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which congress entertain of his important services, relative to the commerce of France and these United States, and particularly to free ports—that there is every reason to expect mutual and permanent advantages from these liberal measures adopted by his most christian majesty; and that an extension thereof to his West-India colonies will, in the opinion of congress, increase those advantages, and produce the most salutary effect.

Resolved, That a copy of a letter of the 29th of June last, from the count de Vergennes, and one of the 9th of January last, from Monsieur de Calonne, to the marquis de la Fayette, respecting free ports in France, be entered on the journal, and, when published, transmitted to the supreme executives of the several states.

The letters being translated, are as follow:

S I R, Versailles, 29th June, 1783.

I HAVE received the letter which you did me the honour to write on the 17th of this month. You desire to know what is meant by *free port*.

By this term, Sir, we mean a place to which all merchandises, as well foreign as domestic, may be imported, and from which they may be freely exported. You will judge, Sir, by this definition, that all the merchandises of the north, without exception, may be imported into l'Orient, and exported from it by the Americans. In a word, l'Orient will be reputed foreign with regard to France as far as respects commerce. The prohibitions and duties upon foreign merchandises will take effect only, in case any person desires to introduce into the interior parts of the realm, the merchandises subjected to the one or the other.

I have the honour, &c.

DE VERGENNES.

Monf. the marquis de la FAYETTE.

S I R, Versailles, 9th January, 1784.

I HAVE communicated to the king the observations contained in the memoir which you transmitted to me relative to the commerce of America, and those which you made at our last conference.

I am authorised to announce to you, that it is the intention of his majesty to grant to the United States the ports of l'Orient and Bayonne as free ports, and besides these that of Dunkirk and that of Martelles; the first of which enjoys absolute freedom, and the other is restrained in the exercise of that freedom only with regard to tobacco, which is there subjected to a duty. The Americans may from this moment send their vessels to those four ports, where they will not meet with any kind of difficulty. You may, if necessary, explain what is meant by *free ports*, agreeably to the signification thereof given by Monsieur de Vergennes, in his letter of the 29th of June last. The Americans will find, above all, at Dunkirk, all the facilities they can desire for the sale of their leaf tobacco, their rice, their timber, and other merchandise, as well as for the purchase of what they want, such as linens, woollens, brandy, &c. It is proposed to establish stores and magazines there, which shall be well supplied, on terms very advantageous for their commerce. I have given orders to the farmers-general to treat in preference, and at a reasonable price, for the purchase of the tobaccos of North-America, and moreover, the United States will be as much favoured in France, in matters of commerce, as any other nation. The complaints which they may make to you, or which Mr. Franklin, and the other American ministers, which I would be very glad to see, may transmit to me on their behalf, shall be examined with great attention, and government will not suffer them to experience any kind of vexation. Every possible precaution will also be taken to prevent the sending out bad merchandise, which, if it has hitherto taken place, can only be attributed to the avarice of some merchants of the lowest order. I am going immediately to examine what relates to the customs and duties which hurt commerce. This is an important subject, and requires great attention. In fine, Sir, you may rely, that I shall be always disposed, as well as Monsieur the marshal de Castries, and Monsieur the count de Vergennes, to receive and listen with attention to the demands and further representations which you shall think proper to make in favour of the commerce of America. I have the honour to be, &c.

DE CALONNE.

P. S. The ports of Bayonne and l'Orient will be made similar to that of Dunkirk with regard to entire freedom.

Monf. the marquis de la FAYETTE.

May 7. On motion, *Resolved*, That from the first day of August next, the salary of a minister of the United States at a foreign court, shall not exceed nine thousand dollars per annum.

Congress proceeded to the election of a secretary for foreign affairs, and being this day informed, by a letter of the 9th of March last from doctor Franklin, that Mr. J. Jay proposed to embark for America, in the month of April, and this information corresponding with the intelligence communicated to congress by Mr. Jay himself, in his letters of last year, Mr. Jay was put in nomination; and the ballots being taken, Mr. John Jay was elected secretary for foreign affairs.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a minister plenipotentiary be appointed in addition to Mr. John Adams and Mr. Benjamin Franklin, for the purpose of negotiating treaties of commerce.

