

13. They shall have the privilege of making such laws for the regulation of their trade as they think proper.

14. His majesty shall protect and defend the said company even by force of arms. He shall furnish it with such officers and sailors as its occasions shall require, and gives up to them his warehouses, docks, &c. in the ports of the East and India.

15. It shall be entirely mercantile, and not be subjected to the expence nor embarrasments of sovereignty, which remain the former.

Extract of a letter from Falmouth, April 19.

At a time when four footed animals are taught to equal, if not exceed, the human race in the deep sciences, it must give you pleasure to hear of a new importation of the most extraordinary nature, and to which I am an eye-witness, otherwise you might doubt the authenticity of the following information. Just arrived here with crowded sails the brig Nostra Signora de Magdalena, from Lisbon; she narrowly escaped a light frigate sent after her, with a number of officers of the holy inquisition on board, in order to bring the sightseers, &c. dead or alive, before the dreadful tribunal, on suspicion of witchcraft, or as the warrant declares, for having entered into express compact with the devil and his angels. Emanuel Pedro de Silva, proprietor of the animals, makes the following declaration, "that though the defendant of a noble and rich family in Portugal, yet by the earthquake at Lisbon, and other causes, he was obliged early in life to shift for himself, and to turn his and mine driver between Lisbon and Madrid; that by a long acquaintance with the deity of these animals, he at his leisure taught them what was deemed supernatural in Portugal, and of consequence brought down the wrath of the holy inquisition on him. Death in the most cruel manner would have been his lot, if fortunately he had not made his escape to this land of freedom. Emanuel Pedro de Silva has brought over with him seven large asses, of the true dapple breed, from Salamanca, and declares with confidence, that one of them shall play any piece of music put before him on the piano forte, equal to the most expert Italian performer; another tells fortunes to the die; a third finds out stolen goods; a fourth touches the fandango on the harp, and the rest dance to music; the fifth blows the French horn incomparably; the sixth and seventh dance to a miracle on the tight rope."

It is said that 10,000 stand of arms, 40,000 ball cartridges, and a large train of heavy artillery, were shipped some days ago on board an armed transport, destined for the Matiguito shore.

Three regiments of soldiers are ordered to be embarked on board merchantmen, in the course of a few days for the West-Indies.

A lady of high rank, with a ducal alliance, in an unaccountable paroxysm, sent for her lord into her dressing room, and informed him that she had long been faithful to his bed, and at the same time delivered him a pretty numerous list of fashionable gallants, with whom she had imprudently sacrificed. Her astonished lord at first conceived it only an effusion of insanity; but her ladyship persisting in her self accusation, he was at length convinced, and a private divorce has been the consequence; since which the unfortunate devotee is said to have more than once attempted her own destruction!

According to letters from Gibraltar, by a ship arrived at Portsmouth in 22 days, the Algerines have commenced hostilities against the British flag, by the capture of two ships which they have carried into port, the English consul at Leghorn having intelligence thereof, made it known to commodore Lindley, who sent a sloop to inquire into the circumstance, and to demand a restoration, but having received no answer, a second application was intended.

KINGSTON, (Jamaica) May 11.

The American company of comedians, now at Montego Bay, have already began their benefits, intending to embark for the continent in about six weeks.

PHILADELPHIA, June 24.

We are told, that a gentleman who lately went to England from Boston, and carried with him continental securities to a very large amount, which he purchased at about 35. in the pound, had the good fortune to dispose of them on the other side of the water at only 5 per cent. discount on the sums specified on the face of the bills.

June 25. On the 22d instant, Congress passed a resolution, that three commissioners be appointed to examine the receipts and expenditures of the late superintendent of finance, and report thereon; and that three commissioners be appointed annually to examine and report on the receipts and expenditures of the board of treasury of the United States.

Perhaps there is no measure more indispensably necessary here, than the imposition of some extra duty upon transient persons, by which they may be compelled to contribute to the support of the state, to the diminution of whose wealth they contribute so effectually. It is pretty evident that of the specie which has been drained from these states since the peace, one half, at least, has been carried away by those transient adventurers, who slip away with all the money they can gather, before the collection of the taxes comes on, and thus defraud the state of its just right. Quere. Ought not persons of this description to be obliged to give security for the payment of their quota of the taxes of the state? Transient persons, in the Bahama Islands, pay two per cent. more than those persons established there: whereas here they mostly pay nothing.

