The inhabitants of the province of Main, like those on the western waters, are panting for a separate independent exist and extent of territory—which, from the unwieldiness of their present governments, and too great an extent of dominion, must sooner or later take place.

June 13. We have already mentioned the arrival of the rev. Dr. Nisbet, with his family, in the Alexander, captain Ker, who, in 44 days from Glasgow:—In the same vessel also came passengers, the rev. Mr. Thompson and family, the rev. Mr. Anderson; Dr. Lakeman and family, Miss and Mr. Lady, formerly Miss Watson, of this city, Mrs. Dorson; Mrs. Taylor; and Messrs. Kennedy, Rankin and Breedin: With about 100 other passengers, who are all in good health and spirits. —The Alexander will shortly return to Glasgow.

Extract of a letter from the Hague, dated March 23, to a merchant in London.

"The probability of surrendering the Scheld to the emperor is truly fanciful; we might with equal policy surrender to him Amsterdam and Rotterdam; for of what service would these great commercial towns be to us, if the navigation of the Scheld was opened, which would of course bring back the trade to Antwerp, and render it again the first trading town in Europe?

"We must be reduced to the last extremity before such a surrender can even enter the heads of the most weak and cowardly among us. Joseph must wrest it from us by arms, if ever he becomes sovereign of its mouth; and by arms it is more than probable he will be most totally repulsed.

"Six regiments have received orders to march immediately for Reigniland, where they will be reinforced in a few days with more. Other troops have also orders to begin their march for Maestricht, in order to strengthen that town; and the officers belonging to their several are preparing several thousand stand of arms for our infantry, and accoutrements for one thousand cavalry. All these preparations do not seem to indicate the pacific views of our countrymen. We do not entirely depend upon the assistance to be given us by the French; some we expect from you. What will become of your flourishing trade, if the commodious harbour of Antwerp is opened? You surely do not forget by what means the art of making woollen cloths was first imported into your country, in 1430.

"Had it not been for the persecutions of the manufacturers in that branch by the duke of Alva, you would not have had the arts emigrate from Flanders and Brabant, to the enriching of your country. Under the emperor there is no persecution: he is bent on promoting the interests of his subjects; and the great encouragement he is giving to trade, you may be certain will not be neglected by them. The inhabitants of Brabant will feed large flocks in their territories, and render their woollen manufacture at least a formidable rival to yours, if they do not in time entirely ruin it."

ANNAPOLIS, *June* 23.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE, State of Maryland

On Tuesday and Wednesday (June 7th and 8th, 1785,) the third *anniversary commencement* was held in this seminary, when the following degrees were conferred, viz.

BACHELORS OF ARTS.

Lawson Alexander, Daniel M'Curtin, Levin Gale, Robert Goldsborough, William Hemsley, Samuel Keene, Ebenezer Perkins, and Thomas Worrall.

MASTERS OF ARTS.

Charles Smith, John Scott, William Bordley, William Barroll, and the reverend John Bowie, Dorchester county.

DOCTORS IN DIVINITY.

Rev. John Gordon, Talbot county; rev. William Thomson, Cecil county; rev. Samuel Keene, Caroline county; rev. John Carroll, Montgomery county; rev. Thomas John Clagget, Prince-George's county; rev. William West, rev. John Andrews, Baltimore county; rev. Charles Henry Wharton, New-Castle on Delaware; and the rev. Patrick Allison, Baltimore, D. D. of the university of Pennsylvania, AD EUNDEM in this college.

The public exercises were continued through both days, under the direction of the *rev. Dr. Smith*, as PRINCIPAL; and before a crowded and judicious auditory. Sixteen of the visitors and governors of the college attended during the meeting, among whom was his excellency governor PACA, whose great abilities and zeal for the advancement of literature, in common with the other members of the corporation, were eminently exerted, in their attention to the progress of the students, and in framing necessary rules for the further advancement of the seminary.

Just and well merited applause was given to the youth in general for their manly exhibitions in *oratory* and *composition*. To give an account of the several public exercises and do justice to each particular speaker, would go beyond the bounds allotted to the present account, and may be the subject of some future publication.

