

Extra of a letter from London, February 4.
Government have lately granted, at the request of the American minister, that American ships, touching at Gibraltar, may be provided with passes, and have leave to navigate under the English flag, in order to screen them from the troublesome visits of the Barbary corsairs; on condition however of their conforming to certain stipulated regulations, and paying the accustomed port duties, &c. at Gibraltar.

By the recent arrivals from Europe, we have London papers as late as the 1th of February, but they contain little else than melancholy accounts of terrific disasters on their coasts, among their shipping, by tornadoes during the inhospitable season just elapsed—and invectives against the rulers and people of this country. Speaking of the reception Mr. Temple met with from Congress, they, with dudgeon, exclaim, shall "Chickens teach capons to feed! These new states teach our statesmen the etiquette of courts."

At a fire which lately happened in Boston, a foreign gentleman seeing the resolution and activity of the inhabitants in extinguishing the flames, observed to another by him, "that the 3^d—I would not act with his wonted cunning if he admitted any Bostonians into his house."—"Why so?" asks the other, "Because," says he, "they would try to put it out."

During the late war, a soldier (being an Irishman) happening to stray at some distance from the main body, was surprised by a party of the enemy, and obliged to make a dexterous use of his legs to escape. On coming to the guard, and being questioned by the captain as to the matter, Patrick swore, "that by Jafus he was out of breath by making a dozen of English to run," and insisted upon it so much, that the party would have been obliged to believe him, had not another, who on sentry had observed the affair, mentioned to him his hair's-breadth escape, for that the enemy had very nigh overtook him. This created some surprise, and on the captain's damning him for a liar, Patrick swore to his assertion, for that he did make them run, though it was after him.

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.

Extra of a letter from St. George's, Bermuda, dated March 11, 1786.

"By an act passed in the British parliament of 1785, just received by the officers of his majesty's customs, here, it is, among other matters enacted, that from and after the 1st of January, 1786, merchants and others may import any quantity of tobacco from America, into these or any of the West-India islands, in British built vessels, owned by British subjects, and navigated according to law, upon exporting the same to Europe in British vessels."

"By the said act, either British or American vessels of above 70 tons burthen, may enter the following British ports, (and no other on pain of confiscation of both vessel and cargo) with tobacco from America, in casks of not less than 421 lb. net, viz. London, Bristol, Liverpool, Lancaster, Cowes, Whitehaven, Hull, Port Glasgow, and Greenock."

Extra of a letter from a gentleman in Edinburgh, to his friend in this city, dated January 30, 1786.

"There has been at greater loss of shipping on this coast since the month began than ever was known in this age. Storms and hurricanes have followed each other in quick succession. Dreadful to relate! about 50 sail are lost, out of whom 500 souls perished."

ANNAPOLIS, May 11.

The ship Washington, captain Fenwick, is arrived in Patowmack, and the ship Washington, captain Carcaud, in Patuxent, both from London.

From the Charleston Evening Gazette, dated April 3. State of South-Carolina.

Captain Charles Pelley, a passenger on board of the sloop May, captain Duncan Hill, from St. Christopher's, out twenty two days, declares, that about four days before he left St. Eustatia, where he took his passage on board said sloop, which might be on the 3^d or 4th of March last he saw a certain Montgomery, whom he knew several years, and was then mate of an English ship from London, who acquainted captain Pelley, that about ten days before that date, they met with three Algerine vessels about 30 leagues to the eastward of Barbados, consisting of two ships, one of 22 guns, the other of 14, and one xebec of 12 guns; that the Algerines bore down with an easy sail to the ship in which Montgomery was, and ordered the captain of the ship to come on board, which was accordingly done. The captain of the Algerine 22 gun ship interrogated him on the quarter deck with the following questions, viz. From whence he came? where he was born? where bound? and if he had any American property on board? The English captain answered he came from England, was born there, and was bound to Carlisle Bay, and that he had no American property on board. The Algerine then ordered him to return to his own vessel, and bring all his papers relative to his lading, and clearance from the customs, which being done, the Algerine was satisfied, and after treating him genteelly, dismissed him, at the same time telling him he was on a cruise for American vessels.