Extract of a letter from Danville, in Kentucky, dated May 31, 1785.

"Our second convention has met, and now sitting. They have resolved on making application to the legislature of Virginia for an act of separation at their next session; and a petition is now drawing up for that purpose, which will be read in the convention this day. An address will also be handed out to the people, on the expediency of the measure.

"Several late acts of the Virginia assembly, which operate grievously on this district, have anticipated the application at an earlier period than was generally thought of; though perhaps it may be better for us in the end.

"This new state is to be called 'The Commonwealth of Kentucky,' and by computation contains at this time 30,000 souls; but before a separation can take place it will be vastly increased.

"The savages still continue to do mischief, though chiefly about the Ohio river; but it is not of any considerable consequence."

Extract of a letter from Charleston, South Carolina, dated June 4, 1785.

"The present scarcity of coin has made this place become dismal; for there is nothing now talked of but the want of money: indeed our old merchants are almost ruined for want of it. No crops last year from our planters, and very little hopes this year; so that God only knows what will become of them. British merchants will be, I am afraid, the ruin of not only this state, but all America; for every duty advantage they can take, they eagerly catch at. I wish, and am in hopes, the people will not remain long dormant; for it is now time to rouse and send their ministerial agents and factors from amongst us."

On Monday afternoon last, the house of captain John Harrison, near Poo's-landing, in the Northern-Liberties, was struck with lightning. The lightning appears to have descended by the kitchen chimney till the crane at the fire place arrested its course; from the end of the crane it passed through the arm of a lad, who was sitting near the fire, and gave him so severe a shock that it left him senseless, but with proper application he is since recovered; then being attracted by some flat-irons in the room where the boy was struck, some other of them received any hurt, except Mrs. Harrison, who was thrown from the chair on which she was sitting and fell to the right effects of the shock.

About the same time two or three other houses in the Northern-Liberties were slightly hurt by the lightning; in one of them two girls were struck, each with, but soon after recovered.

June 28. Last Saturday arrived here, the ship Van Berekel captain Campbell, in six weeks from Amsterdam. Letter of the 10th of May received by this vessel, mentions that although negotiating and other preparations for war were then carried on, yet they were in great haste and expectation that the negotiations for peace would terminate happily; but we have no particulars of these interesting affairs.

We hear that on Thursday last Congress, pursuant to the resolution of the 7th of March last, proceeded to the election of a minister plenipotentiary to succeed Mr. Jay, at the court of the United Netherlands; and the ballot being taken, William Livingston, Esq; was elected. His excellency William Livingston, Esq; the present governor of New-Jersey; a gentleman in high esteem for his many patriotic and unweary exertions.

Congress also proceeded to the election of a deputy secretary of Congress, and the ballots being taken, Mr. Roger Olden was elected.

By the Bahama Gazette, dated the 11th instant, we find the utmost discontent prevails among the British merchants and loyalists, who oppose the collection of taxes, which they say are oppressive, and unconstitutional, imposed upon them, by an illegitimate assembly.

In the Christian's Gazette of the 11th inst. are advertised the sales of the ship Polly (or rewrite the Friends) and the brig Ruth, with their respective cargoes, consisting of lumber, condemned in the court of vice-admiralty of that island, for breach of the laws of trade.

Accounts from Fitzburgh just received, say, that some of the four emigrants have taken up the hatchet against the United States.

Every man in America, who, either from motives of self-interest, or the more extended motives of patriotism and philanthropy, feels himself affected in the situation of these rising republics, must sincerely rejoice, that the principal states in the union entertain, at length, a just idea of the only radical cure that can possibly be applied to our troubles; that is, to invest Congress with a power of regulating our trade. To lay on duties to counteract the exorbitant and impolitic duties, whose influence, like that of a malignant comet, has operated so banefully throughout the states.

Recent letters from Europe inform us, that the Pope has opened two ports, Civita Vecchia on the Mediterranean sea, and Ancona, on the Adriatic gulph, for the admission of vessels belonging to the United States of America, on terms of perfect reciprocity; and has, moreover, nominated persons at each of these ports, to render every necessary service to those Americans who may arrive there; stipulating only, that the subjects of the papacy shall meet with similar friendly treatment, in the ports of the United States. We are informed that application on the above subject, for the purpose of opening a new vent for the New-England cod-fish, was made by the American commissioners in Europe, to the Pope's nuncio at Paris, who transmitted an account of the proposition to his sovereign, by whom he was empowered to conclude the business as above mentioned.

