

Versailles, 30th May, 1786.

TAKE the earliest opportunity to inform you, Sir, that notwithstanding the treaty which the farmers general have made with Mr. Robert Morris for the delivery of a certain quantity of tobacco, they have just concluded to take, in the way of trade, as much as 12,000 hogheads per annum. To let you understand better the extent of the decision in question, I send it to you in the extract enclosed. I beg that you will make it known both in America, as a notice to the American owners of vessels who may be found in our ports, so as they may direct their commercial speculations accordingly. I have the honour of being very sincerely, Sir, your most humble and most obedient servant,

signed DE VERE ENNES.

To Mr. Jefferson, minister plenipotentiary from the United States.

RESOLUTION of a COMMITTEE, held at Berni, 24th March, 1786.

THE committee resuming their former deliberations respecting a treaty made with Mr. Morris, informed of the circumstances in which it was made, also informed of the dispatch of 12,000 hogheads of tobacco, the approaching arrival of which has been announced by Mr. Conteaulex, the correspondent of Mr. Morris, have unanimously thought that the execution of the treaty ought to extend until the 1st of January 1788, giving the right of annulling in case of failure of execution on the part of the said Morris, the conditions of the said treaty; taking afterwards into consideration the interest of the national commerce with that of the United States, have agreed on the resolutions hereafter enumerated.

1st. After the expiration of the treaty with Mr. Morris, there shall be made no more bargains of the same kind.

2d. The farmer general shall always have in his magazines a necessary supply for the exercise of his privilege; which supply shall be formed as well by what shall be furnished by the contract with Mr. Morris, as by what he shall procure by means of commerce.

3d. To secure this supply the farmer general shall purchase, during the continuation of the contract with Mr. Morris only, the tobacco which can be furnished by trade and brought in French or American vessels to account of twelve or fifteen thousand hogheads every year, at the same price, and on the same conditions stipulated with the said Mr. Morris.

4th. In case where cargoes shall not be afforded, the tobacco shall be paid for at the following prices: 1st quality James and York river tobacco mt. cwt. 38 2d ditto Patowmack and Rappahannock 36 3d ditto Maryland tobacco 34

All the said quantities of each kind proper for France.

5th. In case of difficulty respecting the quality, samples shall be sent to the council, and it shall be determined by a commission which shall be authorized to have the sample examined by such person as may be proper.

6th. When the tobacco furnished by the Americans, shall not be delivered in a manufacturing port, there shall be deducted from the stipulated prices, thirty sols per net quintal for expences of transportation. Faithfully translated from the original by JOHN PINTARD.

WE the undersigned Robert Morris, heretofore superintendent for the finances of the United States of America, residing in Philadelphia, on the one part, and le Normand, receiver-general of the finances of the generality of la Rochelle, residing in Paris, on the other part, have agreed and have respectively treated with each other about the sale and purchase of sixty thousand hogheads of tobacco, from nine to ten hundred weight, of the different growths of the continent of America on the following terms and conditions, viz.

That I Robert Morris engage on my part, 1st. To ship and deliver at the several ports of France hereafter specified, the whole at my hazard and risk, until the total delivery to the said Sieur le Normand the sixty thousand hogheads of tobacco, in the space of three successive years of 1785, 1786, 1787, at the rate of twenty thousand hogheads per annum.

2d. I moreover engage to assort each annual complement in the following proportion, viz.

One fourth part James and York river tobacco, half Patowmack and Rappahannock, and the other fourth in Maryland tobacco, one third of which at least fit for smoking, the whole of the first quality fit for France.

3d. I also oblige myself to ship the sufficient quantity of vessels which shall be American in preference to French, that the aforesaid quantity of twenty thousand hogheads shall arrive in the ports of Bourdeaux, Havre de Grace, Dieppe, and Martaix, in the following proportions, to wit:

Seven thousand hogheads to Bourdeaux, Seven thousand ditto to Havre de Grace, Three thousand ditto to Dieppe, and Three thousand ditto to Martaix.

Observing that the proportion of Maryland tobacco, fit for smoking, shall of preference be comprehended in equal proportions in the parcels sent to Martaix, Bourdeaux, and Havre.

And in case where my shipments shall exceed in one year the aforesaid distribution, the excess shall be carried in augmentation to Havre de Grace.

