

to its port and inhabitants the most extensive privileges. Such was the object of his letters patent, the first, November 1662, the others on the 16th of February, 1700.

"Faithful to the plan and elevated designs of this prince, whose example it is our glory to imitate, we have the less hesitation in confirming those privileges, since the inestimable advantages which were the fruit of them point out to us the happy consequences we have reason to expect in the present circumstances.

"For these causes and others us thereunto moving, by the advice of our council and our certain knowledge, full power and royal authority, we have maintained and confirmed, and by these presents, signed with our hand, we maintain and confirm the city, port, harbour and inhabitants of Dunkirk, in their laws, customs and usages, as well as in the rights, privileges, immunities and exemptions which they enjoyed before and since the letters patent, of the months of November, 1662, and 16th February, 1700.

"We will, that, conformably to the tenor of the said letters, all merchants, traders and dealers, of whatever nation, may come to the port of the said city, and land there in full safety, discharge, sell and dispose of their merchandise, purchase in the said city, and take away whatever goods they shall think proper, lade and carry them off in their vessels, without that the said goods and merchandise, whether imported into the said port, harbour and city, exported in the same manner, be subject to the duties of importation or exportation, or to any other duties of whatsoever nature, and under whatever denomination they may be known, without any exception or reserve.

"We ordain, that the merchandises, the entry or consumption of which are generally prohibited in our kingdom, and those which it is not allowed to introduce therein but by certain ports, shall not enter into Flanders or the other countries, lands and signions, in our obedience, by the officers which are established in the ports of our city of Dunkirk, on the land side. We naturally all merchants, manufacturers and foreign traders who will come to establish themselves, and inhabit the said city. We will in consequence that they enjoy the same privileges, prerogatives, exemptions and advantages, as our natural born subjects, without procuring for this purpose any letters from us, or paying us any fine, of which we dispense with, and discharge them by these presents, whether they take up their constant abode in the said city, or only settle there for the sake of trade or business, under condition, nevertheless, that they conform exactly to our marine laws and ordinances, and to the statutes and regulations which are or shall be made touching their trade or business: It is to be understood, that in case of contravention they shall be deprived of the said privileges. We derogate, in regard to the foregoing, but no further, and wit out the same being drawn into consequences, from all edicts, ordinances, regulations and other things thereto contrary; and this we do command, &c."

Given at Versailles, in the month of February, in the year of grace, 1784, the tenth year of our reign.

LOUIS.  
Underneath.  
LE MARECHAL DE SEIGUR.

CHARLESTON, (S. C.) August 21.

Thursday last arrived here, the sloop Gibraltar, captain Cullton, from Jamaica. He reports, that on the first instant, at two P. M. came on a gale of wind from N. N. E. being then off Grand Camanes. The second, at ten A. M. spoke the brig Hector, captain Thomson, from Black River, Jamaica, to Scotland; she had lost her main mast; captain Thomson informed them, that the brig Atkinson, Archibald Craig, foundered in the gale, and that he had taken up the crew. Half past 10 spoke the ship Neptune, captain Clark, from Kingston to Ancafter, under jureymasts, having lost all her masts and bowsprit. At meridian spoke the snow Industry, captain Hannibal, from Black River to Bristol, having lost her mainmast, with six of her men, her quarters stove in, and her water ways gone; the captain intending to anchor under Cape Antonio to repair. August ten, spoke the ship Hanover Planter, captain Nelson, from Montego-Bay for Bristol; she had lost every thing off decks, six of her men were washed over board, out of which four were saved. Captain Nelson informed them that the ship Susanna had the Brunetta in tow, distressed bound for the Havanna.

We learn from East-Florida, that McGrith continues plundering and distressing the inhabitants; his party is said to consist of between 20 and 30 men; some of them were lately apprehended by one Hood, and some others, but within a few miles of St. Augustine were rescued by McGrith and the rest of his gang, who killed Hood and one of his men.

We are informed, that William Logan and Charles Frederick Fuhrer, Esquires, are the gentlemen sent by this state as commissioners to England, for the recovery of slaves, and other property, taken by the British army in the late war, without compensation made for it, as stipulated by the 7th article of the definitive treaty.

ANNAPOLIS, September 16.

General Alured Clarke, lately appointed governor of Jamaica, arrived at Kingston, the beginning of July, and took possession of his government; a few days after which general Campbell, his predecessor, sailed for England.

The Harmony, Willet, from Philadelphia, is arrived at London, after 20 days passage.

The Fletis, Scott, and Mermaid, Hunter, arrived in Clyde the 20th of June.

