

By the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS assembled, February 23, 1785.

RESOLVED, That the quartermaster-general, commissary of purchases, commissary of stores, commissary of forage, and all the late heads of departments, or their successors or agents, be required without delay, to forward to the board of treasury or to the comptroller, a list of their respective deputies who have been duly authorized to issue certificates, that the heads of departments, and each of their deputies who have not settled their accounts, and all other persons who have issued certificates of debts due by the United States, to receive certificates, and certificates of final settlement excepted, be required forthwith to deliver to the board of treasury, or to some commissioner of accounts in the state where such persons reside, a fair abstract of all the certificates which they have issued, and they shall specify those certificates or which they have taken receipts as for cash paid, and a copy of those abstracts shall be transmitted by the board of treasury to the several commissioners of accounts, to whom they may be of use in detecting frauds.

That a copy of these resolutions be published in the gazettes or public newspapers of the several states, and that if any person or persons be required as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect for the space of two months from their publication, to deliver a full and just account of the certificates, he or they have issued, the board of treasury, or in case it is not at the time organized, the comptroller, shall take proper steps for causing him or them to be prosecuted according to law.

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of accounts be instructed, to be careful how they admit charges against the United States, on certificates which are not duly supported by the authority of congress, and the accounts of the officers who have issued them.

CHARLES THOMSON, secretary.

An ACT for the discovery of confiscated British property.

BE it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the intendants of the revenue be authorized and required, at any time before the first day of January next, to call on all persons having confiscated British property in their possession, or the title papers thereof or relating thereto, to discover and make known, and deliver up the same; and if the said intendants has probable and good ground to suspect, that any person holds the same in trust for any British subject, or conceals the same, or any deeds, writings or evidence of the title to such property, he may and shall direct the attorney general to file a bill in the high court of chancery, on behalf of this state, for the discovery of such trust or concealed property, and for delivering up such deeds, writings, and evidence of title to the same, and thereupon proceedings shall be had, and decree made, according to the rules of the high court of chancery in such cases.

And be it enacted, That if any person having possession of any confiscated British property, and not having a fair claim of title thereto, or having obtained the possession of any property formerly belonging to any British subject, in virtue of any gift, grant, sale, devise, or conveyance, made or executed since the nineteenth of April seventeen hundred and seventy-five, and before the first of December seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, by any person declared to be a British subject by the act to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, with intent and design to cover and protect such property from confiscation, or by any conveyance, gift, grant, sale or devise, made since the first of December seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, by any person declared a British subject as aforesaid, not bona fide in pursuance of some contract or agreement made before that day in writing, or for the just payment of a debt due before that day by the person making such grant, conveyance or sale, to the person receiving the same, and shall not discover the same property, and the circumstances under which the same is held, and deliver up the same and the title papers thereof to the intendants of the revenue, by the first day of January in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, such person shall forfeit one fourth of the value of the property; and if any person having possession of any such property shall voluntarily discover the same, the intendants shall have full power and authority to sell the same to such person at a reasonable price, secured to be paid to this state, and after the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-six, the intendants, on waving the penalty, may direct a bill to be filed as aforesaid, against any person having possession of such property.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT of land, containing about 1300 acres, which will be disposed of by the whole tract, or laid off in convenient lots, as will best suit those who are inclined to purchase; the land is situated near the Fork of Patuxent, about 16 miles from Annapolis, 18 from Baltimore, and 6 from the Indian Landing; it is well adapted to farming or planting, is well timbered, and has the advantage of more than 100 acres of meadow ground, which can be improved at a small expence, as above 60 acres are cleared and ditched; the soil and improvements will be shown by the overseer on the place, and the terms may be known, by applying to the subscriber, in Annapolis, JAMES STEUART.

THERE is at the plantation of Benedict Calvert, Esq about three miles from the Wood-yard, taken up as a Bray, a dark bay GELDING, about fifteen hands high, appears to be five or six years old, has a slip and a long tail. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

The subscriber has just imported a large and extensive assortment of books, stationery, jewelry, &c.