Montgomery further said; they concluded at first sight they were American ships, as they were American built, who had captured the xebec, and that they were all clean sailing vessels and full of men. The whole of the conversation was carried on between the Algerine and the English captain, in proper English. Captain Pelley further declares, he has no doubt of his informant's veracity, but believes the relation to be a fact.

(Signed) CHARLES PELLEY.

Charleston, April 1, 1786.

Charles Pelley, the subscribing party to the foregoing information, being examined by his excellency the governor, made oath that the said relation is as near as he can recollect, the substance he received from the within mentioned Montgomery.

Sworn before me, S. DRAYTON, J. P.

From the Worcester (Massachusetts) Magazine.

Mr. Editor,

On Friday the 17th of March, a young man in this town, understanding that the spring equinox happened about that time, supposed it something that was to be seen in the sun, smoked a piece of glass, and was gazing at the sun, when calling to his brother, told him that he had found the equinox; his brother took the glass, and saw about half way between the sun's centre and the western edge or limn a globe, which he supposed to be Venus or Mercury. I hearing of the discovery made observation in like manner, and found the phenomenon, and continued my observation for four days, about three times a day, when on the morning of the 25th, it was not to be found; it moved extremely slow, and went on the sun's western limn; how long it had been on is uncertain; it was to appearance about the bigness of Venus or Mercury, and had it not continued on the sun for many days, I should not have doubted of its being one or the other; but now suppose it to be a comet, passing almost in a direct line, between the earth and the sun: this perhaps may be the comet of 1760, whose orbit is extremely elliptical. E. H.

Lancaster, April 3, 1786.

Annapolis May 8, 1786.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, by the subscriber, on Saturday the 10th of June next, for ready cash,

A HOUSE which stands upon leased ground, in a pleasant situation, near where the new market house will stand.

WILLIAM SEFTON.

THE subscriber continues to receive claims against the United States until the first of June.

JOHN WHITE, commissioner of accounts.

THE subscribers for erecting a church in the city of Annapolis, are requested to pay one fifth of their subscriptions to Mr. THOMAS HYDE, on or before the 20th of July next.

May 8, 1786.

THE subscribers have for sale shell lime, of the best quality, and will deliver it at Annapolis on a short notice.

JAMES PEARCE, Severn-ferry, EDWARD VIDLER, Annapolis.

May 9, 1786.

ON Friday night, between the 5th and 6th instant, the subscriber's house was broke open, and sundry articles taken out, amongst which was a large silver WATCH, with the letters FW in a cypher on the case, the seal and key hang by a yellowish riband instead of a chain, maker's name and number forgot; a pair of boots and several pair of shoes, together with (undry other wearing apparel, as coats, waistcoats, and breeches, as also four ruffled shirts, and several pair of stockings, four sheets, and some pillowcoats; likewise about nine half joes in cash, most of which have been clipped for being too heavy. Any person who may see any negro, or other suspicious person, with a sum of money of that kind, it is hoped will not let them pass unexamined; and it is very probable the watch, or some of the apparel may be offered for sale, should that be the case, I hope the offerer of them will be apprehended, as I will give a reward of twenty dollars to any person who will apprehend him, her, or them, so that they be brought to justice. I hereby forewarn all persons for the future not to cross my plantation under any pretence whatsoever.

THOMAS LANE.

Baltimore county, April 25, 1786.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that I intend to petition the next general assembly of the state of Maryland, for an act of insolvency to discharge my person from imprisonment for debts which I am unable to pay.

GEORGE HENRY.

THERE is at the plantation of Samuel Watts, near the Head of Severn, in Anne-Arundel county, taken up as a stray, a dark bay MARE, about thirteen hands high, six-years old, has a star in her forehead, and a snip on her nose, branded on the near buttock thus I, trots and canters. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.



