

Dec. 17. Accounts from New-Jersey inform us, that a few days ago twenty-five sail of vessels arrived at New York, said to be from Charles town, with the remainder of the garrison of that place. The privateer brig Holker, captain Quillen, of this port, has taken, after a severe engagement, a very valuable ship from Liverpool, and carried her into Martinique.

Extract of a letter from John Barry, Esq; commander of the United States frigate Alliance, dated l'Orizet, October 18, 1782.

"A few hours after I sailed from New-London, I retook a brigantine and sent her in there; proceeded as fast as possible off Bermudas; in my way I took a schooner from that place for Halifax; after cruising off there for twelve or fifteen days, I retook a sloop from New-London and sent her for Cape François. Finding the prizes I had taken of little value, either to myself or country, and in all likelihood should be obliged to return into port soon for want of men, was determined to alter my cruising ground; I therefore thought it best to run off the banks of Newfoundland. In my way thither I fell in with a whaling brigantine with a pair from admiral Digby; I man'd her and sent her for Boston. A few days after, off the banks of Newfoundland, I took a brigantine from Jamaica, bound to London, laden with sugar and rum, and sent her for Boston; by this vessel I found the Jamaica fleet were to the eastward of us; I then carried a prize of sail for four days; the fifth day I took two ships that had parted from the fleet, after manning them, and fresh gale westwardly, I thought best to order them for France; a day or two after I took a sloop and a ship belonging to the same fleet.

"Being short of water, and a number of prisoners on board, the westwardly winds still blowing fresh, and in expectation of falling in with some more of them, I thought it best to proceed to France, with a determined view to get those I had already taken in safe, and after landing the prisoners to put out immediately; but meeting with blowing weather and a high sea, I lost the rails of the head, and was in great danger of losing the head; which accident obliged me to put in here, where I arrived yesterday with the above four prizes. After repairing the damages and getting what the ship may want, I shall put to sea on a cruise. I have likewise to inform you, that the Kamilies, admiral Graves's ship, foundered, but all the crew saved, several of which were on board the prizes I took. We have likewise an account that another ship of the line was lost and the crew saved; the merchant ships suffered very much; there are a few vessels of the same fleet in here, taken by American cruisers belonging to Salem. There are about 1200 hogheads of sugar and 400 hogheads of rum in the four prizes, besides some coffee and log-wood."

From the Paris Gazette, of the 8th of October, we have the following extract from the Madrid Gazette, of September 24.

"The 13th instant, at seven in the morning, the ten floating batteries took their respective positions, in four an half fathom water, and at the distance of about 140 toises, they began their fire at the enemy's works, and seemingly with good effect, which was seconded by the batteries on shore, in order to divide the attention of the enemy as much as possible, the gun boats and bomb-boats were ordered to place themselves in the most convenient manner, to annoy the enemy, but the extreme violence of the wind, and the great swell, prevented them executing their orders, which allowed the enemy time to direct their whole fire of bombs, grenades, grape shot, and above all red hot balls (forty-two pounders) on the ten floating batteries; the constant firing of those balls, in spite of all necessary precautions, set the batteries on fire in the day-time, which were extinguished by the pumps, &c. but in the latter part of the night the prince of Nassau's battery caught fire, and afterwards Don B. Moreno's, which were quitted after throwing over the powder, to prevent their damaging the other batteries; the other eight were soon in a similar situation, owing to the enemy's firing on a fixed and visible object without danger to themselves.

"The duke of Crillon and Don Cordova, informed of this event, sent off boats, &c. to take the men from the batteries, which were executed with unheard of valour, in the midst of the most terrible fire of grape shot from the enemy's batteries; but in spite of all their activity, some of the batteries were sunk, and the crews were obliged to save themselves by swimming, and were mostly taken up by the boats. As soon as the English perceived that the batteries were silenced, they sent out their gun boats, &c. and took several of our boats which were employed in the above service, and took the remainder of the sailors and soldiers which had not as yet been withdrawn from the batteries. All the floating batteries soon after blew up, except three which were entirely consumed.

The following is the list of the batteries, &c.

