

tunately fell. It is said they expect a reinforcement from Carthagen, with which they intend to make a more formidable attack.

It is with singular satisfaction that we observe the firm, consistent, and wary conduct of this government, and their determined resolution to protect and encourage, at all hazards, our infant settlements on the M. to those, which are hourly becoming of dearer consequence to the mother country, and may at some future period, be a thorn in the side of Spain, which no art will be able to cure or extract.

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.

Extract of a letter from an American gentleman in London to his friend in this city, dated February 6, 1785.

"The good people of this country have really set their faces against us, no American bills can be discommodated at the bank of England, without great interest. The bills at Lloyd's have given a heavy blow to our commerce, I mean the story of Algerine cruizers; it is very true, that one American vessel, bound from Cadiz to Boston, was detained by the Barbary cruizers: Application was made by the Dutch ambassador, and every probability of her being speedily released. A few days past, another report was circulated of the Moring star, captain Irwin, being also taken by these vagrants, and entered at Lloyd's; but on its being demanded by what authority it was reported, they refused to give any satisfaction; by this kind of conduct they have prevented any American bottom getting freight. The premiums are raised on them to four guineas per cent. from this or any port in England, eight to ten guineas from Spain or Portugal. A war between the emperor and the Dutch unavoidable, it is now not to be doubted, but a smart campaign will open in April, every prospect of accommodation being done away; the king of the Romans persists in his demands of the Scheid, when the Myneris oppose with the promised assistance of France, who are preparing two camps of 40,000 each, but her politics at this time puzzle all Europe; I should not be surpris'd if Lewis, Joseph, and Frederick, were to make stakes of the provinces, and settle the account after this year among themselves."

It is not a little ludicrous, says a correspondent, that the Spaniards, who are braving both America and England, in the new world, are obliged to beg the mediation of the Turks, to make their peace with the Algerines.

It has been in agitation in South-Carolina, and actually debated in the late session of their assembly, to move the seat of government to a more central spot than Charleston. The adjournment of the house set aside the matter for the present.

A letter from Amsterdam, dated December 21, says, "It is the opinion of most people here, that there will soon be a very hot war between the emperor of Germany and the Hollanders."

We hear from New York, that the honourable John Lewis Geyvais, Esq; has declined accepting of his appointment as one of the commissioners of the board of treasury.

The unfortunate people who were massacred on the island of Ferro, on the 14th of December, 1784, by order of the savage governor, were convicts, ninety-two in number, shipped on board at Dublin, the 17th of the preceding month. But the conduct of the captain of the brigantine Nancy, the vessel in which they sailed, has been grossly misrepresented. It is now beyond a doubt, as appears by the depositions of his crew and passengers, that six of the felons got out of irons, within six hours after they came on board; that they were induced to desert only on perceiving the crew and passengers well armed and prepared for resistance, but not ungers well armed had been fired among them; that about four days after leaving Dublin, they got very sick of the gaol distemper; that two of them died of it, the day before they made the Canary Islands; that they were very mutinous, and often hinted their intention of rising on the captain and crew; that on making Ferro, they absolutely refused to land there; and in fine, that the captain, finding himself and crew in danger from their violence and their distemper, was in his own defence, obliged to comply with their instant desires.

April 18. A gentleman directly from Montreal, reports, that the English are strongly fortifying that place, and daily training their militia. The reason given for these operations is the expectation of a French war; but if we consider the progress of their works at the westward, and the manner they have conducted them in that province since the treaty of peace, the more probable cause will appear to be a design to oppose the claims of the United States to the western posts and the Indian trade.

Henry Hamilton, Esq; lieutenant-governor of Quebec, issued a proclamation, the 9th ult. in the words following: "Whereas it has been represented to me, that an illicit commerce has of late been carried on between the subjects of the neighbouring States of America, and the inhabitants of this province, injurious to the trade of Great-Britain, and contrary to law: I do therefore, by and with the advice of his majesty's council publish this proclamation, hereby strictly prohibiting all such illicit commerce, and notifying to all whom it doth concern, that the several acts of parliament in force in this province for regulating and restraining the plantation trade, will be put in execution according to their true intent and meaning, against all persons who shall presume in any way to contravene the same. And I do hereby require all persons, as well foreigners as subjects, to regulate themselves accordingly."