THE subscribers being desirous to pay a final account with the commissary, respecting the estate of Gideon Gary, deceased do give notice to those who may have claims against said estate to make them known on or before the last day of July next; at which time we are determined to pass a final account, also those indebted to make immediate payment, otherwise the shortest method will be taken to compel them, without respect to persons.

ELIZABETH GARY, executrix, LEONARD SELLMAN, executor.

May 2, 1786.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform his old customers and the public in general, that he continues to carry passengers from West river to Rock Hall, Kent-Island, Talbot and Dorchester counties; also horses and all kinds of carriages; he has a boat completely adapted for that purpose. Any gentlemen that should think fit to favour me with their custom may depend on the utmost care and dispatch, by

THOMAS TUCKER.

THE subscriber being solicited by several gentlemen to open school for their instruction in vocal church music; he therefore begs leave to inform the ladies and gentlemen of this city, that a school is now opened for that purpose, where they may depend upon being carefully instructed in that part of Divine service, as far as his knowledge extends; he purposes to teach three nights in a week for the ensuing six months. Any ladies or gentlemen who desire to be instructed, and cannot conveniently attend at the school, may have two or three private lessons at their lodgings every week.

ALEXANDER GRAY.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Nicolas Maccubbin, son of Joseph, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment, and all those who have claims against said estate are desired to bring them in legally authenticated that they may be paid, by

SARAH MACCUBBIN, administratrix.

THERE is at the plantation of John Bolton, near Elk-edge church, in Anne-Arundel county, taken up as a stray, a sawberry roan GELDING, with a blaze in his face, branded on the near buttock something like an X, about nine years old, thirteen hands high, trots and gallops. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.



April 25, 1786.

MRS. SMITH intends to open a boarding school for young ladies, in Annapolis, next Tuesday, the second of May, and to teach them drawing, tambour embroidery, pen work, crowning, netting, with a variety of other fine work; also plain work and marking. She will give the greatest attention to the health and improvement of the young ladies entrusted to her care.

Annapolis, April 26, 1786.

FOR SALE,

ABOUT seven hundred pounds sterling worth of goods, well assorted, and suitable to the season. Likewise several young negro women, with and without children, late the property of James Tootell, deceased. The store house lately occupied by said J. Tootell, to be rented, for terms apply to

JAMES WILLIAMS, JOSEPH DOWSON.

N. B. If the above goods are not sold at private sale before Tuesday the 16th of May next, they will then be sold at public vendue.

Montgomery county, March 20, 1786.

WHEREAS I have been informed, that it hath been reported in some parts of Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties, that I the subscriber had laid that Ignatius Pigman destroyed the bounds of some land belonging to me, in order to get the land from me; I do hereby certify that I never laid Ignatius Pigman had destroyed my bounds. Also it hath been reported that said Pigman had forged a letter from me to Mrs. Chew, which I suppose was a letter I wrote to said Chew, acquainting her that the above report was groundless and without foundation.

RICHARD THOMAS.

April 12, 1786.

ON Monday the third of this instant, was committed to my custody as a runaway, a negro man who calls himself WILL, and says he belongs to a man in Charles county, but was hired to a Robert Timms; he is about five feet nine inches high, appears to be about fifty-five or sixty years of age. The owner is desired to pay charges and take him away.

JOHN CARYWRIGHT, sheriff of St. Mary's county.

Annapolis, February 7, 1786.

THE subscriber having an assignment of the debts due to Mr. Thomas Rutland, of the city of Annapolis, for dealings at his several stores in Virginia and Maryland, hereby earnestly requests all persons indebted to Mr. Rutland as aforesaid to make immediate payment to the subscriber, to whom, and to whom only, the debts are payable. He will be compelled, though reluctantly, to take legal steps for the recovery of those debts from all persons without distinction, who do not, without delay, comply with this request.

JOHN PETTY.

THERE is at the plantation of James Nettle, in St. Mary's county, on Bird's creek, taken up as a stray, a red BULL, about four or five years old, this spring, with an under keel in each ear. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

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