

Oquao is rarely seen, then he lies close in his retreat, under water, but in night he wanders abroad to satisfy his hunger. The deer are his favourite game: and his manner of taking them is insidious and cruel: He places himself in a deer path, where without motion, and having the appearance of a stump more than of an animal, he waits the approach of his unsuspecting prey. The deer strides heedless over his destroyer, who throws out his tail, entwines him in a moment, drags him in spite of all his resistance, to the next creek, and their drowns and devours him. One of these uncommon animals was discovered last week by a soldier early in the morning, as he was dragging off the booty of the night: Several gentlemen who were there were immediately in quest of him; and as these creatures are far from being swift, he was soon overtaken: With a great difficulty, after having borne the strokes of a dozen clubs for near half an hour, he was killed: happily for us he held his prey to the last, otherwise our attempt might have been attended with some danger. His eyes had such a malignant keenness, that I could not help regarding the very sight of him as being truly horrid. We released the deer, which was already dead, from his fatal grip: brought him home, and weighed him (the Oquao) and found his weight four hundred and forty-four pounds."

ALEXANDRIA, May 8.

Last Monday afternoon a number of disorderly people assembled near Cameron, where they attacked and unmercifully beat with clubs all who came in their way. They were with difficulty quelled, but not till they had been fired on and several of them badly wounded. The principal ringleaders were brought to this town and committed to prison.

A London paper of April 13, says, "The death of the king of Prussia was very currently believed on Tuesday in the city."

ANNAPOLIS, June 15.

On Sunday evening last, a small boat, with four persons on board, sailing in the mouth of the Severn, was overfet by a sudden gust of wind, by which unfortunate accident a man and his wife were drowned.

In the English house of commons, on the 11th of April last, Mr. Jenkinson observed, that from a review of the laws respecting trade and navigation, he was convinced that they ought to be amended. He then entered into an extensive discussion on that subject, and proposed as one regulation, That all foreign built ships should be excluded, and, for the encouragement of our own ship-wrights, that for the future none but such as were British built should be permitted by our laws. It was highly incumbent on us to oppose a new market, which supplied new ships, that were adopted by us, after some trifling alterations, to give them the title of British. But in this instance, he desired it would be particularly noticed, that such vessels as were objected to in the present bill but were now in the possession of British merchants, should be permitted to be used until they were totally unfit for use; this was an act of justice: but his principal view was to discourage the use of American built vessels in our service, which we now had a right to do, and which must contribute greatly to our internal wealth. He then adverted to a difference of duty between vessels ready built, which were brought in here as British property, though built in foreign yards by British subjects, and were charged with duty; whilst the materials of which they were composed must pay a duty on importation to this country; and even prize ships were liable to a duty of five per cent. when, at the same time, foreign vessels that were stranded, and received some repairs in this country, were freed from duty, by being received as British built, the decision of which was often left to people who were not judges, who had seldom seen, or perhaps were but little competent to judge of the vessel.

He next proposed, that every vessel above fifteen tons, with a deck, should be registered. The demand for registering, as it would not exceed fifteen shillings must cease to be an object; and the inconvenience to mercantile men he was sure could not be complained of. For when merchants took out their register for a Mediterranean pass, they did it without reluctance; and he was informed by several commercial people with whom he had conversed on the subject, that there was no ground to complain upon that head. One advantage, on the contrary, must arise out of the measure, that it will destroy smuggling, as all vessels being British property the owners could be detected, and sued, if found concerned in such practices.