On Friday last arrived in this port the brig Rebecca, captain Garrison, from St. Eustatius—A gentleman on board has favoured us with the following:

"On Monday the sixth instant, at about five o'clock in the morning, lat. 34, N. long. 76. 34, W. we saw a sail to windward with colours (supposed to be French) hoisted as a signal of distress, and firing to leeward, we concluded she was really so; at seven we hoisted our colours and laid to, until she came along side; she proved a ship of about twenty guns, with Spanish colours; she hailed us, and demanded from whence we came, and where bound, in a language we could not well understand; but captain Garrison answered, and informed them; they then ordered him to hoist out his boat and come on board; he answered, it looked so bad he could not; what did they want? they said there was war; that they were a king's ship from Lavadecrus, and wanted to search his hold; they then ordered us to hale round to windward while they got out their own boat, which they did in a very little time, and were coming on board with twelve or thirteen men; at the same time we saw as many more going aloft. Captain Garrison immediately ordered his hands to make sail, which they willingly obeyed, the boat seeing our intention, put about, and rowed for the ship again which prevented their firing for some time; after the boat got out of danger they fired and gave chase for about two hours, then hauled their wind and stood to the eastward, but soon after came to."

His Britannic majesty's packet, Halifax, captain Bouderson, will sail with the July mail, on the 6th of that month, from New York for Falmouth.

His excellency James Bowdoin, Esq; is elected governor, and the honourable Thomas Cushing, Esq; lieutenant governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Prince George's county, June 11, 1785.

Will be exposed to public sale, on the premises, on Thursday, the 20th of July next, if fair, if not the next fair day,

A NUMBER of Rock, consisting of horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep, and some household furniture. Six months credit will be given, on giving bond with approved security.

All those who have claims against the estate of captain Thomas Bolt, late of said county, deceased, are requested to bring them in legally proved that they may be settled, and all those who are indebted to the estate are requested to make speedy payment, to

100 7/6 MARY BOLT, executrix.

June 23, 1785.

WHEREAS I have purchased of Nicholas Dorsey, of Anne Arundel county, all those two tracts of parcels of land, lying in the county aforesaid and on Patuxent river, the one called Saint Nicholas Rest, and the other called Matthew's Rest, and have passed my bond to him for £700 current money, being the consideration thereof: and whereas the said Nicholas Dorsey has executed a deed for the conveying the said lands to me and my heirs or assigns, which deed contains a covenant for further assurance or reasonable request to make by me; this is therefore to inform and give notice to all persons whatever, that I have purchased the said lands of the said Nicholas Dorsey, and am in the possession thereof, and do forbid all persons purchasing the said lands.

1 00 7/6 JEREMIAH NEMESER.

Georgetown, June 1, 1785.

WHEREAS my wife Margaret Maguire has absented herself from my bed and board, I do hereby forewarn all persons from dealing with her on my account, as I will not pay any debts of her contracting.

I Wm Deakins jun PAT. MAGUIRE.

June 20, 1785.

STRAYED or STOLEN,

FROM Balt. Brooke's, in Montgomery county, the 15th instant, at night, three horses, viz. one about fourteen hands and a half high, six years old, a good bay, has no white about him except saddle spots, rather slender, trots mostly, has been docked and carries his tail well; another about fourteen hands and an inch high, a yellow bay, ten years old, with a blaze that comes down to a point on his nose, has three white feet, many saddle spots near his withers, a switch tail, and high hip bones, paces and trots; the last is a good bay, about thirteen hands and a half high, six years old, and well made, has a long mixed star and three white feet, a switch tail, and trots altogether. They were in good plight for traveling, and have been used to draw; the last had all shoes before except the last, which had lately lost one of his, and each was branded on the near buttock T P, but the P on one or more of them not quite plain. Whoever conveys them to the said Balt. Brooke, or gives information so that I get them again, shall receive six dollars reward, and more in proportion if the distance exceeds twenty miles. They will probably aim for Virginia, near Richmond, where they belong. 6 w 3

100 7/6 THOMAS PLEASANTS.

George-town, April 28, 1785.

THE subscribers being empowered by the assignees of Messrs. Clement Biddle, and Co. to settle and adjust the affairs of that concern in this state, earnestly request those who are citizens and have claims against the said concern to bring them in, likewise those indebted are desired to make immediate payment. 6 w

5 JAMES M. LINGAN,
WILLIAM B. MaGRUDER.

Houses and lots for sale.

March 23, 1785.

To be SOLD by the subscriber, at private sale,

THREE very valuable houses and lots, standing on Prince-George's street, one of the most commodious and convenient streets for trade of any in the city of Annapolis. For terms apply to the subscriber. 10 THOMAS RUTLAND.

Imported by the subscribers, in the last ships from Europe,

A LARGE and general assortment of goods, suitable to the season, which they will sell at their store on the Dock, in Annapolis, at wholesale and retail, for cash, bills of exchange, and tobacco, or any certificates liquidated under the acts of assembly of Maryland, or paper money now in circulation.

THOMAS and BENJAMIN HARWOOD.

