

PORTSMOUTH, Sept. 11. The grand fleet under the command of lord Howe got under way this morning, for the purpose of relieving Gibraltar, and consists of 34 ships of the line, one 50, 8 frigates, and 3 fire-ships; the merchantmen and transports destined for Gibraltar and Oporto, the fleets destined for the two Indies, the Heart of Oak and the Four Friends, destined for Guernsey, got under way at the same time.

If the wind continues easterly, lord Howe may arrive at Gibraltar in twelve days, but as it has blown from that quarter for ten days past, it is not probable that it will continue there so long; indeed we may expect every day that it will shift to the southward or westward. The wind from either of these quarters will be contrary to the route of the fleet, and our navigators calculate in general, that it is large a fleet arrive at the Straits in three weeks from the time of their departure, it may be looked upon as a very fortunate passage.

The grand fleet is commanded by five admirals and one commodore; six regiments of infantry are on board to perform the service of marines, viz. the 2d, 25th, 59th, 61st, 62d, and a 6th, of which I do not recollect the number. It is proposed to reinforce the garrison with the 25th and 59th, and it is conjectured that the four others will be sent, with the ten ships of the line destined for the West-Indies, under the command of sir Alexander Hood. We see then that the grand fleet has actually sailed, and is reduced to 34 ships of the line. A foreign paper gives the following list of the force they may naturally expect to meet on their passage: Spanish ships 27, besides 8 or 9 at the Straits, which make 36; French ships 13. If the French have dispatched from the ports of Toulon and Rochfort the four new ships of 74 guns which were there, they will have in their port 17 ships, which, joined with 36 Spanish, will form a fleet of 53 ships of the line. This situation of affairs will naturally attract the attention of the public, and, in our opinion, the issue of this expedition will be the most remarkable event of the war.

BOSTON, November 11.

The America, a 74 gun ship, was launched at Portsmouth on Tuesday last.

In a thunder storm last Thursday night, one of the French 74 gun ships at Portsmouth had her foremast cut away, which went through her deck, threw 2 of her guns overboard, killed 5 men, and wounded 13, several of them dangerously.

CHATHAM, November 20.

Since our last the British fleet have sailed from New-York for the West-Indies. It is said their departure was hurried by an express vessel from Jamaica, which brought accounts that there were 17 fail of the line and 2,000 troops at Havana; also, that 12 fail of the line and 10,000 troops were arrived at Martinico from Old France; and that from letters found on board of a privateer carried into Jamaica, the inhabitants were under direful apprehensions that an attack on that island was intended.

Captain Agill, who has been detained here some months, and was thought would be executed to expiate the murder of captain Huddy, is discharged by a resolve of congress. He set out from this last Sunday for London, via New-York.

PHILADELPHIA, November 23.

The last advices from New York say, that on the arrival there of a vessel from Jamaica, the fleet, with troops on board, immediately sailed, it was supposed for the West-Indies. It was thought that an attack upon Jamaica by the French and Spanish forces was again meditated, as the Spanish fleet at Havana consisted of 17 fail of the line, and a large body of troops were getting ready for an expedition; these, it was said, were to be joined by a considerable force expected from Europe, and would together make up a very formidable armament. The evacuation of Charles-town was talked of at New-York, as an event which they daily expected to hear an account of, and of which no one doubted.

ANNAPOLIS, December 5.

RECEIPT of continental taxes from the state of Maryland, published in pursuance of the 6th article of instructions from the office of finance, dated the 13th day of February last.

For the month of November, 1782, received 1024 dollars and 89 cents.

BENJAMIN HARWOOD, receiver of continental taxes for Maryland.

On Wednesday the 18th of December next, at 12 o'clock, will be offered to public sale, at the plantation of the late John Leirange Brogden,

SUNDRY likely country born SLAVES, consisting of men, women and children. Likewise will be offered to sale on that day, the noted running horse CHATHAM. The above effects will be sold for ready money by

PHRY BELT, } executors.
WATKINS, }

Corn hill-street, Annapolis, Dec. 3, 1782.

THE subscriber has for sale, a large quantity of buck and doe skin breeches, gloves, and shamoy linings. Any gentleman wanting any of the above articles, may be supplied at as reasonable a price as they can purchase them in Baltimore town; and as Mr. Charles Lansdale rides post from the said city to Prince-George's, Charles, and St. Mary's counties, by sending their measures they may have them postage free.

JOHN BREWER.