Congress proceeded to the election, and the ballots being taken, Mr. Thomas Jefferson was elected.

May 11. On motion, *Resolved*, That the agent of marine provide suitable accommodations for Mr. Jefferson's passage to Europe.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the information communicated to congress by the governor of the state of New-Jersey, in consequence of their act of the 6th of January last, as the result of his enquiry respecting the robbery of the post-office at Princeton, is satisfactory, and exculpates Mr. Harrison, the postmaster at Princeton, from every suspicion of collusion or fraud.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a secretary to the commission for negotiating commercial treaties be appointed, and that to-morrow be assigned for that purpose.

On motion, *Resolved*, That from and after the first day of August next, the salary of a secretary to a commission or embassy to a foreign court, or for negotiating treaties with foreign powers, shall not exceed three thousand dollars per annum.

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 11th day of February, 1782.

Received, June 24, 1784,	Dollars.	90ths.
30	1017	37
	462	32
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BENJAMIN HARWOOD, receiver.

Annapolis, July 7, 1784.

JAMES PEARCE,

At his STORE, near the Governor's House, Has just imported, in the ship Liberty, captain John Hamilton, from London,

A LARGE quantity of GOODS, properly adapted for the present season (which will be disposed of, either by wholesale or retail, on reasonable terms, for cash, bills of exchange, tobacco, or lumber); among which are the following, viz.

Saddlery, china, glass, earthen and tin ware, fish-hooks, gunpowder, porter in bottles, and various other articles.

N. B. The above ship is now gone to Port-Tobacco, to take in tobacco; she will carry about 350 hogheads, 200 of which are already engaged; the remainder will be taken in on freight at £.7 per ton. For passage apply to the captain on board, or as above.

WILLIAM BROWN, CALEB BURGESS.

Annapolis, July 7, 1784.

A JOURNEYMAN GUNSMITH, to clean and repair a number of arms. Any orderly person, qualified for that purpose, may meet with good encouragement, and a considerable time of employment, by applying to

JOHN SHAW.

Charles-town, July 1, 1784.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the inhabitants of Charles-town, in Cecil county, intend to petition the general assembly, at their next session, for an act to empower the commissioners of the town to sell the vacant and forfeited lots, the marsh adjoining, and such part, or the whole, of the public lots on the water, appropriated for public uses, as they may think most conducive to the benefit of the town. Also to empower the inhabitants qualified to vote at county elections, to choose their commissioners annually for

RAN away from the subscriber, living near Annapolis, on the 29th day of June, 1784, a mulatto man named Peter, 39 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, has a sneaking down look, is a dark skin'd mulatto, has big eyes, and has lost almost all his teeth. Had on, when he went away, a black and white country cloth jacket and white country cloth breeches, ofsnabrig shirt, and an under jacket without sleeves, of a dark colour; he has been unwell and looks poorly. Whoever takes up the said mulatto man, and secures him so that his master may get him again, shall receive, if ten miles from home four dollars, if twenty miles six dollars, if further five pounds besides what the law allows.

BALDWIN LUSBY.

N. B. All masters of vessels are hereby forewarned from carrying him away; it is suspected he will tell people he is free, change his name and cloaths, and pass for a free man. He is a very great rogue, and it is likely will try to get by water, or pass for a soldier who is coming to seek his pay. He may probably procure a soldier's discharge or a forged pass.

July 2, 1784.

STRAYED or STOLEN, on the night of the 29th of June last, from the pasture of Judson Coolidge, near Marlborough, Prince-George's county, a likely bay horse, about 14 and a half hands high, with a star in his forehead, brand (if any) unknown, shod all round. Any person delivering said horse to me, near Bladensburg, shall receive ten dollars reward.

J. BEALL.

TAKEN up by Basil Burgess, from the back of Elk-Ridge, Anne-Arundel county, two stray mares; one a roan, about 14 hands high, a natural pacer, 9 or 10 years old, is branded on the near shoulder, which appears to be like an S with a heart though not very perceivable; the other is a sorrel, about 13 and a half hands high, trots and gallops, neither branded nor docked, and appears to be 8 or 9 years old. The owner or owners may have them again on proving property and paying charges.

