

My people expect these qualifications, and therefore I call for them.

PHILADELPHIA, February 11.

Extract of a letter from St. Christopher's, dated January 17, 1783.

"Count Dillon has received a letter from the governor of Dominica, informing him of the arrival of the Anton man of war at Barbados, with an account of the preliminaries of peace being actually signed before her departure from England, which was the 10th of December.

"From the different advices we have lately had from thence, we are inclined to believe this is the case.

"This piece of news you may readily suppose has put a stop to all business, until it shall be confirmed or contradicted.

"A snow just arrived from Ostend, which she left the 3d of December, brings an account that every body there expected peace would shortly take place."

Extract of a letter from Baltimore, dated February 7, 1783.

"You see by the enclosed (the accounts from St. Kitts) what the opinion of a peace is grounded on, which seems generally believed here: added to this account we have a ship from St. Croix, in a short passage, that spoke a neutral schooner, the captain of which assured that he had spoke captain Barry, in the Alliance, on his way to the Cape, to prevent any further operations in that quarter, and that hostilities had absolutely ceased in Europe."

Extract of a letter from Baltimore, dated February 7.

"The schooner Harlequin arrived some days since from St. Kitts, and the ship Iris, from St. Croix, is at Annapolis: some of her letters only are come to hand. The former brings advice that a British ship of war had arrived at Barbados, and mentioned that matters were in such a train as to leave no room to doubt of peace. A letter from the captain of the Iris mentions, that between St. Croix and St. Thomas, he spoke a neutral schooner from the latter port, who informed him that the Alliance, captain Barry, had touched there the day before, and brought a confirmation of peace, and that he had previously called to windward, and at St. Eulatia, and was bound to the Cape with the same intelligence."

Extract of a letter from St. Thomas's, dated December 30.

"All prospect of peace seems to have vanished for the ensuing twelve months, and should Great-Britain be as successful the following year, as she has been this, it is more than probable we shall not have a peace in less than two years."

January 1, 1783.

"The vessel having been detained to the present, I have to acquaint you, that such advices have arrived from England, as leave a very great probability of a peace being concluded by this date.

"I enclose for your better information, a copy of the secretary of state's letter to the governor and directors of the bank of England, from which you can draw your own conclusion.

"The letter referred to, though it advises the possibility, yet leaves a very great uncertainty of such an event taking place, by allowing so short a time for the settlement of so important an object.

"M. Gerard, who went over to London as plenipotentiary, with intention of residing there three months, departed on the third day after his arrival, with propositions delivered as the ultimatum of the British court; and Mr. Fitzherbert, the British resident at Versailles, is directed to leave that court if the proposals are not immediately accepted.

"The vessel by which the above intelligence was received had a passage of twenty-eight days from Plymouth. By her we also learn, that preparations are still carrying on with the greatest vigour for the ensuing campaign, should there be one. Four thousand troops to be sent to the West-Indies, for which transports are already engaged."

Extract of a letter, dated Boston, January 26.

"The ship Fortune, captain Billings, is just arrived from Amsterdam; she has had 63 days passage, and brings advice that count d'Estaing, with 40 ships of the line and 200 transports, had sailed for the West-Indies.

"We have accounts from Martinique, in 13 days, informing that 16 Spanish ships of the line, and a number of transports, had arrived at Porto Rico.

ANNAPOLIS, February 20.

The following intelligence is taken from a New-York paper, of February 12.

By the brig Ranger, captain Roger Boyce, who left France the 23d of December, 1782, and was captured on the 6th instant, by the Eagle privateer, captain George Bennison, which arrived here last night, the following was received:

Extract of a letter from the right honourable T. Townshend, Esq; secretary of state, to the lord Mayor of London, dated the 3d of December, 1782.

"My Lord,

"IN consequence of my letter to your lordship, of the 23d of last month, I take the earliest opportunity to inform your lordship, that an express has just arrived from Paris, who brings the preliminary articles for a peace, signed on the 30th of November, by the ambassadors on the part of England, and those on the part of the United States of America. It now only remains to sign the same articles between Great-Britain and France, to constitute a general peace: and this notice you will give to the public as soon as possible."

By letters received in the above vessel, dated from Nantes, as late as December 23, we are informed, that since the signing the preliminaries for a peace between Great-Britain, and the Thirteen States of America, as intimated in the above mentioned notification, the ambassadors of France had not then acceded to them. They add, that the French express the most ardent wishes for an end to the war, and a return of the olive-branch.

To be sold at public sale, on the third Tuesday in May next, if fair, if not the next fair day,

ALL that valuable tract of land called Lockheden, and most of that other valuable tract called Padjet; these two parcels of land adjoin each other, and form a most beautiful farm, containing between eight and nine hundred acres, lying in Anne-Arundel county, on Herring-creek; the soil exceedingly rich and well watered; it is capable of producing tobacco, Indian corn, wheat, and other small grain, to as great advantage as any other settlements in the state; one hundred acres of meadow, equal to any in the state, may be made with very trifling expence, the greater part being already cleared. The most of this valuable plantation is formed in a delightful plain, with small streams of water running through it; there is a most beautiful eminence formed on one part for a gentleman's country seat; it commands an extensive prospect of the bay, and affords a pleasing view of the fertile plains and meadows; Herring-creek, on which it lays, has delightful harbours and landings; it abounds with fish, crabs, oysters, and wild fow, all excellent in their seasons; and to those, a polite and agreeable neighbourhood, which makes this farm equal to any in the state; the whole will be sold together or in lots, as may be most advantageous; part of the purchase money to be paid down, bond, with approved security, will be taken for the rest; any person may be shown the premises, by applying to John Weems, Herring-creek.