N. B. The subscriber also begs leave to inform his old customers and the public in general, that he keeps tavern as well as private entertainment, and will make it his study to give due satisfaction to every gentleman who will be kind enough to favour him with their custom.

J. B.

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

December 3, 1782.
WANTED, for an overseer, a single man of a sober and honest character, who will be allowed great encouragement, by applying to the subscriber, near Annapolis.

WILLIAM THOMAS.

To be sold, two or three negro girls, about 14 or 15 years of age, healthy and fit for work.

SIX DOLLARS REWARD.

Annapolis, November 16, 1782.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 4th of this present month, a NEGRO woman named Beck, about 38 years of age, stout and well made, and has a white lock in the fore part of her hair; had on and took away with her, a white kersey jacket and two lincsey petticoats striped with black and yellow, a calico jacket and skirt, and sundry other wearing apparel; half of a large blanket, and a pair of high-heeled shoes and no buckles; and as she is a cunning artful wench, she will endeavour to pass for a free woman, and make towards Calvert county, where she was bred. Whoever takes up the said wench, and secures her so that I may get her again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges paid if delivered to me in Annapolis.

THOMAS PRYSE.

September 20, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the trustees of Charlotte-hall school will attend at the Cool Springs, in St. Mary's county, on the first Tuesday in February next, if fair, or on the next fair day thereafter, to receive plans and proposals, and agree and contract with any person who may be willing to undertake the building of a school sufficient to receive and accommodate sixty scholars, masters, and servants.

All persons who have subscribed towards the erection of the said school, are requested to pay forthwith their several contributions unto the treasurer, or to some one of the trustees.

Signed per order,
HENRY TUBMAN, register.

STRAYED from the subscriber, a large bay mare, about 14 hands high, has a large star on her forehead, and is branded on the near side 28. Whoever secures the said mare, so that I may get her again, shall have five pounds reward, paid by me.

MORRIS MILES.

JOHN BAKER, TAILOR and HABIT-MAKER, TAKES this method to inform his friends and the public in general, that he has taken the house formerly in possession of Mr. Joseph Selby, where he intends to carry on his business, with the assistance of the public, in the best and most expeditious manner. Those ladies and gentlemen, who please to favour him with their custom, may depend on his utmost exertions, and most grateful acknowledgments, from the public's humble servant,

JOHN BAKER.

N. B. Cash or country produce will be taken in payment.

SIX DOLLARS REWARD.

STOLEN out of the stable belonging to the subscriber, an English made SADDLE, with a hogskin seat, and a pair of holsters; there are two rings in the back part of the seat to use a coat on with, and a slit in the fore part of the flaps to fasten the holsters on; had a new blue broad-cloth saddle-cloth bound with white.

Likewise taken from off another saddle, a pair of PLATED SIRRUPS, very flat on the runs.

The above reward will be given for the saddle, and three dollars for the stirrups, paid by me,

GEORGE MANN.

November 11, 1782.

RAN away last night from the subscriber, living near Monocacy manor, in Frederick county, a NEGRO man named SAM, a well set fellow, five feet six or seven inches high, and about thirty years of age; had sundry sorts of good cloathing, and I suspect he will endeavour to pass as a free man, as he is fluent with his tongue and very cunning; perhaps he will endeavour to go to Baltimore, as he is well acquainted there, or to Annapolis, or London-town, where he says he was born and his relations live. Whoever takes up said negro and secures him so that his master may get him again, shall have five pounds specie reward, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by

JOSEPH WOOD.

N. B. All masters of vessels are forbid taking him off at their peril.

November 13, 1782.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, on the premises, situate in Anne-Arundel county, on Tuesday the 10th of December next,

THE plantation whereon James Hunter now lives, formerly the property of William Reed, deceased. There are on the land very good apple and peach orchards, a very good dwelling house, tobacco house, kitchen, corn house, meat house, milk house, and other out houses. One half of the purchase money to be paid down, and for the other half such credit will be given as may be agreed on the day of sale.

NELSON REED.

Annapolis, November 7, 1782.

TO BE EXCHANGED, THE black state, continental state, and red, paper money, for specie, or the black and continental state for red paper money. For terms apply to

JAMES WILLIAMS.

For SALE, old Jamaica and Barbados spirit and rum; best loaf sugar; best Philadelphia made soap and candles, by the box; Anderson's pills; cordage; a likely & blooded mare, by Sweeper, rising 5 years old; by

J. W.

JOHN RANDALL, At his STORE on the DOCK, has for SALE, at the lowest prices, for cash or tobacco at cash prices, A GENTEEL assortment of the following articles, viz.