AMONG which are, books in history, biography, poetry, voyages, and travels, &c. medical, philological, and political, with a great collection of novels, most of them in elegant bindings; folio, quarto, octavo, and pocket volumes; English and French prayer book; manuals, hymns, psalters, &c. large and small testaments; Dilworth's, Dyches, Watts's, and Fulkers's spelling books; Wettenhall's Latin and Greek grammars; Brightland's, Priestley's, Greenwood's, and other English grammars; Johnson's, Bailey's, and Dyches's, and other dictionaries; superfine thick and thin folio and quarto post, thick and thin gilt and black edge ditto, foolscap, and pot writing paper; blue and demy blotting and brown paper; large royal broad folio, medium, demy, and foolscap ledgers, ruled and plain, with proper alphabets, bound in rough calf; long and broad folio, quarto, demy, and foolscap account books; common place books, neatly bound and clasped; demy and foolscap, long and broad, ruled and plain, tomo and quart; wane and day books, in marble covers; demy and foolscap red leather memorandum books, ruled and plain, interleaved, &c. large and small superfine message cards; demy and foolscap paper cases; large and small drawing and copy books; palette board files; marble palettes; lead note presses, round and flat rulers; paint shells and painting brushes; square and round pewter and lead ink stands; ivory and polished sea horse ink pots; large and best English and Dutch pens and quills; large and small files, with slate pencils; a great variety of the most fashionable and superb large and small gentlemen and ladies ewee cases, with silver edges and locks; demy and foolscap red Morocco and black Liverpool drop pocket books; alms skin memorandum books of various sizes; gentlemen and ladies writing and shaving boxes; black leather pocket ditto; fine razors and razor strops; shaving boxes, with fine scented soap; black hair ribbon and pins; fine tortoise shell and other large and small tooth combs; tooth pick cases and brushes; fine enamelled with cut glass smelling bottles; nutmeg graters, and needle case ditto; elegant tortoise shell and fine polished leather silver mounted snuff boxes; paper and japan'd ditto; a great variety of ladies set and paste shoe buckles; gentlemen's set kn e ditto; paste braai pins; gold lockets, rings, and ear-rings; gold and silver veltim lace; elegant gold and silver spangled buttons; sleeve ditto; gilt and fine steel watch chains, and seas with elegant cyphers; cane strings; fine riding silk purses; gentlemen's fine beaver gloves; plated shoe and knee buckles; metal and punchbeck ditto; plated and steel spurs; fine ivory and black horn table knives and forks; legar nippers; fine pen knives with cases; scissars; temple spectacles; cork-feraws, &c. a great variety of condensed red and green Morocco pumps; little histories, &c. drawing instruments with surgeons lancets; German files and instruators for ditto; towing pieces, and silver mounted pistols; elegant aquintoes, muzzintoes, and engraved prints, some of them executed in a masterly manner; charts of the Chesapeake bay, and maps of North-America on cloth and framed; a great assortment of plays and farces; fine shining patent, blacking cakes; buckle brushes; fishing hooks and lines; gentlemen's elastic hat bands; lawyers red tape; black lead pencils; superfine sealing wax and waters; gold leaf, &c.

N. B. Binding in all its various branches, port folios of all sorts and sizes executed in a neat and elegant manner, and on the shortest notice, by S. C.

Talbot court-house, July 4, 1785.

To be LET, for a term of years, THE plantation of the subscriber, now in possession of Clement Hollyday, 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.

WANTS A PLACE, A YOUNG man, who writes a good hand, can keep accounts, and would willingly engage as a clerk to a store, or the tuition of children in a private family, or the teaching of a public school. Apply to the printers.

