

ANNAPOLIS, September 19.

Captain Smedley, arrived at Philadelphia from Amsterdam, brings official advices to congress of the acknowledgment of the independence of America by the United Provinces, and of the reception at the Hague, of the hon. Mr. Adams, as minister plenipotentiary from the United American States to that court. Private letters brought by Capt. Smedley, advise, that the Dutch fleet, consisting of 19 sail, large and small, sailed from the Texel the 8th of July; that the city of Geneva had opened her gates to the troops of France and Savoy; that the French fleet had arrived at Breit, with 18 sail of Newfoundland and British merchantmen, prizes, and, it is said, a 50 gun ship; that the prospect of peace which dawned for a moment, was totally lost in a more vigorous preparation for war.

His Britannic majesty's speech to both houses of parliament, on Thursday, July 11, 1783.

My lords and gentlemen,

THE unwearied assiduity with which you have persevered in the discharge of your duty in parliament, during so long a session, bears the most honourable testimony of your zeal and industry in the service of the public; for which you have provided with the clearest discernment of its true interests; anxiously opening every channel for the return of peace; and furnishing with no less vigilance the means of carrying on the war, in that measure should be unavoidable.

The extensive powers with which I find myself invested to treat for reconciliation and amity with the colonies which have taken arms in North-America, I shall continue to employ in the manner most conducive to the attainment of those objects, and with an earnestness suitable to their importance.

The zeal which my subjects in Ireland have expressed for the public service, shows that the liberality of your proceedings towards them is felt there as it ought; and has engaged their affections, equally with their duty and interests in the common cause.

The diligence and ardour with which you have entered upon the consideration of the British interests in the East-Indies, are worthy of your wisdom, justice, and humanity. To protect the persons and fortunes of millions in those distant regions, and to combine our prosperity with their happiness, are objects which amply repay the utmost labour and exertion.

Gentlemen of the house of commons,

I return you my particular thanks for the very liberal supplies which you have granted with so much cheerfulness and zeal for the service of the current year. I reflect with extreme regret upon the heavy expence which the circumstances of public affairs unavoidably call for. It shall be my care to husband your means to the best advantage; and, as far as depends on me, to apply that economy which I have endeavoured to set on foot in my civil establishment, to those more extensive branches of public expenditure, in which still more important advantages may be expected.

My lords and gentlemen,

The important successes which, under the favour of Divine Providence, the valour of my fleet in the West-Indies hath obtained, promise a favourable issue to our operations in that quarter. The events of war in the East-Indies have also been prosperous. Nothing however can be more repugnant to my feelings than the long continuance of so complicated a war.

My ardent desire of peace has induced me to take every measure which promised the speediest accomplishment of my wishes; and I will continue to exert my best endeavours for that purpose. But, if for want of a corresponding disposition in our enemies, I should be disappointed in the hope I entertain of a speedy termination of the calamities of war, I rely on the spirit, affection, and unanimity of my parliament and people, to support the honour of my crown, and the interests of my kingdom; not doubting that the blessing of Heaven, which I devoutly implore upon our arms, employed as they are in our just and necessary defence, will enable me to obtain fair and reasonable terms of pacification. The most triumphant career of victory would not excite me to aim at more; and I have the satisfaction to be able to add, that I see no reason which should induce me to think or accept less.

Then the lord chancellor, by his majesty's command, said:

My lords and gentlemen,

It is his majesty's royal will and pleasure, that this parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the third day of September next, to be then here holden; and this parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the third day of September next.

The sale of Kent-fork manor, which was advertised to be on the 22d of October, is postponed to the 30th.

To be RENTED.

TWO hundred acres of good kind land, lying on South river, and about five miles from Annapolis; the improvements are a good dwelling house with two rooms on a floor, kitchen, smoke house, store house, and milk house; there is on the above land an apple orchard of three hundred bearing trees. For terms apply to *John C. Mackubin.*

TAKEN up a stray, by Richard Brice, in Prince George's county, a small bay mare, about 12 hands high, has two saddle spots, and a cross on her near buttock, about 3 years old. The owner may have her again on paying charges.

CAME to the plantation of John Nevits, in Prince George's county, near the Woodyard, about the middle of August 1781, a red steer, with a crop and sit and an under bit in the right ear, and two under bits in the left, a bob tail, and appears to be about 4 or 5 years old. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

South-river ferry, September 17, 1783.

THE subscriber hereby informs all her kind customers residing in the adjacent counties, and the public in general, that she is provided with a good and complete ferry boat, manned with the careful old hands, and flatters herself that during the time she and her family has kept the ferry (ever since the year 1737) that general satisfaction has been given; she has obtained permit and licence to keep ferry, and humbly hopes that her losses and misfortunes since the commencement of the war, will be an inducement to the gentlemen travellers in general to give the preference and favour the widow with their custom. Her boat and hands shall at any time be ready and she thankfully acknowledge the favour.