The ship Stanley, captain Wood, is arrived at Alexandria, in 22 weeks from Liverpool.

The Jet, Gibbon, from Philadelphia, is arrived at Kingston Jamaica, after 35 days passage.

The Montgomery, Davis, from London, is arrived in James-river.

The Little Joe, Bill, from Bristol; Martha, Dawson, from London; Eagle, Blaine, from Glasgow; Porgia, Littleburn, from Turks-Island; Port Roseway, Shannon, and Dick, Weaver, from Jamaica; Christiansa, Hinson, from St. Thomas's, and Nancy, Brown, from Cape-Nicola Mole, are arrived at New-York.

The Assumption, Jose, from Lisbon; Charleston, Hall, from Liverpool; Gibraltar, Chilton, and Neptune,

Bennet, from Jamaica; Polly, Newbold, and Peace and Plenty, Paynter, from Turks-Island; St. John, Moffet, from Havanna; and Eliza, Craig, from Antigua, are arrived at Charleston, South-Carolina.

By his EXCELLENCY  
WILLIAM PACA, Esquire,  
GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND,  
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS I have been well informed, that Thomas Groves, late of St. Michael's, Talbot county, and two boys, John Brown and Thomas Brown, of the said county, were, on or about the 16th of August last, murdered, in a schooner on their way from Wye river to Baltimore town: AND WHEREAS I have very good reason to believe the above murder was committed by a person who called himself James Brown, a native of France, but speaks good English, has very little of the manners or address of a Frenchman, thick built, about five feet five inches high, fair complexion, and thick bushy hair; which said person went to the house of Groves on the 8th of August, where he remained until the 16th, when he took his passage on board the said schooner, and sailed for Baltimore; and which said person, there is reason to believe, after having committed the murder, robbed Groves of the following articles—Thirty pounds specie—a new superfine blue broad cloth coat, silver buttons cypher T. G.—Marseilles breeches and white jacket—a large silver watch, R. Stone, London, with a china face and silver cock—silver shoe buckles marked T. G.—gold sleeve buttons marked T. G.—For bringing to justice therefore the perpetrator or perpetrators of this villainy, I have thought proper to publish this my proclamation, hereby offering a reward of fifty pounds specie for apprehending and securing the said James Brown, or any person or persons who in any wise assisted in the commission of the said crime, to be paid on conviction.

GIVEN at Annapolis, under the seal of the state of Maryland, this seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four.

WILLIAM PACA.  
By his EXCELLENCY's command,  
THO. JOHNSON, jun. secr. 2  
GOD SAVE THE STATE.

By his EXCELLENCY  
WILLIAM PACA, Esquire,  
GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND,  
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS there is reason to apprehend, that articles of quarter-masters and military stores, cloathing, &c. the property of the United States, have accidentally fallen into the hands of private citizens, or remain in the possession of persons formerly, but not at present, in office, of which the heads of the several staff departments have no account:

I DO hereby, in pursuance of a late recommendation of Congress, call on such citizens of this state, who may have any such species of property in their hands: to make returns thereof to the executive of this state, and I do hereby request all citizens, who have any information of such property, to communicate the same, and to specify the names and places of residence of the persons in whose possession it is.

GIVEN at Annapolis, this seventeenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and ninth year of our Independence.

WILLIAM PACA.  
By his EXCELLENCY's command,  
THO. JOHNSON, jun. secr. 4

Just imported, and to be SOLD at  
the Post-office,

FISHING SEINES, and  
Elegant SPRING CLOCKS,  
in mahogany, black ornamental, and  
japan'd cases.

Prince-George's county, September 16, 1784.  
FOR SALE,

TWO plantations adjoining each other, viz. No. 1. Part of Evans's Range, containing 300 acres of good fertile land, within 10 miles of Queen-Anne, 11 to Bladensburg, 22 to Annapolis, and within a few miles of several good grist and saw mills; there are about 30 acres of fine meadow ground, 120 of good wood-land, with plenty of timber, and well watered; the improvements are, a stone dwelling house 32 feet by 18, with a cellar under the whole, a kitchen 18 feet square with a brick chimney, a negro quarter 24 feet by 16 with a stone chimney, a paled garden, 3 tobacco houses, one shedded, and makes good stables; all these buildings are in good repair: there is another dwelling house detached from the former, 24 feet square, with a brick chimney, 3 rooms on a floor, a paled garden and several out houses; few plantations exceed this for fruit of all kinds both in quality and quantity; in a bearing year ten thousand gallons of the best cider may be made; there are 150 cherry trees, and the fruit trees of all sorts are young and thriving. No. 2. Part of Higgins's lot, containing 130 acres of good planting and farming land, well watered, wooded and timbered, with about 9 acres of meadow ground and 40 acres cleared; on it are, a small dwelling house, and a large apple orchard of excellent fruit. If these plantations are not sold at private sale before Monday the 18th of October next, they will on that day be sold at public vendue on the premises; they will be sold together or separately, as may best suit the purchasers; for terms apply to the subscriber, living on the premises.

