

POET'S CORNER.

ANNOTATIONS ON A LATE LETTER.

TO what does all this fuss amount? Pray let us state the whole account.— The first part speaks a speculation. Quere, if for the good of the nation? Doubtful. Yet, as sure as a gun, I will be no less to number one, Who, in plain words doth plainly say, For two thirds cash, your debts I'll pay. How? Bring the cash and give 't to me, This miracle you soon shall see! The means I have through speculation, Without a jot of speculation. Popular intelligence succeeds This, every cunning statesman heeds. So far at least as suits his ends, To keep up tools or seeming friends. For certain deep and cunning games Well play'd to carry all his aims. Then comes a heavy long complaint, Enough to vex the greatest saint; The public's wrong'd—Oh! fie for shame, Let those who did it bear the blame: This long account—I fain would dock it, (No part thereof goes in my pocket) Altho' for one year's work, much more, I fairly added to my store; And tho' the attempt was made to score me, Fairly carried all before me. Which these same paltry politicians Ought not to draw their full commissions. Lastly I deem it no intrusion To say we're verging to confusion, While discontent's the sure conclusion. To stop this evil in good time, Is easily done without a crime. Re fix me in the height of power Affairs shall mend that self same hour.

George town, October 17, 1786. Just arrived, in the Patowmack Planter, from London, and for sale, by the package, and in invoices, from 300l. to 700l. sterling each. A LARGE quantity of goods, consisting chiefly of coarse woolle s, oilenings, brown rolls, and other useful articles. Cash, tobacco, wheat, flat certificates, or final settlements, will be taken in payment. FORREST and STODDERT.

House Building.

WE, the subscribers, will undertake to erect or repair any building, finding materials and labour, or labour only, as may be most agreeable to those who please to employ us; also to design, estimate, measure and survey any building, and make out bills of lanting, &c. &c. in an expeditious and neat manner, and on reasonable terms. EDWARD VIDLER, ROBERT KEY.

October 3, 1786.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition will be presented to the general assembly, at their next session, praying that an act may pass, explanatory of that part of the charter of the city of Annapolis which relates to the residence of the electors or free voters thereof.



THERE is at the plantation of Thomas Rutland, near Annapolis, taken up as a stray, a black HORSE, branded on the near shoulder and buttock something like HB, on the off buttock thus 17, has a snip and a star in his forehead, short mane and witch tail, about fourteen hands high, and supposed to be ten years old. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

LAST, on Saturday the sixth day of October, 1786, a final settlement CERTIFICATE, granted to Archibald Johnston, jun. signed by John Pierce, commissioner, and countersigned by John White, assistant-commissioner, for one hundred and twenty dollars, the date and number unknown; this to forewarn all persons from purchasing, or taking any assignment for the above certificate. WALTER JOHNSON.

MRS. SMITH has opened a boarding school for young ladies in Annapolis; she teaches drawing, steel work, tambour, open work, embroidery, crowning, shading, netting, and a variety of fine works; likewise plain work, marking and reading. Mrs. Smith will teach her boarders writing and reading French, and she will pay the greatest attention to the health and improvement of the young ladies boarded with her.

Charter-town, September 5, 1786. NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscribers intend to prefer a petition to the general assembly, at their next sitting, to pass an act to confirm and ratify a verbal contract between Isaac Spencer, lately deceased, and the subscriber Benjamin Roberts; relative to a part of a tract of land in Queen Anne's county, called Crompton, and a mill and mill seat thereon, and also to empower the guardian of Isaac Spencer, son and heir of Isaac Spencer, deceased, to appropriate a part of the profits of his estate to complete the engagements entered into by his aforesaid father. HANNAH SPENCER, BENJAMIN ROBERTS.

IN consequence of an advertisement of mine forewarning all persons, indebted at either of my stores in Virginia or Maryland, from settling any of their accounts with Mr. John Petty, that gentleman has been pleased to return for answer, that my prohibition was as unjust as my allegation was without foundation; that it was with concern he found himself under the necessity of entering into a public altercation about his private affairs, and should I persist in my unjustifiable accusations, a full account of my transactions with, and conduct towards, Yates and Petty, would enable an impartial public to judge which of the parties had the greatest reason to complain of ill treatment. I would beg leave to inform the gentleman, that it is as disagreeable to me as it can possibly be to him to appear in the public prints, though, at the same time, very willing to appear any where to justify that conduct which I have and hope ever shall be able to reconcile to my own conscience. As he has now broached the matter, I insist on his laying before the public my conduct to Yates and Petty, and trust I shall be very easily able to confute any truths he may expect to impose upon the public, by an open and candid definition of the same; that my prohibition is unjust, is an assertion as illiberal as 'tis ungrounded. I hope those gentlemen indebted as before mentioned, will pay no attention to Mr. Petty's request of paying their respecting accounts to him, as it will only involve them in law suits, for I am determined to sue every person that has or shall pay any money to Mr. Petty (for dealings at either of my stores previous to the fourth of February) since the public notice I have given. THOMAS RUTLAND.

Charles county, September 20, 1786.

FOR SALE,

THE four following tracts of land, lying in Montgomery county, about twenty five miles from George-town, and twenty from Frederick-town, v.z. Conclusion and Number One, adjoining tracts, containing three hundred and sixty acres, about one hundred and fifty of which are cleared land under good fences; the improvements are, a good dwelling house, kitchen, barn, &c. and about four hundred bearing fruit trees. Part of conclusion Increased, containing two hundred and twenty-nine acres, about eighty of which are cleared land, with a small log dwelling house, &c. and a few fruit trees; and part of Rich Land, containing three hundred and nineteen acres of unimproved land; the soil of the whole of these lands is well adapted for corn, wheat, or tobacco. Cash or tobacco will be taken in payment; one fourth to be paid by the first day of March next; three years credit will be given for the other three fourths, on giving bond on interest with approved security. Any person inclining to purchase may see the land by applying to Mr. Baker Howard, who lives on the first mentioned place. BENJAMIN REEDER.