The point would enforce itself farther, as the register should contain the name of the port to which such vessel belonged, and also the vessel would be obliged to carry on board a certificate from the builder. The owner or commander shall be obliged to have his oath inserted in the certificate of the register, to the truth of these facts. Security must also be given by the owner of each vessel, that if such vessel be sold to a foreigner, that the papers be withdrawn; and also, if any false register be produced, the person guilty of such has to encounter the violation of the law on perjury. Notice is also to be given if the owner parts with his vessel, or changes her name: but allowance to be given to vessels in the European seas of six months to comply with this

act; a year and a half to those in the West-Indies; and those in the East-Indies are to be allowed two years. There was one severity to which some vessels, which were licensed in America some time back were liable; he instanced one which came from Brunswick, in America, which was under seizure in England; and such was the predicament in which the law stood, that no relief could be given to the owner. As to the value of the vessel, when in competition with the salary of the officer, that made his attachment to his prize too great a temptation to relinquish it. He therefore thought a discretionary power ought to be invested somewhere, to relieve the owners of vessels, to whom our faith and honour were pledged.

He then said, he would wish to print the bill, and let it lie over till after the recess for the consideration of the mercantile part of the kingdom; and he wished to receive the opinions and observations of every man in the country concerned in the event.

The motion was then put, and leave given to bring in a bill agreeable to Mr. Jenkinson's statement.

June 4, 1786.

TO BE SOLD,

A BEAUTIFUL and healthy farm, containing two hundred and sixteen acres of land, situated in Prince-George's county, about nine miles from Alexandria, and two from Piscataway; the land is rich and well adapted for farming or planting, plenty of timber, and well watered, it has ten acres of meadow ground cleared for sowing of timothy; the improvements are, a good dwelling house, a large barn, with many necessary buildings, a good garden and orchard, all in good repair. For terms apply to the subscriber.

W 3 100/76 HENRY STONEBREET.

Annapolis, June 12, 1786.

To be SOLD by the subscriber, upon credit, and time given for payment, on the premises, at public vendue, on Wednesday the 6th of July,

A VALUABLE house, ground, and improvements, very advantageously situated in the centre of the city of Annapolis, adjoining to the coffee-house on one side, and Mr. Hyde's large new building on the other; the ground is about one hundred and seventy-one feet in length on Church street, and one hundred and seventy-nine feet on South-east street, about seventy feet wide at the upper end, and one hundred and fifty feet at the lower, it may be divided into five or more lots.

Also, a very convenient brick and stone house and portion of ground, on the creek, with a fine landing very proper for a ship-carpenter, merchant, or tradesman. The titles are clear and indisputable. Well stored goods, government securities, or paper money, will be taken in payment.

100/76 STEPHEN WEST.

June 12, 1786.

PURSUANT to a resolution of the society of the Cincinnati of this state, entered into at a meeting on the 19th of October last, the president was requested to call on the members to give their punctual attendance at Annapolis on the 4th of July next; in compliance with this requisition, and from the harmony and warm spirit of Friendship which have ever distinguished and actuated the officers late of the Maryland line, their punctual attendance is expected, to take under consideration matters of the first importance to the society, which admit not of a partial discussion, but require the decision of a full meeting.

W. SMALLWOOD, P.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of captain Thomas Walker, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are requested to make payment, and those having claims to make them known to

100/76 NICHOLAS WATKIN, administrator.

SIXTEEN DOLLARS REWARD.

June 9, 1786.



RAN away from the subscriber, on the fourth instant, a young negro man of a bright yellow, about twenty-three years of age, five feet six or seven inches high, has a round face, high forehead, bending nose, small eyes, a small mouth, and white teeth, on his left arm above his elbow there is a scar where he was gored by an ox when he was young, his feet turn out when he walks, he is a blacksmith by trade and his name is EVAN, but may change it, as he went away once before and went to Mrs. Ball's in Baltimore, and there passed for a free man by the name of John Rosser; he is an artful villain; he took with him three coats, viz. one striped holland, one mixed with pearl buttons, one blue cloth, one spotted velvet jacket, one buff ditto, one pair of white damask breeches, one pair of black bombasin ditto, one white shirt, one osnabrig ditto, one pair of shoes and buckles, stockings, handkerchief, an old white hat with old hat put round it for a band; he is very complaisant. Any person that will secure the said negro in any goal shall receive the above reward, paid by

HILLIARY WILSON.

