

...to from the menaces and the arrests of our... they have made an experiment.

...of a squadron of ships being order... has been differently taken about. That... and we understand the occasion... follows: The ministry have intelligence, that a number of ships are actually equipping in great numbers at other ports, with the design of proceeding to the East Indies, and they therefore properly have determined to send out a squadron of observation. Commodore Gower will take the command, and the ships are ordered to spithead to be ready to sail when he comes round in the Hebe. This is the report.

Letters from Portsmouth of yesterday advise, that admiral Montague went out to spithead on Saturday last, in the Queen of 50 guns, accompanied by three other men of war; that three others followed him on Monday, and that he was to be joined by three more, which had orders to sail as yesterday for that purpose. Lord Howe is expected down to review these ships, and orders are received for fitting out six sail more of the line with all possible expedition. The Frigate, of 50 guns, is preparing to return to the Mediterranean with commodore Coiby, who certainly succeeds Sir J. Lindlay. The St. George, of 28 guns, will be launched in October next, and not before.

Aug. 5. The fleet at Spithead is designed only for a short cruise; perhaps only to manœuvre the ships; perhaps to observe the motions of France; but at any rate not to provoke, nor to bring on, any question with our rival nation. Those who know our condition are sensible that we cannot covet war; and intelligent men are sensible that there is a very good reason why France will not pull us to one. The prince will continue aloft during the cruise, and will be made a post-captain on his arrival.

Without pretending to say whether the French lugger's refusing to salute a British frigate, or the late royal arrest, was meant as an insult to this kingdom, the arrival of our ambassador from that court, just on the eve of those transactions, has the appearance that all is not right, and speculative men will draw conclusions, perhaps contrary to the real state of affairs; but when there is such a combination of events, they ought not to be condemned, if their fears induce them to take the gloomy side.

Extract of a letter from Paris, July 24.

“On Friday last a man walked across the Seine, in sight of above 100 persons, beyond the bridge of Neuilly, opposite Suresne; he made his passage in 11 minutes: he stopped three or four times when he was in the middle of the river. He had on his feet a sort of cork boots, and did not sink lower in the water than to mid-leg.”

### Lands at Private Sale.

To be SOLD by the subscriber, at private sale, TWO very valuable tracts of land, situate and lying as follows, viz: one on the Head of South river, within three miles of navigable water on said river, and about the same distance from the river Patuxent, containing about 800 acres, well adapted for corn, wheat, or tobacco, and particularly the latter, it is well watered and timbered, and has a very good mill stream running through it; some meadow ground, and much more may be made; its improvements are, an exceeding good dwelling house with three large rooms on each floor, a kitchen and quarter, corn house, stable, tobacco house, two very fine apple orchards, together with a number of other very valuable fruit trees.

One other tract, containing nearly the same quantity of acres, lying within five miles of the above, situate in the fork of the river Patuxent, and commonly known by the name of the Fork Quarter, or Davall's Range; several saw mills might be erected to great advantage, it being better wooded than any land within many miles; at least 200 acres of very excellent meadow may be made; its improvements are, a dwelling house, quarter, corn house, stable, tobacco house, and two apple orchards. No person need apply that cannot pay down at least two thirds of the purchase money for either of the above tracts of land; for the remaining third part twelve months credit will be allowed, on giving bond with approved security.

THOMAS RUTLAND.

Will be SOLD at VENDUE, on the deceased John Sanders's plantation, at Newport, the first of November next, and continued until all are sold.

FOURTEEN valuable country born negroes, all the stock and household furniture thereon, by WILLIAM LEIGH, for ANNE SANDERS, administratrix.

N. B. The terms will be made known on the day of sale.

State of Maryland, September 27, 1785.

ALL persons having any claims against the estate of Joshua Sanders, late of Charles county, deceased, either by bond, note, or open account, are requested to send them in, and those indebted are desired to make immediate payment, to WILLIAM LEIGH, for ANNE SANDERS, administratrix.