10/13/9 RICHARD HIGGINS.

September 2, 1784.

To be SOLD to the highest bidder, on Saturday the 31st day of October next, if fair, if not the next fair day (and if not sold before at private sale)

THE subscriber's plantation in Anne-Arundel county, containing 449 acres of land, the soil of which is well known to be remarkably good for tobacco, corn, wheat, rye, oats, &c. at this time there are more than 20 acres well manured, which make it capable of producing a very fine crop of tobacco. This land is conveniently watered by two never failing streams, has wood-land sufficient with care to support it, having now more than 100 acres standing in wood; it is convenient to fix different grist mills, not four miles to South river, where the water is navigable, and a plenty of fish, &c. to be caught; eleven miles from Annapolis, six to Queen-Anne, and twenty seven to Baltimore-town; it is prettily improved, and the situation is both healthy and pleasant. Possession will be given on or before the first day of January next; the title is indisputable; terms of sale will be made known by the subscriber of the day of sale.

10/11/3 THOMAS HENRY HALL.

To the gentlemen late officers in the Maryland line of the army.

THE assistant commissioner appointed to liquidate the accounts of the Maryland line of the army, after every attempt to collect the papers necessary to enable him to effect the business, find the muster-rolls for the year 1781 missing. His not having the pleasure of their personal acquaintance, and being ignorant of their places of residence, compels him to this method of soliciting all officers late commanders of regiments, companies, and others who have the muster rolls (or roll) of the Maryland troops for that year in possession (or have any knowledge where they are or were deposited) that they would be kind enough to transmit them to him at the city of Annapolis by the earliest opportunity, or be pleased to communicate such information on the subject as may appear necessary.

10/11/3 J WHITE, assist. com.

PISCATAWAY RACES.

WILL be run for, on Thursday the 7th day of October next, over the usual course, a PURSE of THIRTY POUNDS, free for any horse, mare, or gelding; heats four miles, carrying weight for age, agreeable to the rules of the Annapolis jockey club.

And on the day following, a PURSE of FIFTEEN POUNDS; heats two miles; free for colts only; four years old to carry one hundred and five pounds, and three years old to carry a feather.

Subscribers to pay one shilling in the pound entrance each day, and non-subscribers double.

The horses must be entered with Mr. John Dye the day preceding the race, and entrance paid, or pay double at the post; three horses to start each day or no race, and to start precisely at 2 o'clock. Any horse winning two clear heats either day will be entitled to the purse. Judges will be appointed to terminate all disputes that may arise.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I intend to apply to the next general assembly, for a law to confirm my title to a tract or parcel of land called Hazard enlarged, lying in Harford county, and conveyed to me by Jacob Rogers and Mary his wife, which said conveyance is defective, for want of an acknowledgment by the said Mary, agreeable to the act of assembly B. E. Hall

AMOS GARRETT.

August 17, 1784.

THIS is to give notice, that there will be a petition presented to the next general assembly, to pass an act to re-establish a warehouse at Cedar-point, and also to establish a warehouse on the land of John Lancaster.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

Prince-George's county, Sept. 8, 1784.  
RAN away on the 2d of this instant from the subscriber, living three miles from Bladensburg, on the road leading to George-town, a negro fellow named JAMES, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, a young luffy fellow; had on when he went away, a striped country cloth jacket, an old cotton shirt, old light coloured wool hat, and a pair of old trousers; it is likely he may call himself Butler if he goes to any strange place, as he is a little a-kin to that family; he has a good coat of wool upon his head, the top of his head is cut short, and all the other part of the wool is left pretty long, turned up before in the fashion. Whoever takes up the said fellow and brings him home to me, shall receive the above reward and travelling charges paid by the subscriber. If not convenient to bring him home, secure him in some goal as I may get him.

10/11/4 GARRARD BOARMAN.

St. Mary's county, August 1784.  
COMMITTED to my custody as a runaway, negro Harry, who says he is the property of one Macklefish, in Frederick county, Maryland. He is a stout well made fellow, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high; it is needless to describe his cloaths, as he has very few, and they are but sorry. The said negro was committed to my custody once before, I think some time last year.

8w 4 SAMUEL ABELL, Sheriff.