Baillie with his whole force, and notwithstanding the firmest and bravest conduct on our side, he massacred the flower of our army, as to officers and men; out of 4000 there was scarce any one left to tell the dreadful tale; so complete an overthrow I believe never happened to any troops before. The enemy, I suppose, had 80,000 men and 40 field pieces against about 4000 with 10. We have very good reason to believe the enemy lost 10,000 men and as many horses. This fatal victory was obtained solely by the ammunition, on our side, being exhausted in lowering the parapet for a fire, and by the blowing up of our tumbrils, which we were near enough to see, for on the cannonade, in the morning we marched to support our friends and were, I suppose, about four miles from them, when we mingled fugitives met us, told us all was over, and the enemy moving off as fast as they could. As ours, not 3000 men, was only the remains of an army, we retreated to the Presidency, close pressed by the enemy's horse, with the loss of baggage, tents, &c. The enemy has begun the siege of Arcott, in which he makes neither figure nor progress, and as the periodical rains have now begun he must desist, and I hope as no French fleet can now arrive with forces to join him, till after the monsoon, that we shall so rally and collect as to be able to give you a much better account of him.

"However, the passengers that came in the Portuguese ship, that brought the above letter, say, that affairs bore a much more favourable aspect at the time of their departure from Madras, which was the 30th of October, it being confidently reported that the English had concluded a peace with the Marattas, in consequence of which general Bland had marched from the coast of Malabar a reinforcement of 12,000 men, and that Heyder Ali had retreated into the interior part of the country, having raised the siege of Arcott."

ANNAPOLIS.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in the marquis la Fayette's division, dated 20 miles from Williamsburg, June 19, 1781.

"The main army of the enemy gained Williamsburg the 13th; Simcoe was covering their rear with a large party; colonel Butler was pushed forward with a detachment, and by mounting fifty infantry behind fifty dragoons, got up with him within six miles of Williamsburg; this small corps, which was commanded by major Macpherson, charged with spirit, and such of the advanced corps as could come up, composed of rifle-men under major Call and major Wiles, began a smart action.

Our loss is five officers, two sergeants, and thirty-four privates, killed and wounded; we are well assured that the enemy had about sixty killed and a hundred wounded. Lord Cornwallis has received a reinforcement from Portsmouth; he is shipping his negroes at York."

To Mr. NOBODY.

HOW dare you, scribbler, thus perplex us, And with your jeers attempt to vex us? What would you take us all for fools, Who can't abide those antient rules By our wise grandmothers laid down, Which if adhered to, sure must crown Our hopes, in all things we desire, When Hymen lights the sacred fire?

If for amusement, we sometimes The ton prefer; is this, of crimes, The greatest you can on us fix? Know then, we very often mix In the bon ton, our power to shew, And gull such butterflies as you.

We're neither cork, or wool, or feather (Tho' when we choote, we put on either) But best of flesh and blood, refin'd, Social, free, and not unkind To merit, which we ne'er can see In any snarler—such as thee.

We sometimes politics may bear, Tho' state affairs are not our care; To ev'ry meddling cur, like you, Most heartily we bid adieu.

SEVERAL LADIES.

June 29, 1781.

By the HOUSE OF DELEGATES, June 26, 1781. WHEREAS the officers whose offices are connected in any manner with the public revenue, ought by law to have had their accounts in such a state, and to have conducted themselves in such manner, that this house might have had entire satisfaction as to the state of the public revenue, but from the inattention and neglect of some of them, this house have not been able to obtain the necessary information: It is therefore RESOLVED, That this house will treat with exemplary severity any officer who shall not transmit any papers which he ought to transmit by the duty of his office, or any officer who shall not have his accounts ready in time according to the duty of his office, from which this house may gain the necessary information of the state and condition of the public revenue, and the debts due to and from the public.

Office for the preservation and sale of forfeited estates, Annapolis, July 2, 1781.

Pursuant to an act of the general assembly will be sold at public auction for gold and silver, PART of that valuable and advantageously situated tract of land called WHETS ONE-POINT, adjoining to Baltimore-town; it will be laid off and sold in small and convenient lots, their size to be adapted to their situation, and the probable intentions of the purchasers. One half of the sum bid to be paid within ten days, and the remainder in six weeks from the day of sale. If the first payment shall not be made at the time required, it will be at the option of the commissioners to confirm or avoid the sale. If the second payment be not made in time, the purchaser to pay ten per cent. interest from the day of failure. No conveyance will be made until the whole sum is paid with interest. The sale to begin on the premises the second Tuesday in August next.

Office for the preservation and sale of forfeited estates, Annapolis, July 4, 1781. To be sold at auction, on Wednesday the 15th of August next,

THE houses and lots in Port-Tobacco, late the property of John Glasford and co. formerly occupied by Robert Mundell; also the houses and lots, late the property of the said John Glasford and co. in Benedict on Patuxent, formerly occupied by Robert Young. The money to be paid down, if agreeable to the purchasers, if not, they may give bond with security to pay one third of the sum bid on the 1st day of September 1782, another third on the 1st of September 1783, and the remaining third on the 1st of September 1784, in specie, or the new bills of credit to be emitted in pursuance of an act of the last session, at its passing value at the time of payment. The sale to be at Port-Tobacco.

CAME to the plantation of Mary Norris, in the Swamp, West-river, a brindled cow, with a white belly and flanks, has no mark on her ears. 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.

Annapolis, June 9, 1781. THE subscriber intends to petition the general assembly of Maryland at their next sitting, to enable him by law to record a deed for fourteen hundred acres of land in Washington county, and a house and five lots in Elizabeth-town, in said county, being part of the estate of Jonathan Hagar, late of the county aforesaid.

DANIEL HEESTER, jun.

Annapolis, June 12, 1781. ALL persons indebted to the estate of Joseph Selby, late of this city, deceased, for dealings with him since the partnership between him and Mr. John Howard was dissolved, which was in the beginning of the year, 1779, are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber; and all those who have claims against his estate, are desired to make them known legally authenticated to

ANNE SELBY, executrix.

LANDS FOR SALE. STRING ENLARGED, 644 acres, returned for 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 Adams, 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 Patuxent 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 Manick. Replantation, granted for 667 acres, of which about one half is clear of elder tracts; this land lies below Buzz-creek, about 8 miles from Frederick-town, near one Solomon Turner's. In all about 4 1/2 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.

To be SOLD very CHEAP, EIGHT hundred acres of valuable land lying in Frederick county, between Frederick town and Ellicott's mills, about sixteen miles from the former; there runs through the said land an excellent stream for a mill, on which a mill may be erected with little trouble or expence, and in a neighbourhood where a mill is very much wanted. I will sell the whole together or in lots, as may best suit the purchaser or purchasers; the aforesaid land will be sold for gold or silver, or the real exchange thereof in paper currency at the time of payment. Six months credit will be given for part of the money, on giving bond with good security, if required. Those who are inclined to purchase may apply to me the subscriber, living in Anne-Arundel county, between Elk-Ridge Landing and Snowdens iron works, where major Nathan Hammond formerly lived.

THOMAS HAMMOND.

Annapolis, June 18, 1781. THE office in this city for taking subscriptions to the NATIONAL BANK, FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, is now opened at the loan-office.

THOMAS HARWOOD, CHARLES WALLACE.

Annapolis, June 21, 1781. THE officers of the Maryland line now in the state are required to repair to this place immediately, properly equipped, to join the army; and the non-commissioned officers and privates on furlough, or otherwise absent, are also required to join the troops at this station without delay.

W. SMALLWOOD, M. G.