June 27, 1785.

To be sold for gold or silver, on the premises, agreeable to the last will and testament of David Steward, to the highest bidder, on Thursday the 18th of August next, if fair, if not the next fair day.

A TRACT of land called Roper Gray, lying in Anne Arundel county, on Patuxent river, near Mr. Hopkins's mill, containing two hundred and forty acres, whereon is a good dwelling house, kitchen, tobacco house, and sundry other out-houses, a fine young apple orchard, and sundry other fruit trees; the land is level, well watered and wooded, the soil very good for tobacco, corn, and small grain. Twelve months credit will be given, on paying one fourth of the purchase money, and giving bond on interest with security for the other three parts. The title to the land is indisputable.

JOSEPH DUVALL,  
MARY MAYO,  
ELIZBETH WATERS.

Calvert county, July 6, 1785.  
Pursuant to the last will and testament of Mr. John Chew, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, will be sold, at public sale, on Wednesday the 10th day of August,

A VALUABLE tract of land called Sankly, in the county aforesaid, about four miles from Herring-bay, and about five miles from Pig-point; the soil rich and as level as any lands in that neighbourhood, and has a sufficiency of wood; upon the said land is a good dwelling house with three rooms upon the lower floor, and as many above, a good kitchen, two tobacco houses, and other convenient buildings, a valuable young apple orchard, and a variety of other fruit trees. One sixth part of the purchase money to be paid down, and for the residue bond is to be given by the purchaser at the time of sale, with two sufficient and approved securities, payable in the following manner, to wit, one third in two years, one other third in four years, and the remaining third in six years from the date of the said bond, and the interest of the whole to be paid annually, and in case of failure in paying the interest, the suit will be brought for the whole. Possession will be delivered upon the terms of sale being complied with.

At the same time and place will be sold, about seven or eight valuable negroes, all the houses, cattle, sheep, hogs, furniture, and utensils, belonging to the said estate, on the following terms, one third of the money to be paid in two months, one other third in four months, and the remaining third in six months. Bond with approved security will be required, and must be given before the property is delivered.

All persons having claims against the estate are desired to bring them in order to their adjustment, and all those indebted to said estate are desired to make immediate payment, otherwise suits will be brought without respect to persons.

SAMUEL CHEW, executor.

Talbot court-house, July 4, 1785.

To be LEI, for a term of years, THE plantation of the subscriber, now in possession of Clement Holyday, Esq; with six working negroes; it contains about three hundred and twelve acres; the soil good and situation healthy and pleasant, and convenient to one of the best markets for the seller in the United States; there will be a quantity of wheat sowed this fall. Possession will be given the first day of January next. No person need apply who will not give approved security for payment of the rents and performance of the covenants to be made, if required. For terms apply to Mr. Thomas Hyde, in Annapolis, or to the subscriber.

DAVID KERR.

WHEREAS I made over a tract of land, lying on Little Choptank river, in Dorchester county, to William Steele, for which I received his bond, which he never discharged, and who since died insolvent; I therefore do give this public notice, that I intend to petition the general assembly for an act to pass, confirming my title to the said tract of land.

ROBERT WILSON.

June 28, 1785.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Dr. John Anthon Smith, late of this county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment, otherwise suits will be commenced without respect to persons.

JOSEPH SPRIGG.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

June 17, 1785.

RAN away, this morning, from the subscriber, a negro man named JEM, about twenty two years old, a short well made fellow, of a yellowish complexion, and is rendered very remarkable from a burn he received when a child in his left hand, which is much contracted, and the first and second fingers in healing the wound are closed together as far as the middle joint; had on a kersey wove country cloth over jacket, white broad cloth under shirt, a snabrig shirt, and leather breeches. Whoever takes up said negro and delivers him to the subscriber, he secures him in any goal so that I get him again, shall receive if taken ten miles from home eight dollars, if twenty sixteen dollars, and if fifty the above reward, paid by

EDWARD ANDERSON.

It is supposed he has made for Baltimore, or for some other place, as his connections are in those places.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition will be presented to the next general assembly, for a law to direct the recording a deed of conveyance from Jonathan Shuter to Daniel Kent, of Calvert county, for part of a lot of land lying in Lower Marlborough, in said county.