The Pastora,	24 guns,	Don B. Moreno, adm.
The Talla Pierra,	23 ditto,	Prince of Nassau.
The Paula,	23 ditto.	
The Rufain,	21 ditto.	
The St. Christoval,	19 ditto.	
The Prince Carlos,	18 ditto.	
The St. Juan,	9 ditto.	
The Paula Segunda,	9 ditto.	
The St. Anna,	9 ditto.	
The Dolores,	7 ditto.	

The killed, wounded, prisoners, and missing, are as follow:

Spanish army, 38 killed, 93 slightly wounded, 98 dangerously wounded, 189 prisoners, 92 missing.

Marines, 42 killed, 102 dangerously wounded, 100 slightly wounded, 231 prisoners, 94 missing.

French corps, 45 killed, 34 wounded, 22 prisoners, 33 missing.

Total; killed 126 wounded 427, prisoners 481, missing 197."

ANNAPOLIS, December 25.

"Mori janna vilia."

"On the 11th instant departed this life Mrs. ANNE BROOKES, the amiable consort of John Smith Brookes, Esq; at his seat near Upper Marlborough, after a tedious illness, which she bore with true christian fortitude.

She, who in virtue's paths so humbly trod,
Who lov'd her neighbour, and who fear'd her God;
With whose perfections truth may justly blend
The daughter, wife, the sister, and the friend;
Who like a christian bore the scourge of fate,
Nor did she wish to live a longer date;
By faith supported, with departing breath,
She look'd serene, and seem'd to smile at death;
And o'er whose dust, while anguish drops a tear,
Religion bids us not to wish her here."

To be SOLD, at Newington Rops-walk, near Annapolis, on Tuesday the 18th of February,

A NUMBER of valuable NEGROES, consisting of plantation men and women, two house wenches, a woman cook, and a number of small boys and girls; to be sold for ready money, or short credit upon bond with good security, by

MARY McCULLOCH,
CHARLES STEUART,
JAMES McCULLOCH.

On Monday the tenth day of February next, will be sold at public sale, at Queen-Anne, in Prince-George's county,

THE noted high bred running horse CHATHAM, the property of the late John LeStrange Brogden. HUMPHRY BELT, THOMAS WALKINS, } executors, WILLIAM BROGDEN, legatee.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of James Dick, deceased, for either former or late dealings with him, at his store at Annapolis, London-town, or otherwise, are requested immediately to settle the same; those indebted on bond or other obligation, who cannot make payment, must renew them, and pay the interest due thereon; and those indebted on open account, it is expected will either make payment or give their bonds for the same without delay. For the convenience of all concerned, attendance will be given at Annapolis every Friday, and at London-town every other day in the week. All persons having just claims against the said estate, are desired to bring them in properly authenticated, that they may be adjusted by

MARY McCULLOCH, executrix,
CHARLES STEUART,
JAMES McCULLOCH, } executors.

December 23, 1782.

THIS is to give notice, that a certain John B. Howard did, on the 7th of November, 1782, give a bond unto the subscribers to convey, by a lawful deed of conveyance, in trust, on or before the 20th day of December, 1782, all the lands devised to him by his father, Henry Howard, viz. Pleasant King, W. Duffor, Safe-guard, and all the lands he had of Levin Lawrence, as also all the said John B. Howard's personal estate, excepting a mare and colt, free and clear from all incumbrances by debts or otherwise; he having made a reserve of 490 acres of land, purchased by him of colonel John Dorsey, for the specific purpose of paying his debts, after which the remainder to go to his son the said John B. Howard's own private use, as a competency; the other part of his estate to be conveyed in trust, to be for the use and benefit of his wife and children, as is mentioned in the bonds: A separation between him and his wife having taken place, on the 21st instant, December, 1782, a demand was made by us to have a deed executed agreeable to the tenor of the bond, which the said John B. Howard refused executing; if the said John B. Howard shall sell to any person or persons the 490 acres of land reserved, the debts due from him are not to be paid, as no part of the estate to be conveyed in trust is to be liable, and agreeable to the tenor of the bond he cannot sell any part of the personal estate.