4th. The tobacco shipped and delivered in conformity to the aforesaid, shall be paid for by the said Sieur le Normand to me, at the price of thirty-six livres Turnois per each hundred weight, mark weight, and the said Sieur le Normand shall discharge the amount of each cargo within a month after delivery, to Messrs. Conteaulex and Co. my bankers in Paris, deducting, however, two livres Turnois for each hundred mark weight for the reimbursement of a million advance, which the said Sieur le Normand has put into the hands of the said Messieurs Conteaulex and Co. to be held at

my disposal as appears by their receipt at the foot of the present contract.

5th. I consent that the two thousand hogheads, of which I have given advice by my letter of the 17th of October to the said Sieur le Normand of the purchase and speedy loading for the port of Havre de Grace, shall make part of my first delivery for this year, and shall be paid for to me at the price of 36 liv. Turnois, with the deduction of 2 li. Turnois per cent. as is specified in the preceding article.

6th. For the mode of delivering the tobacco it shall be taken out of the hogheads, and none shall be rejected but what is damaged, then the tobacco shall be weighed on the quay and received at the weight it really weighed without any deduction whatever, and until it is weighed it shall be at my risk and expence.

7th. The damaged tobacco shall be cut up and sent to some other place, if my correspondent shall think proper, otherwise it shall be burned in their presence.

And, I le Normand, accept in general, and submit to all the clauses and conditions mentioned in the seven foregoing articles, and as a preliminary to the present contract, I have remitted the sum of a million of livres Turnois mentioned in the 4th article to Messieurs Conteaulex and Co. as appears by their receipt annexed at foot of the present contract for the sum to be reimbursed conformably to said article. I moreover consent—1. That in case that the vessels employed in this business shall become subject to greater or new duties or taxes than what the French vessels coming from France pay, the aforesaid duties shall be charged to me.

2. That all the duties which hereafter or posterior to the present treaty may be put, either on the exportation from America, or the importation into France, shall be charged to me, and in consequence I will be accountable to Mr. Morris, for those which may happen in America on the exportation at the rate of 5 li. 5 Turnois for each hundred dollar, and this upon an authentic certificate that the duty is imposed.

3. In case that the farmers general shall not make, either directly or indirectly, any purchases of tobacco in America, and consequently, if I have occasion for a greater quantity of tobacco, it shall be furnished to me on the same price and conditions.

Done in five parts at Paris, four of which to be sent to America by the English and French pickets, the fifth to be deposited in the hands of Messieurs Conteaulex and Co.

At Paris the 11th January 1785, signed le Normand, receiver-general of the finances; and at Philadelphia the 20th April 1785, Robert Morris, certificate to be true and conformable to the original in my hands; at Paris the 20th February 1786, signed le Normand.

In the margin is written, We the undersigned acknowledge to have received from Monsieur le Normand receiver-general of the finances of la Rochelle, the sum of one million of livres Turnois, in satisfaction of our satisfaction, which we promise to hold at the disposal of Mr. Robert Morris, heretofore superintendent general of the finances of the United States of America, after the absolute acceptance of the present treaty, duplicate of which has been placed in our hands at Paris the 11th January 1785.

(Signed) LE CONTEAULX and CO. Faithfully translated from the original by JOHN PINTARD.

August 22, 1786.

To be SOLD, on Monday the 18th day of September, at public sale, if not sold before at private sale, at the house of Mrs. Bryce, Annapolis,

THREE valuable tracts of land, lying on Susquehanna; it will be sold either the whole or in parcels, provided the whole is bought. For particulars inquire of

RICHARD and BENNETT DARNALL.

Annapolis, March 23, 1786.

IN consequence of an act passed at the last session of Assembly, the commissioners appointed to build a new church in the city of Annapolis, call upon those persons who carried away the 372,400 place, and 58,550 stock bricks, which they had in the year 1774 provided for that purpose, to render an account of the quantities they respectively took or caused to be taken away, and to pay for the same, otherwise a bill in chancery will be filed against them without delay. The commissioners request the favour of such citizens as know by whom any of the materials that were prepared for the church have been taken away, to inform them who the parties were, lest such persons should shamefully neglect to render an account.

The commissioners will contract with any person or persons inclined to dig and remove the earth, where the foundation is to be laid, and to lay the foundation of a new church this spring, the dimensions 127 feet by 63 feet, stone for the purpose being already at the place; they also wish to receive proposals from any person inclined to make and deliver the above-mentioned number of bricks in the course of the ensuing summer. Mr. Thomas Hyde, one of the commissioners, will receive any accounts that may be rendered, or any proposals that may be made, in consequence of this notice.