ANNE TILLY.

To be SOLD for specie, at Middleton's tavern, in the city of Annapolis, on the 30th day of October next, in one, two, or three hundred acres lots, or by the whole, as may best suit the purchaser or purchasers,

A VALUABLE tract of land, containing about 1800 acres, and generally known by the name of Kent-fork manor (the exact quantity will be specified on the day of sale) lying on the lower end of Kent-Island, about 10 miles from Annapolis, and 15 or 20 from Baltimore, the annual rent amounts to 26,950 pounds of crop tobacco; this land has many natural advantages, such as fish, oysters, and wild-tow in abundance; the soil is very fine, and remarkably level, and the whole tract is advantageously intersected with small creeks, that different and convenient farms or plantations may be laid off with very little fencing; there are several good dwelling houses, with brick chimnies, on the land; any person inclined to purchase will be shewn the land, by applying to Dr. Roberts, on the island; five years credit will be given; bond with legal interest and approved security will be required.

WILLIAM BRENT.

N. B. The greatest part of the land is under lease, which will expire in November 1784; the plantation to be delivered up in good order, under the forfeiture of a heavy penalty. I have the greatest reason to expect to have the leases in my own hands before the day of sale.

W. B.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the proprietors of Chew's Farm intend petitioning the next general assembly to compel their tenants to pay a proportionable part of the assessment on said farm according to their respective interests therein.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to prefer a petition to the next session of the general assembly, for an act for the recording and giving effect to a deed of bargain and sale from John King to John Furlong, both late of Somerset county.

WILLIAM CARROLL.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the subscribers intend to petition the next general assembly, to pass an act, authorizing them to have a road or passage laid off, so that they may have free ingress and egress to and from a marsh called Sanchez's-Island.

WILLIAM HORSEY,
WILLIAM M'BRYDE,
WILLIAM WINDER, jun.

Green Hills, Frederick county, August 15, 1783. On Monday the 18th of October next, will be exposed to public sale, on the premises,

THE plantation whereon the subscriber now lives, within five miles of the town of Westminster, with another adjoining it, containing in the whole about five hundred acres, of which a considerable part is cleared and under good fences; on the former of these places is a very commodious dwelling house, well finished, with other convenient buildings and offices, and a large barn, the whole nearly new, a large garden paved in, a small orchard of the best fruit, and a well improved meadow of near thirty acres under timothy, most of which is watered; on the other place is a commodious dwelling house, with a barn and other buildings, a young bearing orchard, and a considerable quantity of improved meadow. At same time will be sold, a number of slaves, men, women, boys, and girls, with all the stock of cattle and farming utensils belonging to said place. The terms will be made known at the time and place of sale.

CATHERINE WOOLSEY.

To be SOLD,

A LOT of ground of one whole acre in the city of Annapolis, with a tan yard thereon, and several valuable improvements, lying on a good landing. This lot of ground I look on as the most valuable lot in the city to a man of real business, being so well adapted for the businesses of distilling, brewing, or sugar-baking, tanning, &c. &c. the springs are numerous and the water excellent.

Likewise an elegant brick house adjoining the church circle, in a dry and healthy part of the city, this house is 100 feet front, 3 story high, has 20 fire places, the rooms are mostly large and well finished, and is one of the first houses in the state for a house of entertainment, for which purpose it was originally intended, but may very well serve for two tenements. Any person inclined to purchase one or both the aforesaid premises may know the terms of sale by applying to

THOMAS HYDE.

N. B. All persons who have formerly had dealings with me, and their accounts are not yet settled, I hope will call at my house in Annapolis and discharge the same, or close their accounts by passing notes or bonds for their balances, and those who are indebted by any written obligation, are desired to discharge the same, or pay the interest and renew their obligations to their humble servant

T. H.

ANNAPOLIS RACES.

On Wednesday the 30th of October will be run for, **A** PURSE of fifty guineas, free for any horse, mare, or gelding, heats four miles each, four years old to carry seven stone, five years old seven stone ten pounds, six years old eight stone seven pounds, eight nine stone.

On Thursday the 31st of October, **A** PURSE of fifty pounds specie, free for any horse, mare, or gelding, heats three miles, weighing the same as the first day.

On Friday the 1st of November, **A** PURSE of thirty pounds specie, free for any horse, mare, or gelding, of three and four years old, four years old to carry seven stone, and three years old a feather, heats two miles each.

Any horse winning two clear heats to be entitled to the purse. Three horses to start each day or no race, and the winning horse each day is excluded starting for any of the other purges.

Entrance for the first day four pounds, for the second two pounds ten shillings, and for the third one pound ten shillings.

The horses intended to be started must be entered with George Mann the day preceding the race, or by double entrance at the post.

The horses are to start each day precisely at eleven o'clock. Proper judges will be appointed for the races.