STEPHEN BOONE,
JOHN DORSEY.

Green-hill, Charles county, November 30, 1782. On Wednesday the 1st of January next, if fair, if not the next fair day, precisely at 12 o'clock, will be exposed to SALE, for tobacco of 1840, including 4 per cent. for cask, not inspected more than 8 months, and credit given in part for two or three years, if required; no interest for 6 months, provided the first payment be made in time; and should any of the purchasers incline to pay money, I will take it at the rate of two silver dollars per cent. it offered within 40 days from the time of sale; the following articles, to wit:

A NEAT and fashionable assortment of London PLATE, amongst which are a pair of candlesticks with snuffers and pan for ditto, a chased coffee-pot, tea-pot and cream-pot, a waiter, a punch ladle, a mahogany silver mounted case, containing a dozen silver handed knives and forks, a mahogany frame with three silver casters, a mustard spoon and two glass cruets; a silver mounted case with two canisters; a butter-boat two bottle-stands, &c. a quantity of neat London mahogany furniture, consisting of a spinet, tables (one of them for cards), chairs, looking glasses, &c. a very good theodolite, with a two perch chain; a pretty assortment of china and glass ware, with many other articles too tedious to mention. I have also some furniture of an inferior kind to dispose of.

SAMUEL HANSON.

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.

December 2, 1781. ALL persons indebted to the estate of colonel Alexander Howard Magruder, late of Prince George's county, deceased, for either former or late dealings with him at his store or otherwise, are requested immediately to settle the same. Those indebted on bond or other obligation, who cannot make payment, must renew them and pay the interest due thereon; and those indebted on open account, it is expected will either make payment, or give their bonds for the same, without delay. For the convenience of all concerned, attendance will be given at the deceased's late store-house by Mr. Henry Truman Compton, who will have the books and papers in his care, and has sufficient authority from us to settle and collect the balances due thereon. All persons also who have just claims against the said estate, are desired to bring them in properly authenticated, that they may be adjusted by

JANE MAGRUDER, administratrix,
WILLIAM MAGRUDER, administrator.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

December 2, 1781. RAN away from the subscriber, living at Annapolis, fresh, in Charles county, Maryland, on the 15th of November last, a MULATTO man named Daniel Cain, but calls himself Thomas or James Proctor, 19 years old, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, is well made though somewhat slender, middling flat face and a remarkable small short nose, wears his own short black hair; on the inside of one of his legs (I think the left) is a small scar just below his knee, occasioned by the kick of a horse; on examination, on his back, perhaps may be seen the scars or marks of some stripes he received some time ago (not for his goodness); he intends to pass as a free man, and is either going to camp or to sea; he was sold to me by Charles county court until the age of 31 years; had on when he went away, a new pair of breeches and jacket of mixed country cloth, cuffs and collar to the jacket of the same, a new pair of white yarn stockings, new shoes with strings, cotton shirts, and a new straw hat; he may likely change his dress, as he is an artful fellow and a notorious liar. Whoever apprehends the aforesaid runaway, and secures him in any goal so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by

BENJ. PHILPOTT.

THERE is at the plantation of Samuel Middleton, at Pomonkey, taken up as a stray, a dark bay GELDING, about 14 hands high, branded on the near shoulder WZ connected, and on the near buttock with something like the letter M, though very imperfect; he is shod before, paces pretty fast, has a very small tail, a few white hairs in his flanks, and appears to be about 7 or 8 years old. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a number of the inhabitants of Cecil and Kent counties intend to prefer a petition to the general assembly at their next session, to pass a law for erecting a new county out of part of Kent and Cecil counties, and calling the same Smallwood county.

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: "A right 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.

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.

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.

TAKEN up as a stray by Thomas Drane, living in Prince-George's county, near Queen-Anne, a black mare, about thirteen hands high, four years old, branded on the near buttock supposed to be an R. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

December 9, 1782. ON Thursday the 9th day of January next, will be rented, to the highest bidder, the well known ferry opposite to Alexandria, commonly called Clifford's ferry, with the houses, and thirty-nine acres of very valuable land.

THOMAS H. HANSON.