

missioners) by George Edmund Howard, Esq. who was the parent and fosterer of that band; he first proposed to government, and to the nation, and he afterwards formed and digested the plan, upon which it has been established.

Aug. 12. None of the principal conditions of the preliminary articles are yet complied with; New-York is not evacuated; the islands not restored; Florida not surrendered to the Spaniards; so that in fact, except laying up the ships and disbanding the militia, the belligerent powers remain precisely in the situation they stood before an end was put to hostilities.

General Washington's resignation of his high situation as commander in chief of all the forces belonging to the United States in America, at the same time that it reflects the highest honour upon him, and finishes the character of heroism, to which he has such indisputable and almost unrivalled pretensions, is a clear and demonstrative proof of the falshood of all the reports that have been circulated respecting the probability of a renovation of hostilities, as no man in his senses can suppose, that had such an event been at all likely, this great man, who has been the bulwark of the parent state, and followed it through all its weaknesses and difficulties, would have withdrawn himself from its services, and left it to itself before it had got fairly upon its legs, or its security permanently established.

Aug. 14. According to the most recent advices from Bombay, the Mahrattas were on the point of making war on the Portuguese; which they intend to commence by ravaging the fine province opposite the island of Goa.

In all human probability, the plague has been the only mediator, by whose fatal offices the attempts of Russia have been for a little time suspended. It is not reasonable to suppose that, with the disposition of the Czars, the favourite object of a Turkish war will be long procrastinated.

Aug. 16. The consequential nature of Gibraltar might be proved in numberless instances, but this only will suffice. The British fleet is equipped to prevent (as the French ministers allege) the Russian fleet from entering the Mediterranean; and was Spain in possession of it, she could at all times admit the fleets of France to dispute the passage, and thus exclude England from the most valuable branch of commerce in Europe.

It is said that the king has a complaint which has hung about him so long that both Dr. Warran and Sir Noah Thomas have availed the baths of Baréges, in the Pyrenees; but the King, when ever it has been mentioned, has cried, pshaw, it is impossible! Of late he has listened rather more to it. Should he take the journey, the prince of Wales will accompany him, and the queen be left regent. It is said the king of France has written a remarkably polite and even friendly letter, requesting him to use all France as his own and take Versailles in his way.

KINGSTON, (Jamaica) September 6.

A letter from Bristol of the 28th June, to an eminent mercantile house in this town, mentions, that the commercial treaty with America had been broken off, on the British negotiators refusing to grant to the American vessels the liberty of carrying the produce of our West-India colonies in American bottoms, to any part of the world. Such an indulgence having been given them by France, (though, it is believed, only nominally) the American commissioners were induced to demand it in the most peremptory terms.

BOSTON, October 2.

Saturday last arrived at Newport, captain Charles Henderson, in 48 days from London. The definitive treaty was not signed when captain Henderson sailed.

We are sorry to inform the public, that on Wednesday night, the 17th instant, the lighthouse at Santucket, by accident took fire, and was entirely consumed.

Last Wednesday evening, one Mr. Smith of Maryland, was knocked down by some ass, and robbed of about thirty guineas. He was found lying in the street near the center of the town, between the hours of nine and ten, speechless.

SPRINGFIELD, September 30.

By the eastern post we are informed, that one day last week, as Mr. Frott, of Prince-town, in this state, and his son, a lad of about 19 years of age, were at work together, making wall, the boy assaulted his father, beat his brains out with a lever, and was last Thursday committed to Worcester gaol.

NEW-YORK, October 4.

Extra of a letter from a merchant in London to his friend in this city, August 6, 1783.