Superfine & second clothes.	Fine and coarse lincsey and brimmas.
Diab & other coarse clothes and flannels.	Writing paper.
Black velvet and corduroy.	Ink powder.
Fustians.	Indigo and nig blue.
Camlets.	Sewing threads and silk.
Black and white Italian gauzes and crapes.	Pins and needles.
Black lace.	Mens and womens white and coloured gloves.
Black feathers and powder-puffs.	Mens fine hats.
Mode and pelong.	Umbrellas.
Damask table cloths.	Ribands,
Silk quilted petticoats.	Gilt and pearl buttons.
Mens English shoes.	Steel hat pins.
Mens silk, worsted, cotton, thread and yarn hote.	Clasp and pen-knives.
Womens cotton and worsted ditto.	Rafors.
Silk & worsted shoe shapes.	Sciffars.
Violet, pompadore, dark & light ground chintzes & calicoes.	Small iron & brass paddles.
Gauze, silk, cotton and linen handkerchiefs.	Frying-pans.
Cambricks.	Window glais, 10 by 8.

Annapolis, November 8, 1782.

THE subscribers, being very desirous to sell a stock of the goods they have on hand, on the very lowest terms, for ready cash, or good tobacco notes on Patuxent river, consisting of the following articles, viz.

Plain English luteiting.	Flannels.
Mantilles quilting.	Blankets.
Plain lawn.	Serge denim.
Gauzes and gauze handkerchiefs.	Worsted breeches patterns.
Furniture calico.	Mens worsted hote.
Assortments of calicoes.	Ditto yarn ditto.
Ditto of ribands.	Ditto brown thread.
Womens gloves and mitts.	Pen-knives.
Fine and coarse linens.	Sciffars.
Striped and check ditto.	Knives and forks.
Silk handkerchiefs.	Pewter spoons.
White and check ditto.	Grubbing hoes.
Olubrigs & nuns threads.	Leiper's snuff and tobacco.
Table carpets.	Cotton and wool cards.
Buckskin breeches.	Pepper.
Mens felt hats.	Coffee.
Coarse clothes.	Cotton in feed.
Negro cotton.	White and brown sugars.
Swankton.	Rum.

ROBERT MORRIS & COWMAN.

N. B. All persons indebted for dealings with them at Annapolis are desired to call and discharge the same.

Office of Finance, November 8, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that counterfeiters have appeared of the notes issued from this office, struck on copper-plate, in the following form: "At sight pay to the bearer twenty dollars, for which this shall be your sufficient warrant," which notes are signed by me, and directed to Mr. John Swanwick, Philadelphia. There were some notes of the same kind for fifty and some for eighty dollars, which may perhaps be also counterfeited, though none have been yet discovered. The counterfeiters are badly executed, and might with care be detected; but, from an apprehension that such arts would be practised, I long since desisted from issuing them, and cancelled those which were brought in for payment. There are now out only sixteen thousand six hundred and seventy dollars, and as no great inconvenience can arise from putting a stop to the circulation of so trivial a sum, the public are cautioned against receiving any notes struck on copper plate, and signed with my name. All persons holding those which are genuine, are desired to send them to Mr. Swanwick, and receive the money.

ROBERT MORRIS.

Worcester county, Maryland, Nov. 2, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that Leah Kennett intends to prefer a petition to the general assembly, to have an allowance on her husband Tirvel Kennett's estate, in consequence of the depreciation of the continental money.

Worcester county, Maryland, Nov. 2, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Alexander M'Allen intends to petition the next assembly, to have an act passed to make valid the last will and testament of his father Arthur M'Allen.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition will be preferred to the next general assembly for an act to dispose of part of the land, late the property of Mr. Charles Greenberry Ridgely, for the payment of his debts.

THERE is at the plantation of Sarah Rawlings, near the Head of Severn, taken up as a stray, a black mare, with a star on her forehead, snip on her nose, hanging mane and switch tail, has no perceivable brand, is about fourteen hands high, eight years old, and can trot and gallop. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

FOUND, near Annapolis, a certificate of the state of Pennsylvania to a private soldier, for the depreciation of his pay, dated at West-point, July 20, 1781. The owner may have it again, on describing the particulars and paying for this advertisement to the printers.