Kent Island, April 18, 1785.

TAKEN up by the subscriber, about the 20th of last March, in Chesapeake bay, between Baltimore and Annapolis, a small ROW-BOAT, about ten feet keel; she is old and indifferent, and appears to have been in some measure lately repaired, by some new work done to her stern sheets; her stern is torn out, which gives me reason to suppose she broke loose from some vessel. She is now in my possession, and the owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take her away.

JOHN WELLS.

Intendant's office, April 27, 1785.

To be SOLD, on Tuesday the 17th of May next, if fair, if not the first fair day thereafter, at Annapolis, for specie, or specie certificates, payable the first day of January, 1789,

THE wind-mill, and one half of two and three quarters of an acre of land adjoining it. Also two warehouses on the Dock, late the property of Daniel Dulany, son of Walter, confiscated. One fifth of a lot and houses near the said Dock, with several negroes, confiscated property of Daniel Dulany, Esq; son of Daniel, likewise the house lately occupied by Justus Siebert, deceased.

DAN. OF ST. THO. JENIFER, intendant.

Prince-George's county, April 2, 1785.

Some very good lands for sale, and time allowed for payment, if desired.

SEVERAL tracts of rich level lime stone land adjoining to each other, and lying within 2 or 3 miles of that healthy and pleasant place Sheppard's-town, in Berkely county, Virginia, on Patowmack river; the land is full of locust, black walnut, black oak, hickory, and poplar; lies partly on Opecon, the Swan ponds, and Vasmeter's Marsh; the great road to Winchester and Carolina goes through; also the road to the Warm Springs. The tracts all together contain about 1600 acres, but can be conveniently divided; it is about 75 miles to Alexandria, 25 to Frederick-town; the land is very fine for grass, fine tobacco, hemp, wheat, and corn; several small fields and tenements are cleared upon it ready for cropping. There is a good neighbourhood, and every conveniency of grist and saw mills, iron works, and a ready market for every produce; the land lies in the same rich valley with Conococheague, and is every way equal to the best of it, and in a very few years, must greatly increase in value.

Also four small tracts of good land, containing together between 7 and 800 acres, lying near the town of Bath, the Warm Springs in Virginia, partly on the Cape-Capon river, capable of great improvement by law and grist mills, and plenty of fine oak and large pine timber, meadow, and arable and tobacco grounds. The lands lie near and bordering on Patowmack river, and from their situation and soil must every year grow more valuable.

Also several tracts of land lying near Bennett's creek, Bush creek, and Seneca, in Montgomery county, Maryland, containing all together about 1600 to 2000 acres; they lie about 30 miles from George town and Bladenburg, 10 to Frederick, about 40 from Baltimore; the soil makes the finest yellow tobacco, and there is a very great and good range for stock of all kinds.

The very great distress and trouble our country has been engaged in for the last nine years, I have felt most severely, as well as others, and therefore I have not harrassed by law-suits those indebted to me; but as we now enjoy the blessings of peace, a free trade, and a good crop, I earnestly entreat all those any way indebted to me, to contrive me as speedy and as liberal payments as possible, that I may be enabled the more readily, as it is my desire, to perfect my own engagements.

STEPHEN WEST.

Annapolis, April 25, 1785.

Dancing-School.

LOUIS ROUSSELL,

BEGS leave to inform the respectable families of this city, that he intends to open his dancing-school, on Monday the second of May, at the assembly room where he purposes to teach the newest and most approved French and English dances. Days for teaching are on Mondays and Tuesdays, from four o'clock to seven in the evening. He likewise purposes keeping an evening school, for gentlemen that cannot conveniently attend in the day. Those ladies and gentlemen who would not chuse to attend the public school, will be waited upon at their own houses. Mr. Roussell begs leave to assure the public, that attendance and assiduity may be relied on, and that the utmost regard will be paid to decorum.

P. S. The terms, three pounds per quarter, four dollars at entrance and four at the expiration of the quarter.

Annapolis, April 6, 1785.