"The policy of the United States must, I think, so far preponderate in the minds of the rulers, as to adopt no plan which shall not be liberal and extensive, as it will by no means answer for rising nations to let out upon contracted or partial regulations that do not tend to the good of the whole, and are of such a nature as to warrant a security to, and induce an intercourse and communication with foreigners, it being liberality alone, in the formation of your various codes of laws, that can raise the consequence of your continent in the opinion of European nations: I therefore in my own mind conclude, that the penetration of the leading men in America will so far see the propriety of a generous and general system, as to exclude entirely from their councils every sentiment that militates against it—and under the influence of such a belief it is to be expected that the consequences of the war will soon subside, and in lieu thereof you may enjoy the blessings of peace in its utmost attitude."

Oct. 6. Several robberies have been committed in this city since our last.

It is reported that a ship from this place for Halifax is cast away on some part of that coast and several of the passengers drowned.

Saturday last the ship Black Queen, captain Rawleigh, arrived here from London, after a tedious passage of 9 weeks.

Oct. 8. We feel extreme concern in acquainting the public with the loss of one of the transports, which lately sailed from hence for Nova-Scotia. We hear the commander, and no more than seventeen, were preserved out of near three hundred lives. The catastrophe happened on Gannet Rock, off Cape Sable, which lies at the northern entrance of the bay of Fundy.

Yesterday arrived a fleet of transports from Quebec; six from Nova-Scotia; and a brig from Ireland.

Last Monday arrived the ship Catherine, captain Solomon Saltus, in 25 days from Kingston, Jamaica; on Friday captain Saltus saw a large ship on shore at Barnegat.

PHILADELPHIA, October 9.

On the thirtieth ult. Congress resolved, "That the secretary of war, issue to all officers in the army under the rank of major general, who hold the same rank now that they held in the year 1777, a brevet commission one grade higher than their present rank, having respect to their seniority; and that commissions for full colonels be granted to lieutenant colonels of 1777, the relations of 17th May, 1778, notwithstanding."

Oct. 11. The schooner Sally, captain Ashridge, of this port, bound to Jamaica, was, on the 16th ult. in lat. 28. overtaken by a violent gale of wind, which lasted 48 hours. The vessel filled, but, on cutting away her masts, righted again, and arrived here on Saturday last. Fortunately no lives were lost, and but a small part of her cargo damaged.

Oct. 14. Wednesday last we had a severe storm of wind and rain, from the north east. It blew with such violence that in the night 9 sail of square rigged vessels inward and outward bound, together with a number of river craft, were drove ashore in our bay and river, and it is feared little else than their cargoes can be saved.

By the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS Assembled.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by the ninth of the articles of confederation, it is among other things declared, that "the United States in Congress assembled have the sole and exclusive right and power of regulating the trade, and managing all affairs with the Indians not members of any of the states; provided, that the legislative right of any state within its own limits be not infringed or violated. And whereas, it is essential to the welfare and interest of the United States, as well as necessary for the maintenance of harmony and friendship with the Indians, not members of any of the states, that all cause of quarrel and complaint between them and the United States, or any of them, should be removed and prevented; therefore the United States in Congress assembled, have thought proper to issue their proclamation, and they do hereby prohibit and forbid all persons from making settlements on lands inhabited or claimed by Indians without the limits or jurisdiction of any particular state, and from purchasing or receiving any gift or cession of such lands or claims without the express authority and directions of the United States in Congress assembled:

And it is moreover declared, that every such purchase or settlement, gift or cession, not having the authority aforesaid, is null and void, and that no right or title will accrue in consequence of any such purchase, gift, cession or settlement.

Done in Congress at Princeton, this twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and of our sovereignty and independence the eighth.

ELIA: BUDINOT, President.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

ANNAPOLIS, October 23.

On Saturday the 4th instant, his Excellency M. Van Berkel, ambassador from the States of Holland to the United States of America, arrived at Philadelphia with his suite, after a long and tedious passage, from Amsterdam.

We are informed that on the 8th inst. Congress resolved that Lambertton, on the east side of Delaware, and about two miles below Trenton, should be the place of their permanent residence; and appointed a committee to make choice of a proper situation for erecting buildings, &c. for their accommodation.

