

out to us a road, which, upon being reconnoitered by Major Kaitang, was judged impracticable; yet we have since been informed, that it was the best in the island. We spent the whole day in a fruitless search for roads that were not to be met with. I resolved at last to cut out one through the woods and bogs, which I attempted to effect by means of the compass: Messieurs Moneron and de Mantuy took upon them that very fatiguing task. We pitched our tents by the skirts of the wood, and at night notice was given that there was a morast to go over up to the knees in mud.

During the night the wind blew so hard a gale, that I was in the greatest anxiety about my ships, which were at anchor close to the coast, in a place where the sea is uncommonly boisterous, and where the bottom, though muddy on the surface, is full of little rocks, so sharp as to cut the cables asunder. I directly resolved to endeavour all I could to join my division. The landing being effected, I thought myself no longer justified in continuing on shore, especially when the ships were in the greatest danger. I ordered the Chevalier de Langle to take the command of the boats, and hastened to the sea shore; but the storm continuing full of rage, I could not get on board. I improved, next day, the opportunity of a short interval, and reached the ships one hour before another gale sprung up. The fleur Carbanneau, who had let out with me, had his boat wrecked, but was so lucky as to escape with his crew. They returned on board three days after, having, during that time, subsisted on roots and wild fruits. The Engageante lost two anchors in the second gale, as did also the Adree. If the storm had lasted a few hours longer, the latter must have been lost, with its crew, consisting of 300 men.

The wind having abated on the 26th, I was informed that our land forces had arrived before the fort on the morning of the 24th, and that, on the first summons sent in by Major Kaitang, the gates were opened, not however before a capitulation had been asked, and granted. I lent word to the major to destroy every thing by fire, and instantly re-embark: this he did with all possible dispatch.

However, once more I saw my plan overturned by a fresh hurricane, in which the Engageante was again in the utmost danger; her third anchor broke; as did also the bar of the rudder, besides her pinnace being lost: at last the fine weather returned, and I had the satisfaction, on the 31st of August, to see Fort York on fire, and Major Kaitang, with all his men, making towards us in a large vessel belonging to the Hudson's Bay company, and taken by me in the river. At night he came to anchor, about a league distant from the Sceptre, on board of which I received him next morning. I weighed anchor without loss of time, having on board the three governors of the forts Prince of Wales, York, and Severn: the latter is a small settlement within York district. I did not think it worth while to destroy it, being of no kind of importance, but especially because my ships having lost both their boats and anchors, and about 300 of our people being ill, we could do nothing better than leave those seas, which from the 25th of August are more tempestuous than the English channel in January.

I compute the loss sustained by the Hudson's Bay company, upon an average, at between ten and twelve millions of livres. I took care, when Fort York was ordered to be burnt, to spare a considerable magazine, situate beyond the reach of the flames, where I caused to be deposited provisions, gunpowder, lead, firelocks, and a certain quantity of European goods, the property for exchange among the savages, that several English inhabitants, who I know have fled to different parts, may, on their return, find in that magazine, the means of procuring subsistence, till the court of London shall be informed of their situation. I am well assured, this part of my conduct will meet with his majesty's approbation; and that by making such provision for those unfortunate, I have only anticipated the king's benevolent intentions.

The relief of Gibraltar by lord Howe, was owing more to the weather than to his superior skill in naval manœuvres; an such was his precipitancy to avoid an action with the combined fleet, that after having thrown in his transports and store-ships, he left behind him a Spanish 74 gun ship which had run ashore at Point Europa, and was got off by the garrison. The action which did ensue, after being overhauled by the combined fleet, was merely defensive on his part, and what the sons of Neptune stile "a running fight." He however sustained some damage in his spars and rigging, and the loss of about three or four hundred men killed and wounded.

A letter from New-Jersey says, an embarkation of two thousand troops, for Jamaica, is taking place at New-York.

ANNAPOLIS, February 6.