Somerset, September 1, 1785.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition will be preferred to the next general assembly, to lay out a new road beginning at Samuel Smith's, on the road leading from Back creek to Stevens's ferry, thence through the swamp between the lands of Samuel Smith and William Miles, Nehemiah King and William Mitchell, David Wilton and Jesse King, till it intersects the road leading from Miles's mill up the Pocofin's.

October 8, 1785.

TO be SOLD, on Tuesday the 18th instant, at Mr. George Mann's tavern, for cash, £. 2500 specie certificates.

EPHRAIM HOWARD of Henry, JOHUA HOWARD.

executors of JAMES HOWARD.

St. Mary's county, October, 1785.

To be SOLD on the premises, to the highest bidder, agreeable to the last will and testament of Hugh Hopewell, deceased, on the third Friday in November next, if fair, if not the next fair day.

A VERY valuable tract of land, situated on Patuxent river, in St. Mary's county, containing upwards of 500 acres, four miles from the mouth of Patuxent, and adjoining Town creek; on the land are a large cow house, and several other houses convenient for three families; its prospect and situation for fish and oysters are equal to any on Patuxent river; there are about 200 acres in cultivation, and upwards of 300 well wooded and timbered; there may be erected a very good water mill at a small expence, as there formerly stood a mill, and nothing is now wanting but the house; the plantation is in good repair, and immediate possession will be given. Four or five years credit will be given the purchaser for the greatest part of the purchase money, as may be agreed on the day of sale, on his giving bond with interest and approved security.

All persons having claims against the aforesaid Hugh Hopewell, deceased, are desired to bring them to Charles Chilton, who is authorized to receive any moneys due the estate of the said Hugh Hopewell, and give every necessary acquittance or discharge, or to the subscriber, that they may be adjusted and paid, and all those who are any ways indebted to the estate are requested immediately to settle and discharge the same. Those who neglect complying with this notice may depend on being dealt with as the law directs.

HANNAH HOPWELL, executrix.

Queen Anne's county, October 1, 1785.

BACON hams and shoulders of the best quality to be sold; if wanted for exportation they are warranted to keep perfectly found a nine months voyage. If an equal number of each are taken, the price is fifteen pence per pound.

ROBERT BROWNE.

London-town, October 11, 1785.

THE subscriber being properly prepared for receiving a large quantity of hides and skins to tan and curry, takes this method of informing those who chuse to favour him with their custom, that they may depend on being served with punctuality and care. All hides or skins not taken away within thirteen months after they are delivered, the owners must expect to forfeit one half of the leather for tanning the other.

EDWARD SEFTON.

N. B. I have for sale a large quantity of negro shoes, which may be had on the most reasonable terms; they are likewise sold by Mr. William Wilkins, Mr. Anselm Ridgely, and Mr. James West, in Annapolis.

STOLEN on the night of the first instant, from the subscriber, on Wye river, Talbot county, a white flea bitten GELDING, about 15 hands high, well formed and spirited, 9 or 10 years old, trots and canters, neither brand or mark, has a small hole in the hoof of one of his fore feet. Whoever secures the said horse within the limits of Maryland, so that I get him again, shall be paid six dollars, and if out of the state five pounds, and reasonable charges paid for bringing him home, ten pounds will be paid on apprehending the thief so that he may be brought to justice.

RICHARD GRASON.

THIS is to give notice to all whom it may concern, that I intend to apply to the general assembly at their next session, for a law to confirm my right and title in a lot of ground in Annapolis, which I lately bought of Nathan Hammond, and which formerly was the property of col. Hammond, and by him purchased of Thomas Larkin.

10th Oct. 1785. W. PACA.

September 2, 1785.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition will be presented to the next general assembly of Maryland, praying that a law may pass to convey in fee simple, part of two tracts of land, St. Andrew's Cross and the Fork, lying in Kent county, late the property of William Haley, deceased, and now in part belonging to minors incapable of making a legal title.

October 10 1785.