The putrid fever and dysentery have, we hear, been exceeding fatal in the town of Boston; more than 600 persons have died there since the 1st of May last.

The following gentlemen are elected members of the house of delegates to serve in the ensuing general assembly, viz.

For St. Mary's county, William Somerville, John De Butts, Edmund Plowden, and Philip Key, Esquires.

For Calvert county, John Grahame, Levin Mackall, Thomas Harwood 3d, and William Ireland, Esquires.

For Charles county, Francis Ware, Josias Hawkins, Samuel Hanson, jun. and George Dent, jun. Esquires.

For Baltimore county, Thomas C. Deye, Charles Ridgely, of William, John Stevenson, and captain Charles Ridgely, Esquires.

For Prince-George's county, Walter Bowie, Thomas Duckett, George Digges, and Jeremiah Magruder, Esquires.

For Frederick county, Thomas Beatty, David Shriver, Nathan Hammond, and Thomas Ogle, Esquires.

For Harford county, Benjamin B. Norris, John Love, John Taylor, and Ignatius Wheeler, jun. Esquires.

For Baltimore-town, John Sterett, and David M'Mechen, Esquires.

For Washington county, John Stull, James Chapline, Nicholas Swingle, and John J. Jacob, Esquires.

For Montgomery county, Lawrence Oneale, Benjamin Edwards, Edward Burgeis, and Thomas S. Wootton, Esquires.

THE sale of Mount Stuart will be at the ferry house in London-town, precisely at 12 o'clock on Saturday next.

THERE is at the plantation of Mr. Thomas Smith Cox, in Prince-George's county, taken up by the subscriber, a dark bay mare, about 13 hands high, with a star in her forehead, but no perceivable brand, about 5 or 7 years old, she is a natural pacer, and appears to be a little bit shot; she has at her side a light bay horse colt, which has also a star. The owner may have them again on proving property and paying charges.

WILLIAM CAGE.

TO BE SOLD,

A PARCEL of land lying in Maryland, Montgomery county, on Patowmack-river, and on the branch commonly called the Muddy-branch, containing two hundred and thirty-six and a half acres; there is on this land room for two tenants cleared and fenced, and an exceeding good mill seat; the improvement inconsiderable; it is presumed a minute description of this land is unnecessary, as no doubt any person inclinable to purchase will view the land before they engage for it. If not sold before the 12th day of November next at private sale, it will on that day be set up to public sale, at the court-house in said county. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms and be shewn the land by applying to

1007/6 SAMUEL H. WHEELER.

October 16, 1783. To be SOLD at PUBLIC AUCTION, on Thursday the 20th of November, on the premises,

A VALUABLE tract of land, containing 4000 acres, situated in Calvert county, on Patuxent-river, about a mile below the town of Lower Marlborough; the land is level, the soil very fertile, and exceedingly well adapted to the farming or planting business. This tract of land has the advantage of an excellent marsh which affords pasture for a great number of cattle, and renders it peculiarly advantageous for breeding or grazing stock of any kind. There are also on the premises a sufficient quantity of low grounds which may be reclaimed at a small expence. The terms will be made known on the day of sale, by

1007/6 EDWARD SPRIGG, SAMUEL CANBY, THOMAS GANIT, 3d.

October 20, 1783. To be SOLD to the highest bidder, on the premises, on Monday the 24th day of November next,

A TRACT of land, containing about 470 acres, situate on Patuxent-river, near Selby's landing, very convenient to a good fishing landing, and a good place for fowling; the soil is good, and produces the best tobacco, wheat, and Indian corn; 150 acres are wood land, well stocked with rail and other timber; belonging to this tract are some very valuable marsh and branches for meadows that may be easily reclaimed; the improvements on it are in good repair, and consist of a large elegant brick dwelling house, completely finished, a brick kitchen, a large stable with a hay loft, a store house, one barn, and two tobacco houses, and a variety of other convenient buildings, a large garden paved in, apple and peach orchards, and a variety of other fruit trees; it is a beautiful situation and commands an extensive view up and down the river. The title is indisputable. The purchaser may have possession next Christmas. One third of the purchase money to be paid down, one third in eight months, and the remaining third in two years from the day of sale. Bond with security to be given for what is not paid in hand. On the same day, and near the place, will be sold, between twenty and thirty likely negroes, before advertised in the Baltimore paper.