Loudoun county, Virginia, August 18, 1783.

FOR SALE,

A LEASE, for three lives, of 300 acres of a good high land as any in this county; it is near the Gum Spring, and about 35 miles from Alexandria, and 30 from Dumfries; the land is very level, and free from stone, produces excellent wheat, corn, and tobacco, and is now in good order for cropping, having about 50 or 60 acres cleared, and under a good fence, none of which land hath been cleared more than 4 or 5 years; the rent is only 750lb. of crop tobacco per annum. There are a new dwelling-house on the premises, 24 by 16, planked above and below, with a stone chimney, two very large well built tobacco pens, thatched with rye straw, that will cure 8 or 10,000 weight of tobacco, with several other necessary houses, and good water for the house; 10 or 15 acres of good meadow may be made on it. The lease is favourable, the tenant is not obliged to build houses or plant orchards, and hath liberty to have a sub-tenant, to work 8 hands and to clear the whole of the land if he chooses. Possession will be given on the first of January next. The purchaser to have the liberty to sow what wheat and rye he may think proper this fall. It will be sold for cash or tobacco, on two months credit from the first of January next. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms, by shewing the premises, and also the lease, by applying to the subscriber; who hath also for sale, a negro black smith, who is a very good workman, an excellent shoemaker, can make good grain and grails stiles, has worked two years at the anchor business, and understands every kind of plantation work; he is about 26 years of age, as stout likely a fellow as any in the state, and is sold for no fault; hath been for several months past, and still is, employed in ship-work, by Mr. Caverley, of Alexandria, where the fellow may be seen, and his character more fully known, &c. &c. For terms apply to JOSHUA WATSON, Esq; of Alexandria, or to

SAMUEL LOVE, jun.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the creditors of Richard Dickinson, mariner, deceased, late of Somerset county, intend to petition the next general assembly for a law to discharge the said Richard Dickinson died possessed of, for the purpose of discharging the just debts due from said Dickinson.

I HAVE in my custody, committed as runaway, **TERRA,** (has with her a male child of about two years of age) and that she is the property of a certain Urban Crosby, of the state of Virginia, from whom she eloped the last spring; she has scarce any apparel at all; a negro man, who at the time he was committed said his name was JAMES ANDERSON; and a negro woman, who when committed said her name was MARY KEEL, and both said they were free. Since in my custody they have confessed they are slaves; the man says his proper name is JAMES, and that he is the property of William Wood's heirs, of Gloucester county, of the state of Virginia was hired to a certain Josiah Stubbins, of the same county, from whence he ran away; had on, when brought to me, a red regimental coat turned up with white, red waistcoat, a pair of russet breeches, cotton shirt, a pair of cotton stockings, and a pair of old shoes, and sundry other things with him not worth mentioning; the woman says her proper name is LUCY, and that she is the property of a certain George Dame, of the county and state aforesaid; had on a striped country cloth jacket and petticoat, and sundry other things not worth mentioning. They are a country born, appear to be young and very sensible; their masters are desired to pay charges and take them away.

BENJAMIN CAWOOD, jun. Sheriff.

STOLEN from Tally's creek, near Annapolis, on Wednesday night last, a new YAWL, about 14 or 15 feet keel, with a pine rudder and tiller, the mast tarred to her upper streaks, and built with oak plank on mulberry timbers. Thirty shillings specie will be given to any person who will deliver said yawl to the subscriber, living on Tally's creek.

THOMAS WOODFIELD.

WANTED, as an apprentice by the printer hereof, a lad who can read and write well.

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PARIS, June 11. M

did not receive as reported. We ex business, rather and to ers, who were to let of this month. It is remains the ad, tr to the municipality, that it is peace between the Uni that peace might be the arrival of that co about that this has indeed the mat provinces to bud be sold and no regulate for the Dutch tion, which they t me past. They mult ion of honour to their mar of the count of them the value of al the avowal even of the new secretary of state from them, not only without any apparent family them and the war, already imm incur, by their in can, without getting colonies whose property being torn from the have given up to all June 16. Notwith

the continu of the salutary work to which perhaps, inces might incline London hath manifest propositions for com Mr. Grenville the title of minister the latter will not of same character to th being seems to anno about a peace, and has been established late the corresponde

June 24. Mr. G from London on the ference with the cour ted, that the pre signed; but the most nothing of that tot did not receive Friday; which are not acquainted himself to the count

Since yesterday a tion for peace is bro who pretend to know tary; however, thi the continues his co gresses, and it is e tretty far advanced.

AMSTERDAM, Ju appear more than ev tural peace. It is v been sent to the ca in general all peop which will open th sweets and advantage correspondence.

PETERSBURG, J the yesterday mor to the quarter whe times, 1100 of which need to assist. I estimated at 3,000. MADRID, June 4. ters have arrived