On Tuesday night last, about 10 o'clock, the workshop of Mr. John Shaw, cabinet maker, of this city, by some unknown cause took fire, and burnt to the ground; the flames, in despite of all opposition, communicated to the stable of Mr. Middleton, which was also destroyed; providentially, no other considerable damage was done, although several adjacent dwelling houses were at times on fire, and threatened the total destruction of that part of the city, but by the exertions of the inhabitants, they were soon extinguished. Mr. Shaw, by this unhappy accident, is a very capital sufferer, having lost all his tools, and every other thing in his shop.

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 25th day of February last.

For the month of January, 1783, received 1452 dollars and 8 goths.

BENJAMIN HARWOOD, receiver of continental taxes for Maryland.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Joseph Walker, jun. late of Prince-George's county, deceased, either by bond, note, or open account, for dealings at his store in Upper Marlborough, or otherwise, are desired to make payment immediately, and all those who have claims against said estate are desired to bring them in to Mr. Isaac Walker, who is authorized to settle the same for
HENRIETTA MARIA WALKER, executrix.

TAKEN up as a stray, by Charles Ridgely, son of John, on Elk-Ridge, in Anne-Arundel county, a bay horse, about 14 hands high, 12 or 13 years old, has a blaze face, his hind feet white nearly to his hams, a flowing mane with white hairs in it, short tail, paces, trots, and canters, branded on the off shoulder R, and shod before. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

TAKEN up as a stray, by Charles Ridgely, son of John, on Elk-Ridge, in Anne-Arundel county, a bay horse, about 15 hands high, 12 or 13 years old, has a star and snip, no perceptible brand, shod before, and trots naturally. The owner may have him on proving property and paying charges.

TAKEN up as a stray, by Electus Thompson, in Anne-Arundel county, an iron gray gelding, near 14 hands high, about 6 or 7 years old, neither docked nor branded, flowing mane, and shod all round. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

To be RENTED for one year, or a term of years not exceeding seven,

A COMPLETE double geared merchant mill and a distillery situated on the head of a navigable creek of three miles extent, and discharging into Patuxent river, about a mile from the mouth of it, near Koubby hill. The mill is acknowledged to be as compact and good a piece of work as any in the state, and remarkable for her produce of superfine flour. The lower story of the house is of stone, and contains the whole works, which are moved with great velocity by one wheel of sixteen feet diameter; she carries two pair of stones, one French burr, the other Colong stones; her bolting works are complete, and distinct for superfine, common flour, and ship stuff, and she has a wire barrel screen and fan fixed for clearing the grain as it runs to the hopper; there is a chimney and fire place in the mill; and at about thirty yards distance, on a hill, is a commodious dwelling house for a small family. The distillery stands upon a level with the mill, at about twenty feet distance, and is conveniently supplied with water conveyed in troughs or gutters from the penstock of the mill, reaching over the whole works; there are four copper stills, one of 125, and three of 60 gallons each, and a copper boiler of about 60 gallons, with mashing tubs, &c. and a good malt-kiln in the house. Adjoining is a peach orchard well fenced in, containing 3000 bearing trees about five years old, and marshes to produce hay for 200 or 300 cattle. The tenant, if he pleases, may have land contiguous (some already cleared) to make a small farm. It is an excellent place for hogs, and there is a good breeding stock, with a cart, four working oxen, some other cattle, and three slaves, two men and one woman, who are now working at the distillery, all or any of which the tenant may have or not at his option. The man who at present manages the mill is a valuable carpenter, and the owner would incline to remove him. Some of the running gear, &c. of the mill, are now a little out of repair, but will be delivered to the tenant in complete and perfect good order. The situation of these works, so near the mouth of Patuxent river, one of the best harbours on the bay, and to which so many vessels resort and are daily plying, ensures a good market for live stock and all other kinds of provision. A lease will be given and security required for the punctual payment of the rent, and return of the works, &c. at the expiration of the term. Apply to Col. WILLIAM FITZHUGH, near Lower Marlborough, in Calvert county.