1007/6 FIELDER BOWIE.

October 16, 1783. To be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, on Thursday the 20th day of November next, if fair, if not the next fair day, at the subscriber's plantation, near Edward Edwards's, at the Head of South-river, known by the name of White-Hall,

SUNDRY horses, consisting of good work horses, a valuable three quarters blooded mare, a fine filly got by Old Wildair, rising three years old. Six months credit will be given for the above horses, on bond with good security. Cattle, sheep, hogs, and plantation utensils, for cash or crop tobacco.

Likewise DOVE, a fine gray, upwards of 15 hands and an half high, was got by the noted old horse Dove, whose stock is well known for the turf, and none can excel for the road. Twelve months credit will be given for the above horse, on bond with good security. The sale to begin at 10 o'clock.

JOHN JOHNS.

Port-Tobacco, October 14, 1783. To be RENTED for one year, and possession given the first day of December next,

THE houses and lot in Port-Tobacco, wherein the subscriber now keeps tavern; the house stands in a very public and convenient part of the town, fronting the court-house, and will answer very well for a tavern or store; there are all necessary buildings on the lot, with a large yard at the back of the house with a fine tree in it which affords a very agreeable shade in the summer, a large garden, two horse pens paved in, and a well of very good water (in the yard) with a pump in it. The rent will be as moderate as possible, which may be known by applying to

1007/6 JOHN HALKERSTON.

Annapolis, October 18, 1783. THE subscriber has lately removed into the

house of Mr. Nathan Hammond, near the dock, and intends keeping private entertainment for gentlemen and their horses by the day; he also will take in gentlemen by the year, on reasonable terms. Those who please to favour him with their custom may depend on having good attendance by their humble servant,

1007/6 JOSEPH WILKINS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a remonstrance will be offered by sundry inhabitants of Charles county, to the next general assembly, praying that no act may pass for condemning the lands belonging to the Roman catholic church, formerly intended to be laid out for a town by the reverend Mr. George Hunter, at the mouth of Port-Tobacco-creek, or for building a court-house thereon, or altering the place of holding the court for the said county.

Charles-town; Cecil

NOTICE is of Charles-town, of intend to petition to empower some of said town, to sell ground, on the water in said town, so that may be injured there

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RAN away from gomery county of this instant, a likely and it is probable of Basil Russell, as age, and about 5 feet complexion, with hoar hair, and a scar on his right cheek on his nose, both of are very plain; he wears brown cloth coat, a pair of summer breeches, a pair of country full black Barcelona stockings, two pair of good shoes and breeches which he has ripped in the bottom of spatterdash for Annapolis, and George Mann, and get to Baltimore, All masters of vessels such an one endeavor their vessels, to have Whoever takes up 300 shall receive miles from home for the above reward

TWENTY

RAN away from from Anna in Anne-Arundel a likely slim, round named WILL, 8 inches high, stout in the word yes, that are said to a coarse country may have cloathing his name or he will not speak seems sorry for a fernal way he will do not contradict Whoever takes up the owner may mile from home lars, if thirty miles the slate ten dollars, and reason by

N. B. I have them all together

TAKEN up jun. living not quite 13 years old, he has spots, and seems lar. The owner property and pay

STRAYED Scribes, living 23d instant, two teen hands high star in his forehead in his right eye gallops, and was sorrel, fourteen has a large star in some white on his near buttock (on in the woods; Whoever will bring Mr. John Wile, lings reward, on state, and reason either.

THE subscriber of the state of the recording parcel of the and known ford, which tain Mary ber several as may appear day of Septe

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