To be SOLD, or rented by the year, and entered on immediately,

THE houses and lot belonging to the subscriber, in Annapolis; the dwelling house is large and commodious, containing four rooms, a passage, and a light closet on a floor, two of the rooms are very elegant; there are good cellars, a kitchen and other offices under it, and adjoining to the house is a building, containing an excellent kitchen, laundry and pantry, and very good rooms above them for servants, and cellars below. There is also on the same lot, a coach house, stable, dairy, and meat house, and a large strong warehouse, which would make it convenient for a person in trade.

Also to be rented, the house and lot, lately in possession of Clement Holliday, Esq; it is a handsome building, beautifully situated on the river Severn, and very convenient for a small family. For the terms of both, or either of the above houses, apply to the subscriber, personally, or by letter, at his seat on Patowmack.

RICHARD LEE.

April 5, 1784.

To be SOLD,

THE subscriber's dwellings, with three hundred and twenty acres of land, within one mile of the town of Upper Marlborough, in Prince-George's county; they are pleasantly situated, consisting of two brick dwelling houses with a passage betwixt and a brick kitchen adjoining, all two stories high; they are very commodious, with great conveniences suitable for a genteel family; there are all other necessary out houses, such as a washhouse, negro quarter, corn house, barn, chaise house, and stables for twelve horses, the whole being built within the space of ten or twelve years; the land is well adapted for farming, having plenty of meadow and good grazing grounds with fine springs of water; there are about three hundred bearing apple trees, besides fruit trees of several sorts. The premises may be viewed at any time, and terms made known by applying to

JOHN READ MAGRUDER.

May 26, 1784.

THE trustees for Charlotte-hall school, have appointed Henry Greenfield Sothoron, Esq; to meet on the 14th and 21st of June, at the Cool Springs, in Saint Mary's county, to receive plans and proposals for building a house calculated to accommodate sixty boys, master and servants. Two hundred and fifty thousand bricks, with lime sufficient to work up the said bricks, will be furnished by the trustees to the contractor at the place where the house is to be built. A general meeting of the trustees will be held on the 12th of July next, at the Cool Springs, to close finally with the most advantageous offer for executing the aforesaid building; a considerable sum of money will be furnished the contractor, if necessary.

HENRY TUBMAN, register.

Annapolis, June 24, 1784.

To be SOLD by the subscriber, at his store on the Head of the Dock,

A QUANTITY of excellent West-India rum and Jamaica spirit, by the hoghead or smaller quantity. Also some port wine, of the first quality, in bottles, upon the lowest terms, for cash.

JAMES MACKUBIN.

TAKEN up as a stray, by William Yealdhall, living at the Land o' Ease, a bright bay mare, about 14 hands high, about five years old, no perceivable brand, hanging mane and switch tail, paces naturally. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

Calvert county, May 15, 1784.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Sabent Card, a languishing prisoner in said county gaol, intends preferring a petition to the next general assembly, for an act to release him from his present confinement.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, on Saturday evening, the 20th day of March last, on his way home from Annapolis, NEGRO CALE, belonging to Mary Hammond, daughter of John Hammond, Esq; deceased; he is about twenty-six years of age, well made, bow-legged, of a dingy or rather a copperish complexion, about five feet six or seven inches high, had his wool growing remarkably thick and low on his forehead; had on when he went away, a coarse hat bound round with white, a double breasted brown sailors jacket, the rest of his cloaths is uncertain; he has a remarkable dent, or rather hole, in his left cheek, opposite his jaw-bone; he is discoverable likewise, if stopped, by other singularities, his excessive talkativeness and smoothness of tongue. Whoever takes up the said negro, and secures him so that the owner may get him again, shall be entitled to the above reward, and all reasonable charges if brought home, from

WILLIAM HAMMOND, administrator, living on the Head of Severn.

N. B. All masters of vessels and others are hereby forewarned from carrying him away, concealing him or harbouring him one hour, at their peril.