RICHARD FLEMMING,

TAKES this method of acquainting his old customers and the public in general, that he has moved from the house he lately occupied near the town gate, to that convenient and very pleasantly situated house adjoining the assembly-room, lately built by Mr. Jacob Huit, where he intends to keep an assortment of the best liquors, and every other convenience for the reception of those who may please to favour him with their custom. He also carries on as usual the shoemaking business in its different branches, and doubts not, from his attention to business and earnest endeavours to please, but he will merit the favour of those who have heretofore been pleased to honour him with their commands.

To be LEASED for ninety-nine years, renewable, A NUMBER of lots in the city of Annapolis. For terms apply to CHARLES STEUART, at his store.

On Thursday the 19th of May 1785, WILL be run a match, over the course at Annapolis, between Mr. Bullen's horse Brilliant, and Mr. Bowie's horse Little Davy, four mile heats, for ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS.

On Friday the 20th of May, Will be run for over the same course, a subscription purse of FORTY GUINEAS, free for any horse, mare, or gelding, heats three miles each, four years old to carry seven stone, five years old to carry seven stone ten pounds, six years old eight stone seven pounds, aged nine stone.

On Saturday the 21st of May, A purse of THIRTY POUNDS, free for any horse, mare, or gelding, of three and four years old; four years old to carry seven stone, three years old a feather; heats two miles each.

Any horse winning two clear heats to be entitled to the purse. Three horses to start each day or to the race. Entrance the first day three pounds ten shillings, second day one pound five shillings, to be entered with and pay George Mann the day preceding the race, or pay double entrance at the post, and to start at three o'clock.

Commissioner's-office, Annapolis, April 5, 1785.

THE subscriber has the pleasure of informing the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, that he hopes to be able to begin the delivery of the certificates for their final settlements on the first of June next. He informs the non-commissioned officers and soldiers, that it will be necessary to produce their original discharges to enable them to be settled with; if they are by any accident lost, certificates from an officer, identifying the soldier claiming, &c. must be procured.

He also gives notice, that he has opened a book for the purpose of registering all transfers. Any person possessed of these, must apply, as soon as convenient, before the first of June, that all transfers may be regularly registered. Office hours, from six to eight o'clock in the morning, and from nine till two o'clock in the afternoon.

JOHN HAMILTON, agent for the Maryland line.

THREE POUNDS REWARD.

Annapolis, April 4, 1785. WAS taken away last Friday evening, from Mr. Carroll's bank (where sundry pieces of cannon now lay), a wrought-iron three pounder, and carriage, belonging to the state; it is about 3 feet or 6 inches long, and considerably smaller and lighter than the cast iron guns are of the same bore; there are engraved on it near the touch-hole the letters U. S. the carriage has no wheels to it, being made to run in a slider, and formerly belonged to the barge Defence; it is supposed to be carried off by some people belonging to a small boat from the eastern shore, who had wood and oylers to sell; after they disposed of their cargo they were seen in the afternoon of the same day taking in ballast from the shore near Mr. Toctell's wharf; likewise were seen next morning the marks of their feet from their landing place to where the gun lay. Any person who will give information to the subscriber, to cause the gun be recovered, shall receive four dollars, and for securing the thief four dollars more.

JOHN SHAW.

Montgomery, February 12, 1785.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I intend applying to the next general assembly, for a title to confirm my right to part of a tract of land called Beall's Good-will, containing 261 1/2 acres, the property of the late Henry Hunter, deceased, who devised it to public sale, which was complied with, but the executor's decease before the execution of a deed makes this step necessary to be taken, by

THOMAS MORTON.

TAKEN up as a stray, by Richard Tidings, near Mount Pleasant ferry, a small cow HORSE, about twelve hands and a half high, but no perceivable brand, between eight and ten years of age, has been lately trimmed, and has a standing mane, black head, a small star in his forehead, and is very poor. The owner may have him again proving property and paying charges.

Just imported, and to be SOLD at the Post-office, 24

A FEW elegant SPRING CLOCKS, in mahogany, black ornamental, and japan'd cases.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of the rev. William Hanna, deceased, are requested to bring them in proved according to law, that they may be adjusted and paid, and all persons indebted to the deceased are desired to come and settle with me and discharge their debts.

SARAH HANNA, administratrix.

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VACHEL JOHNSON, administrator.

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