P. S. Piater and Fitzhugh having declined the fulling business, will rent the fulling mill, dwelling house, fuller's shop, and all the utensils thereunto belonging, with or without two slaves, a man and his wife, the man a complete tuisler and dresser of cloth, and the woman can shear, comb, and press, is a cleanly servant, and can wash, cook, &c. The fulling-mill is about one hundred yards distant from the grist-mill and distillery, and will be rented separately or jointly with them. If the fulling-mill is not rented before the first day of April next, her materials will be sold, viz. five pair of fuller's shears, a press, screw and plates, cards, fulling paper, shearing boards, dye-stuffs, &c. &c. with a dying copper of about 60 gallons.
Apply as above.

Prince-George's county, January 21, 1783.
WHEREAS my wife Bridget Hanlan hath left me, and has endeavoured to run me in debt; I do hereby forwarn any person or persons from having dealings with her on my account, as I am determined not to pay any debts she may contract after the date hereof.
JAMES HANLAN.

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 Leffrange Brogden.
HUMPHRY BELT,
THOMAS WATKINS, } executors,
WILLIAM BROGDEN, legatee.

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

THERE is at the plantation of Retain Hammond, at the Head of Severn, a large frayed pied bull, mostly white, his sides and neck spotted with red or brindie spots, has a bit out of one of his ears. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

THERE is at the plantation of Mrs. Rachel Hammond, at the Head of Severn, a frayed red and white steer, appears to have both ears cropt. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

Office for confiscated estates, Annapolis, Jan. 23, 1783. Pursuant to an act of assembly passed at the last session, will be exposed to sale, by way of auction, at Baltimore-town, on the first day of April next,

SEVERAL thousand acres of land, late the property of the Principio company. The lands will be surveyed and laid off in convenient farms and seats for gentlemen; the quality of the lands and their proximity to that flourishing town, from which they are distant but a few miles, render them extremely valuable. One or more persons will attend on the premises, where the Kingbury furnace stands, for three days before the day of sale, to shew the different lots to any person who may incline to view the same. One third of the purchase money to be paid in thirty days, another third in two years, the remainder in three years. Bond and security will be required on the day of sale.
By order,
J. DORSEY, clk.

To be SOLD, at Newington Rope-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.
N. B. Likewise some household furniture, and a charriot almost new.

January 1, 1783.

To be SOLD, or LEASED on reasonable terms, A VALUABLE PLANTATION near the head of Stoney-creek, whereon there is an exceeding good and new dwelling house, and many other convenient and necessary out houses, in good order, near the dwelling, which stands on the main road between Severn-ferry and Baltimore; would well suit a private gentleman's family, or any inclinable to go into a public way of business, and is situated within half a mile of two merchant mills. The soil is good, well timbered, and there is excellent water very near the dwelling. For further particulars enquire of the subscriber in Annapolis.
NICHOLAS MACCUBBIN, son of John.
N. B. The plantation contains 500 acres, and is situated very conveniently near the water.

January 20, 1783.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Anne-Arundel county, near South river ferry, on the 24th of December 1782, a likely dark mulatto negro man named PLATO, 24 years of age about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, he is a good carpenter, cooper, and lawyer by trade, he is a little near kneed; had on when he went away, a crocus shirt, white country cloth jacket and breeches, coarse yarn stockings, a coarse pair of shoes, with four soles to each, and a straw hat, he carried with him several other cloaths, it is supposed that he will try to pass for a freeman. Whoever takes up said negro, dead or alive, and brings him home, or secures him so that I may get him again, shall be entitled to receive twenty Spanish dollars for their trouble.
GASAWAY RAWLINGS.

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.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Jacob Lusby, deceased, are desired immediately to settle and pay the same, and all persons having just claims against the said estate, are desired to bring them in properly authenticated that they may be adjusted by
ELIZABETH LUSBY, administratrix.

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.