THIS is to give notice to all whom it may concern, that I intend to apply to the general assembly at their next session, for a law to confirm the right and title of all those lands in and near the city of Annapolis, which were formerly the property of Thomas Bordley, and which have remained in the possession of his devisees and heirs for upwards of sixty years last past.

MATTHIAS BORDLEY.

THE subscriber takes this method of informing the public, that a report which has been in circulation almost six years, of his being married, is groundless.

WALTER DYER.

St. Mary's county, October 8, 1785.

THE subscribers having become securities for Joseph Burroughs to the state of Maryland, for the payment of a tract of land in Culverton manor, Charles county, the said Burroughs having absconded without leaving effects sufficient to discharge the aforesaid debt: Notice is hereby given, that we intend to petition the next general assembly, for leave to sell the land purchased of the state by the aforesaid Burroughs.

JAMES CHAPPELEAR, THOMAS LOCK.

TAKEN up as a stray, by Joshua Young, son of Joshua, a gray GELDING, about fourteen hands high, branded on the near buttock C, about seven years old, shod before, is a natural pacer, canters very easy, has a switch tail, and is cat ham'd. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

THERE are at the plantation of Edmund Wayman, in Anne Arundel county, two gray cows, one red, right ear cropped, and a hole in the left, short tail, and has a young calf; the other a brindle, right ear cropped, and left slit; also a cow yearling, and a short tailed black and white steer. Their owner or owners may have them again on proving property and paying charges.

September 23, 1785.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, on the premises, on Tuesday the 1st of November next,

A TRACT of land, containing 374 acres, known by the name of Braslier's Procopon, lying in Prince-George's county, within 6 miles of Bladenburg, and 15 of George town; the land well timbered and improved, good for wheat, corn, rye, and tobacco, has on it a dwelling house 32 feet by 18, with two brick chimneys, a kitchen 16 feet square, a good meat and milk house, a valuable cellar in good repair, a quarter with a shed and brick chimney, 16 feet by 12, two bearing orchards, a tobacco house in good repair, 45 by 30, a valuable meadow is made in the land, and another may be made at a small expence; the whole is well watered. Half the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale, credit will be given for the other half, on bond with good security, by

JOHN TURNER.

N. B. Any person desirous of purchasing at private sale may apply before the day of public sale.

### Houses and Lots for Sale.

Prince George's county, September 5, 1785. To be SOLD, to the highest bidder, on Tuesday the 1st of November next, if fair, if not the next fair day,

THREE houses and lots in Pig-point, in Anne-Arundel county, on Patuxent river, two of which are stone houses, and perhaps superior to any other in that place, as they are new and in good repair; the other a small dwelling house, occupied at present by Mr. Sollers, it will be needless to say much in favour of that place, as it is so generally known to be one of the first inspections for tobacco on that river; they will be sold together or separate, as may best suit the purchasers. A very considerable credit will be given, on giving bond on interest, with approved security.

HENRIETTA M. WALKER.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE, on Monday the 16th of January next, at the plantation of the late William Thomas, near Annapolis,

ABOUT twenty negroes, consisting of men, women, and children, among which are valuable plantation and house servants, also the stock of horses, black cattle, sheep, and hogs, with plantation utensils.

At same time will be exposed to sale, two thirds of that beautiful plantation, lying on the Mouth of South river, three miles from Annapolis, of about 800 acres in the whole, nearly half cleared, and of very good quality, producing fine tobacco, corn, wheat, rye, and oats, with some meadow in timothy, and more may be made at a small expence. Six months credit will be given to the purchasers of the land and negroes, on giving bond with approved security.

MARY THOMAS.

Charles county, July 25, 1785.

NOTICE is hereby given, that there will be a petition preferred to the next general assembly of Maryland, for that useful Bridle-way, stopped up by Eleanor Boardman, to be opened.

August 20, 1785.

THE subscriber, confined in the common goal of Cecil county for debt, intends to petition the general assembly at their first sitting for his liberation.

PATRICK RHEA.

THE subscriber intends to prefer a petition on behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, to the next general assembly, for a restitution of her property.

EDWARD FENWICK.