N. B. They request those who had goods last summer of them, on credit, to make immediate payment. 3

THERE is at the plantation of Talbot Shipley, in Anne-Arundel county, about three miles from Hood's tavern, between Baltimore and Frederick, taken up as a stray, a dark bay horse, about sixteen years old, not branded, about thirteen hands high, and goes lame. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

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Intendant's-office, April 28, 1785.

AS many purchasers of confiscated British property, for the emissions of June 1780 and the emission of May 1781, neglected to give bond before the first day of this month, agreeably to the directions of the act to establish funds, &c. such debtors as are able to pay, are liable to immediate suit, and judgments can be obtained the first court, and executions thereon issue to compel the payment of the money due the state in the money contracted for: The intendant of the revenue, desirous to avoid bringing suits, if the intention of the act can be complied with, and substantial justice can be done without, gives notice to such debtors who have not given bond, that if they will pay to the treasurer of the western shore, on or before the 10th day of July next, in specie, or in the emissions of June 1780 (commonly called state, and state continental) one sixth of the sums due from them respectively, that they shall, on giving bond before the said 10th day of July next, with security for the residue, including interest to the first day of September last, have credit until the first day of January, 1788; and they may discharge such residue of their debts in specie certificates issued by this state. All debtors who do not comply with this offer, will be immediately after the said 10th day of July, without any distinction. 6 w 5

DAN. OF ST THO JENIFER, intendant of the revenue.

Intendant's-office, April 28, 1785.

THERE appearing to be about the sum of twenty thousand pounds of the emissions of June 1780 including interest, commonly called state and state continental paper money, in circulation, more than the amount of bills to be given in for the purpose of the emission; it becomes the duty of the intendant to secure the payment of which bills, by an act to establish funds, &c. directs, that after the first day of June next, a draught shall be made of bills taken for the redemption of the emission of May 1781, and of the bond taken in virtue of the said act for property sold, and not bonded for before the act passed; but in order the debtors may avoid a draught, if the return of the bills to the amount aforesaid can be secured in any other manner, repositories to all those who have bonds in the office is to a draught as aforesaid, that the balance aforesaid directed to be secured, be paid by the 10th day of July next, into the treasury, by the debtors, in proportion to their several debts, in specie, or the said bills. This will require about one eighth of the sum due to be paid. It, therefore, the said debtors, before the day above mentioned, pay into the treasury one eighth of their debts respectively, in place of the bills aforesaid, and the sum paid in is equal to the balance to be secured as aforesaid or nearly so, the intendant will apply the same, with such other means as may be in his power, to the purpose aforesaid; and the debtors to the state will be relieved from the hazard of a draught, which might be very distressing to individuals, though the contribution made by all will make the burthen very light, by being divided; and if there should not be a sufficient sum for the purpose aforesaid made up by the debtors, with the other means in the intendant's power, by the day aforesaid, and a draught must take place, then those who do pay into the treasury, in consequence of this notice, shall have their money returned, and must stand their chance of being draughted, as the intendant has no power to excuse any individual, if there is a draught. 6 w

DAN. OF ST. THO. JENIFER, intendant of the revenue. 5

Annapolis, June 1, 1785.

THE subscriber, having been duly appointed to succeed the late Mr. Nourse as commissioner to settle the accounts between the United States and the state of Maryland, and the individuals thereof, hereby gives notice, that he has opened an office for that purpose at the state house in this city, where attendance will be given from six to eight o'clock in the morning and from nine to two o'clock in the afternoon. All claimants will take notice, that their accounts or abstracts of their demands must be presented to this office within twelve months from the above date, or they will be precluded from the benefit of a settlement, except at the treasury board of the United States. It is expected no account will be presented without proper vouchers, in order to prevent delay and disappointment. 6 w

2 JOHN WHITE, commissioner.

April 15, 1785.

Will be sold to the highest bidder, at Leesburg, on the second Monday in July,

A VALUABLE plantation, containing 1[illegible] acres, situated within 25 miles of Dumfries, Colchester, or Alexandria, and on the road leading from either place to Leesburg. A great part of the plantation is fine tobacco land and there is none but what is good for farming, and well timbered. The payments will be made easy to the purchaser. The above land may be had at private sale. 6 w

4 JOHN MONROE.

June 12, 1785.

THE public sale of the subscribers lands, in Calvert county, is postponed until Thursday the 21st day of July next, when it will certainly be, in Lower Marlborough, at twelve o'clock, on the terms heretofore advertised, unless before disposed of by private sale, of which timely notice will be given, by

CLEMENT SMITH,
PAT. SIM. SMITH.

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