I do forewarn all persons from entertaining the said negro at their peril.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that a number of the inhabitants of Cecil county intend petitioning the next general assembly, for a removal of the seat of justice from Charles-town, in said county, to the Head of Elk.

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.

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RAN away from the subscriber's plantation, two and a half miles from Harrison's ferry, on Patowmack, in Maryland, two negro slaves; one called ISAAC; about twenty-six years of age, five feet six inches high, thin complexion and visage, has a very open and short nose; and is very fullen; had on when he went from home, a short white coat with wide cuffs and collar, and other cloaths which cannot be described; the other called GUSTAVU, about twenty-two years old, of a very thick complexion, short forehead, flat nose, great mouth, and very big legs. All persons are cautioned against harbouring or employing these slaves under the penalties of the law, and whoever will stop and secure them, so that the owner may get them again, shall receive a reward and reasonable charges, paid by

100/76 PETER SAVARY, of Prince-George's county.

Doden, March 21, 1786.



RAN away from the subscriber, on the 17th instant, a dark mulatto man named TONY, thirty five years of age, a stout thick fellow about five feet four inches high, by trade a lawyer; had on when he went away, a short white cotton jacket and trousers, a pair of country made shoes and stockings; he probably may pass as a person permitted to hire himself, and now looking out for work, but no such permission is granted him. Whoever takes up the above fellow shall receive three pounds reward, and reasonable charges if brought home from a distance.

13 WILLIAM STEUART.

TO BE SOLD,

PART of a tract of 3000 acres of land, all wood and well timbered, lying on Bennett's creek, in Frederick county, Maryland; the land is well adapted to planting or farming, and is well situated, being about 20 miles from Frederick-town, 30 from Georgetown on Patowmack, and about 40 from Baltimore. The purchaser may suit himself as to quality. One half must be paid down for the remainder credit will be given. Those inclined to purchase will please to apply to Mr. THOMAS BEARD, living near Queen-Anne, in Anne-Arundel county, or Mr. JOHN BORDLEY, near Chester-town, Kent county.

May 8, 1786

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

6x JAMES PEARCE, Severn-ferry, EDWARD VIDLER, Annapolis.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Nicholas 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

6 SARAH MACCUBBIN, administratrix.

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.

8w GEORGE HENRY.

Tusculum, Montgomery county.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform the friends of literature, that, having built a simple convenient house for the accommodation of his pupils, and employed a well qualified assistant, he will now take a larger number of young gentlemen under his care. In this school are taught the Latin, Greek and English languages, radically with the greatest exactness; together with the several polite arts and sciences necessary in a complete education; particular attention is paid to the instruction of the pupils in oratory. The price of tuition is four guineas. Boarding and washing may be had in genteel families in the vicinity of this school at seven pounds ten shillings. The subscriber will take two or three more into his own family.

W 3 JAMES MUNT.

The subscriber has just imported, in the ship NON-SUCH, captain JONES,

A LARGE and elegant assortment of superb jewellery, among which are the following: fashionable square and oval paste set shoe and knee buckles; gold lockets, rings, wires, pins, &c. gold and silver watches; gold watch keys; beautiful cornelian seals set in gold; best London gilt and high polished steel chains; black silk watch strings, with or without ornaments, and many other articles too tedious to mention.

3w STEPHEN CLARK.

JUST IMPORTED

From London, in the ship Nonluch, captain JONES, A GENERAL assortment of European and East-India goods, which will be sold by the subscribers, at their store, at Pig-Point, as usual, for bills, cash, or tobacco.

We are much obliged to our friends, and customers for their past favours, especially those who have been regular and punctual in payment, whom we shall be always ready to serve; and such as have been neglectful on that important point, we hope will now, (or in the course of the summer) settle and pay without fail or further notice.

W 3 THOMAS TILLARD, EDWARD TILLARD.

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.

W 3 WILLIAM SEFTON.