THERE is at the plantation of Benjamin Morris, in Prince-George's county, taken up as a stray, a small bay MARE, about twelve hands high, has a small star in her forehead, some white hairs on her back, as if she had been much galled with the saddle, and branded on the near thigh R. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

Chester-town, August 26, 1785. To be SOLD by the subscriber, at PUBLIC VENDUE, on the 30th day of September next,

TWO houses and lots in Chester-town, situated in the most public part of the town, viz. one a corner brick house, two stories high, with three rooms in the lower story and four in the upper, a good dry cellar under the whole house, bounded by Main or High-street on one side, and Queen's street on the other, with a stone house adjoining, which forms the kitchen and a convenient family dining room, composing all together a building on High-street of 64 feet front, and running on Queen's-street, with the ground belonging thereto, 92 feet, and back 90 feet. There are also a good framed stable and carriage-house, and stone smoke house on the said lot, all in good repair. The other lot is 92 feet in front on Queen's-street, running back 100 feet, has on the said street a brick house, two stories high, with two rooms in the lower and three in the upper, with a good framed kitchen, under which is a good dry cellar; there are also on the premises a carriage-house and stable. These houses and lots will be sold on the following terms, and may be delivered to the purchasers on the first day of January next, viz. one sixth part of the purchase money on delivering of possession; bonds on interest from the first of January next, with approved security, will be taken for the balance, payable in two equal payments, the first on the 10th day of October in the year 1786, and the last on the 10th day of October in the year 1787.

THOMAS SMYTH.

FOR SALE,

A VALUABLE plantation, lying on Patowmack river, and south side of Piscataway creek, about 7 miles from the flourishing town of Alexandria, containing 304 acres, more or less; the quality of this land is equal if not superior to any in this part of the country, nearly the whole being level, with wood sufficient to support it with care for a great number of years, about 41 acres of excellent meadow may be made with very little trouble or expence; this beautiful and fertile spot is almost surrounded with water, where fish and fowl in their different seasons may be taken in abundance through the year, many other advantages attend the situation of this valuable feat of land too tedious to mention. I have likewise 150 acres of wood land, within one mile of the above tract, which I will sell together or separate, as may be found most advantageous. One thousand pounds is expected will be paid down, or within a very short time, and five years credit will be given for the remainder, upon bond with approved security. If the above lands are sold, there will be offered for sale, a number of likely country born slaves, likewise horses, cattle, hogs, and plantation utensils.

J. H. BEANES.

Intendants-office, September 2, 1785.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons indebted to the state of Maryland, that do not pay the interest due upon their bonds by the last day of October, that execution shall issue agreeably to the directions of the act for the emission of bills of credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds, on the security of double the value in lands, &c.

DAN OF ST. THO JENIFER, intendants of the revenue

August 13, 1785.

THE creditors of Mr. John Chew, of Anne-Arundel county, lately deceased, are desired to take notice, that there will not be a sufficient estate to pay all his debts; they are therefore requested to exhibit their demands as soon as possible, that the executor may know their degree and quality, and proceed to pay in the legal order, as far as he has effects; as he wishes the creditors whose claims are of equal quality, to draw a proportionable part, and thereby relieve him from the disagreeable necessity of preferring one to the other, he submits to them the propriety of meeting together and agreeing upon an equal distribution. The executor will meet the creditors the third Saturday in September next, at the late dwelling house of the deceased.

S. CHEW, executor.

THE subscriber having furnished himself with the best materials for carrying on the stay-making business, begs leave to inform his good old customers and others, that the business is carried on by the same person as before the war, namely, Richard Littlemore, where orders for stays will be thankfully received and carefully executed by their humble servant,

CHARLES LANSDALE.

Orders left at the post-office Annapolis, stores in Queen Anne, Upper Marlborough, Port-Tobacco, Allen's Fresh, Newport, Choptico, Mr. James Jordan's, Head of Clements-bay, Leonard-town, the post offices at Alexandria, Bladensburg, and Georgetown, or the subscriber's house at Piscataway, will be punctually complied with.

CHARLES LANSDALE.