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Cecil county, July 31, 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.

WILLIAM BROWN.

August 8, 1786.

SEVERAL disorderly people having frequently of late trespassed on colonel Lloyd's plantation, on which I am overseer, this is to give notice, that after the date hereof I shall proceed agreeable to law to punish any who may enter the enclosures of the said colonel Lloyd.

ABHEMIAH COOPER.

ANNAPOLIS RACES.

THE Jockey Club COURSE will begin for over a course near Annapolis, on the second Thursday of November next, weights as usual; any member of the Club may start a horse, mare, or gelding, although not his own property, provided, he pays no consideration whatever for the loan thereof, and is solely to receive the benefit of the plate, should he win. The members of the Club are desired to pay in their subscriptions for the present year to Mr. George Maan, on or before the first day of November next, and all those gentlemen who are in arrears are most earnestly requested to pay them up by that time. The members of the Club are requested to meet at Mr. Mann's the day before the race, precisely at three o'clock.

FORTY SHILLINGS REWARD.

Annapolis, August 25, 1786.

STRAYED from the subscriber, about six weeks or two months ago, a black GELDING, aged about thirteen years, fourteen and a half hands high, with a twitch mark and tail, his two hind and one of his fore feet white as high as his fetlocks, many white hairs are mixed with the black on his flanks, also at the root of his tail; his head is rather large in proportion to his other parts. Whoever delivers the above horse to the subscriber, or will give information of him so that he may be had again, shall receive the above reward.

NICHOLAS CARROLL.

July 1, 1786.

RAN away from the subscriber, living on the head of South river, on Saturday the sixteenth of June last, negro JACOBY, a country boy, born in low, about twenty-one years of age, of a yellow complexion, about five feet ten inches high, thin made, had on a new country woolen jacket and breeches, felt hat, and snabrig shirt, though it is probable he may change his apparel. He had other cloaths. Whoever takes up the said JACOBY and will deliver him to Mr. Joseph Bewick, of the city of Annapolis, or to the subscriber, shall receive three pounds reward.

WILLIAM HALL.

Annapolis, July 21, 1786.

Lands for Sale.

THE subscriber has for sale all that tract of land called Heall's Plantation and Snowden's Reputation, containing about 700 acres, situated on the head of South river, about three miles from the city of Annapolis, and contiguous to the estate of Mr. Richard Hopkins, of Gerard.

This is a most eligible situation, being about twelve miles from the city of Annapolis, twenty-eight from Baltimore town, twenty-four from George town, and seven from the inspection houses of Indian Landing and Queen Anne, is well adapted for corn, wheat, and particularly tobacco, also well timbered and watered, a very good mill stream runs through it; there is some meadow ground, and much more may be made. The improvements upon it are, a good dwelling house with three large rooms on each floor, kitchen, quarter, cornhouse, stables, tobacco house, a very fine apple orchard, together with a number of other valuable fruit trees.

Mr. Richard Hopkins will shew the premises above mentioned; further particulars may be had of the printers, of Messieurs William Patterson and brothers, Baltimore, or of JOHN WADDINGTON, in Philadelphia.

Talbot, June 12, 1786.

TO BE LEASED,

For a term of years.

THAT valuable plantation commonly known by the name of Greenbury's point, containing near five hundred acres, now in possession of major Wright, with ten working hands; stock of all kinds, plantation utensils, provisions and cloathing for one year laid in; there is a large and commodious brick dwelling house, with every other necessary building (even a chapel) on the premises; the fertility of the soil, pleasant situation, advantage of fish of all sorts, wild fowl, and oysters in great abundance in their different seasons, and its being so convenient to the city of Annapolis, where there is perhaps the best market for the seller on the continent, are things worthy of notice. Any person inclinable to lease may apply to Mr. Thomas Hyde, in Annapolis, who is empowered to treat for the same, or to the subscriber, but to save any unnecessary applications, no person need apply who cannot find undoubted security if required.

DAVID KERR.

June 3, 1786.

NOTICE is hereby given that many of the inhabitants of St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince George's, and Anne Arundel counties; intend petitioning the next general assembly for establishing a port or a general inspection of tobacco on Pasuxent river.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, August 17, 1786.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to petition the next general assembly to confirm the devise made to her by the will of her late husband, John Mercer, deceased, to her and her heirs for ever.

SUSANNA MERCER.