Annapolis, July 21, 1786.

Lands for Sale.

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

Negro Shoes.

FIVE hundred pairs of the best quality, to be sold, on the lowest terms, by the subscriber, in London-town, who receives hides for tanning as usual. EDWARD DEFION. N. B. They may also be had of Messieurs Ab-John Ridgely, William Wilkins, James Weit, and John Wiseman, in Annapolis.

September 22, 1786.

THIS is to give notice, that sundry of the inhabitants of Montgomery, Frederick, and Washington counties, intend to present a petition to the next general assembly, for one more inspection for tobacco, at George-town, on Patowmack river.

Nottingham, Patuxent river, Prince-George's county, September 15, 1786.

PUBLIC SALE,

OF a very valuable estate, by virtue of a deed of trust from Mr. Walter Brooke Cox and Anne his wife, to Fielder Bowie and Anne Cox, executrix of Thomas Smith Cox, bearing date the 9th of May 1786, which said deed of trust was made by the said Mr. Walter Brooke Cox, in consequence of the said Fielder Bowie and Thomas Smith Cox, deceased, having become security for the said Mr. Walter Brooke Cox to Samuel Hughes, Esq; and for which said debt judgment hath been obtained, and execution issued against the principal and his securities, for the payment of which, will be exposed to public sale, on Thursday the 24th of December next, if fair, it not the next fair day, on the premises, for ready money, the following tracts or parcels of land; Orchard, containing 190 acres; Quick Sale, 52; Part of Twiford, containing 108; Part Littleworth, containing 20 acres; and Good Luck, 39 acres; in the whole making 499 acres; all which said lands lieth adjoining to each other, and situate within half a mile of the town of Nottingham, on Patuxent river. This land is very level, and well adapted to corn, wheat, rye, and tobacco, and has the advantage of an extensive range for all kinds of stock, with wood sufficient to support the whole with care. On the premises are, a convenient dwelling house, kitchen, meat house, corn house, three tobacco houses, and two negro quarters, all in but bad repair, two small orchards of excellent fruit; part of this plantation is under good fence. This land will be sold as will best suit, together or separate; the title thereof is indisputable. At the same time and place will be sold, one other tract of land, it is the present residence of Mr. Walter Brooke Cox, containing about 128 acres, on which are, a good and convenient dwelling house, kitchen, quarter, corn house, &c. &c. There is likewise on this tract a great variety of fruits; it is a beautiful situation, and the soil good, and has a never failing spring of good water near the buildings.

And on Monday the 18th of December next, if fair, if not the next fair day, will be sold on the same terms, the following tract of land, in Montgomery county, about 8 miles from Bladensburg, 10 from George-town, and 35 from Baltimore-town, containing 517 acres, on this place is erected a convenient and comfortable dwelling house 38 by 28, with three rooms and a passage below; two rooms above stairs, and brick chimneys, with all necessary outhouses, such as kitchen, negro quarters, stables, and tobacco houses; there are also on this land, about half a mile from the former, a good dwelling house with stone chimneys, and all necessary outhouses; there are a great variety of fruit trees of all kinds on both these tenements; the soil is well adapted to the cultivation of corn, wheat, and tobacco, and as it is so conveniently situated to those several capital and improving trading towns, there cannot be doubt but it will become very valuable in a few years. And also, on Thursday the 14th of December, will be sold to the highest bidder, nineteen valuable country born slaves, consisting of men, women, boys, and girls; also all the horses and cattle, among which are some valuable oxen, and all the plantation utensils. Attendance will be given on the days appointed, by FIELDER BOWIE, ANNE COX, executrix of Thomas S. Cox.

Annapolis, August 9, 1786.

WHEREAS Mr. Thomas Rutland hath thought proper to publish an advertisement forewarning all persons indebted for dealings at either of his stores in Virginia or Maryland, from paying any money to Mr. John Petty, in behalf of the firm of Yates and Petty, and has assigned for the reason of such publication, that the said Petty had broken the award determined on by gentlemen mutually chosen to adjust their differences, I think it proper to inform the public, that the prohibition of Mr. Rutland is as unjust as his allegation in this respect is without foundation. The supposed breach of the arbitration arises in his opinion, as far as I can conjecture, on the suit commenced by Yates and Petty for the recovery of a very considerable balance due to them from Mr. Rutland, but a little reflection must convince him that his conduct in disposing of a considerable part of his estate, subsequent to the award, rendered this step absolutely necessary, and that Yates and Petty are fully justified in pursuing it, by the terms of the award made by the gentlemen appointed, of which all persons may be fully satisfied by applying at the store of Mr. Petty, in Annapolis. It is with concern that the subscriber finds himself under the necessity of entering into a public altercation respecting his private affairs, but should Mr. Rutland persist in his unjustifiable accusations, a full account of his transactions with and conduct towards Yates and Petty, will enable an impartial public to judge which of the parties has the greatest reason to complain of ill treatment. The subscriber takes this opportunity of requesting all persons indebted for dealings at the stores (late Mr. Rutland's) in Virginia or Maryland, to make him immediate payment of their respective accounts, or he shall be under the necessity of making use of compulsory measures to recover the same, which will be very disagreeable to their Most obedient humble servant, JOHN PETTY.

To be RENTED,

A VERY good grist-mill with two pair of stones, bolting-clothes, and every thing convenient, with a large meadow, lying on the Head of South river. Any person inclinable to rent may have possession it December. FRANCIS RAWLINGS.