JOHN WEEMS, JOHN WEEMS, jun. WILLIAM CHEW.

For the encouragement of the breed of FINE HORSES, A VERY genteel purse will be run for over the course at Upper Marlborough, in Prince George's county, early in May next, free for any horse, mare, or gelding; the particulars of which will be in the next week's paper.

February 11, 1783.

CHATHAM shall run with any horse, mare, or gelding, in America, for five hundred pounds, on the following terms:

To run over the course at Alexandria, on the first Tuesday in May ensuing. An aged horse to carry ten stone; a six years old to carry nine stone, seven pounds; a five years old to carry nine stone; a four years old to carry eight stone, seven pounds; a three years old to carry a feather. The best two in three four mile heats. Play or pay.

HUMPHRY BELT, T. HANSON

N. B. If any gentleman inclines to accept this challenge, it is expected notice will be given to the subscribers by the twentieth of March, or else the challenge will not be considered as binding.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it doth or may concern, that the subscriber intends to apply to the general assembly to confirm and make void the will of the late Perry Dawson, deceased, so far as it relates to publishing the estate of the deceased.

JAMES DAWSON.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the executors of James Dick, deceased, intend to make application to the next general assembly for an act to empower them to dispose of Mr. Anthony Stewart's estate, to enable them to pay off his country debts.

Calvert county, January 30, 1783.

To be sold to the highest bidder, on Wednesday the 5th day of March next, if fair, if not the next fair day, at the late dwelling plantation of Samuel Hance, deceased, for cash, or bond with approved security if required, with six months credit,

SUNDRY NEGROES, consisting of men, women, lads, and children; also horses, black cattle, sheep, hogs, and household furniture, by DANIEL RAWLINGS, } executors. SAMUEL HANCE, }

Intendant's-office, February 7, 1783.

THE house of delegates having resolved, that every collector in arrears to the public for assessment, or tax, or any public monies in the years 1779, 1780, and 1781, be immediately sued, the intendant of the revenue takes the liberty of informing such debtors, that, notwithstanding the above resolution, if any persons who are so indebted, will exert themselves in making payments of considerable parts of their debts, that he will strike off the actions where suits are commenced, and remit a part or the whole of the 10 per cent. imposed on them by law for their non-payments, and that such of the collectors who are in arrears for 1782, and do not immediately make payments, may expect their bonds will be put in suit.

DANIEL of ST. THOMAS JENIFER, intendant.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition will be preferred to the general assembly, at their next sitting, by the executors of Elie Valette, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased, for a law to enable them to sell his real estate for the payment of his debts.

February 12, 1783.

THE members of the Annapolis JOCKEY CLUB are desired to meet at Mr. Mann's, in Annapolis, on Saturday the first day of March next, at eleven o'clock.

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, 10 or 12 years old, has a blaze face, his hind feet white nearly to his hams, a standing 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.

Port-Royal, February 9, 1783. UPWARDS of two years ago I was struck with a paralytic stroke, which affected me very much; it happened that I met with Mr. Logan, who promised to make a cure of my leg and arm, without any surgical application, by applying a kind of ointment; I found about a fortnight a great deal of relief in my right knee, and ankle; from the anguish of the gout it continued rather longer than I expected. I write this for the good of mankind.

EDWARD DIXON.

Gloucester county, April 14, 1779. I HEREBY certify, that my wife has been afflicted with rheumatic pains these six years, and captain Winton sent Mr. Logan to see her; when he came he could relieve her, and in three weeks time she was clear of all pains in her arms. This I write in behalf of Mr. Logan, as several doctors have had her in hand and did her no good.

EDWARD LAYTON.

Baltimore, August 6, 1781. THIS is to certify, that Mr. Logan, of Annapolis, prescribed medicines for John Hayman, who was confined to his bed with the rheumatism for a long time by which I was restored to perfect health.

JOHN HAYMAN.

Kent county, April 11, 1781. MICHAEL EARLE, Esq; who had a white swelling for about sixteen years, was also restored to perfect health by Mr. Logan's medicine.

Prince-George's county, February 8, 1781.

A GENTLEMAN who had the piles and gravel for about sixteen years, was also restored to perfect health by Mr. Logan's medicine.

I ALSO relieve palfies, rheumatisms, gout, gravel, fluxes, contractions of the limbs, white swellings, dropsy, running ulcers, &c. &c. I will take patients at my own house, or elsewhere in Annapolis; but cannot at any time in the country, except such as are confined to their beds. Constant attendance will be given, by their very humble servant,

WILLIAM LOGAN.

January 1, 1783.

To be SOLD, or LEASED on reasonable terms, A VALUABLE PLANTATION, near the head of Stoney-creek, whereon there is an excellent building 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 Joseph. 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.

GASSAWAY 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.

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.

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 fully authorized to settle the same for

HENRIETTA MARIA WALKER, executrix.