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CHARLESTON, *(S. C.) August* 12.

*Extract of a letter from Hillsborough, July* 28.

"The state of Franklin is come to an end, and governor Sevier gone off with about forty adherents, with whom he has made an attack on an Indian town, and killed a chief called the Great Tassel, his son, and 25 more, which has provoked a war that will no doubt produce more murders; but the over hill members seem to talk of the war as rather troublesome than formidable."

ANNAPOLIS, *September* 4.

*Extracts from the Journals of Congress, Wednesday, August* 6, 1788.

Congress assembled—Present the thirteen states.

The order of the day being called for, and the act as amended for putting the constitution into operation being read as follows:

Whereas the convention assembled in Philadelphia, pursuant to the resolution of Congress of the 21st February, 1787, did, on the 17th of September in the same year, report to the United States in congress assembled, a constitution for the people of the United States; whereupon congress on the 28th of the same September, did resolve unanimously, "That the said report, with the resolutions and letter accompanying the same, be transmitted to the several legislatures, in order to be submitted to a convention of delegates chosen in each state by the people thereof, in conformity to the resolves of the convention, made and provided in that case:" And whereas the constitution so reported by the convention, and by congress transmitted to the several legislatures, has been ratified in the matter therein declared to be sufficient for the establishment of the same, and such ratifications duly authenticated have been received by congress, and are filed in the office of the secretary—therefore *resolved*, That the first Wednesday in January next, be the day for appointing electors in the several states, which before the said day shall have ratified the said constitution; that the first Wednesday in February next be the day for the electors to assemble in their respective states, and vote for a president, and that the first Wednesday in March next be the time, and the town of Baltimore in the state of Maryland the place, for commencing proceedings under the said constitution.

A motion was made by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Lee, further to amend the act by striking out the words "the town of Baltimore in the state of Maryland," and inserting as follows—and whereas a central situation would be most eligible for the sitting of the legislature of the United States, if such could be found in a condition to furnish in due time the accommodations necessary for facilitating public business, and at the same time, free of weighty objections which might render it improper or unlikely to be the seat of government, either permanently or until a permanent seat can be agreed on: And whereas the most effectual means of obtaining finally the establishment of the federal government in a convenient central situation, is to leave the subject to the deliberate consideration of the future congress, uninfluenced by undue attachment to any of the places which may stand in competition for preference on so interesting a question, and unembarrassed by want of time and means to fix on and prepare the most proper place for this purpose: And whereas the removal of the public offices must be attended with much expence, danger and inconvenience, which ought not to be incurred but with a well founded expectation of advantages that may fully counterbalance the same: And whereas no such advantages can be expected from a removal to any place now in a condition to receive the federal legislature. And whereas in addition to the before-mentioned reasons, unnecessary changes of the seat of government would be indicative of instability in the national councils, and therefore highly injurious to the interests as well as derogatory to the dignity of the United States—therefore *resolved*, That the city of New-York, in the state of New-York, be the place for commencing proceedings under the said constitution.

A motion was then made by Mr. Williamson, seconded by Mr. Reid, to postpone the motion before the house, in order to take up the following:

Whereas it is proper that the seat of the new congress and of the national government, should be placed as near the centre of the union, as may consist with present accommodation, in order that its influence and benefits may be equally felt by the great body of citizens throughout the United States, that members of congress and other persons may approach it with equal convenience, from the opposite extremes, and that no species of partial favour may seem to have been extended to one extreme, rather than to the other; and whereas the present residence of congress is far removed from the centre of the union, whether population or distance are considered, since the new congress is to consist of eight senators, from states to the eastward of New-York, and sixteen from states to the southward, and since there are to be only seventeen members in the house of representatives, from the eastern states, though there are to be forty-two members from the southern states; and since the distance to the seat of government in the extreme eastern state, is hardly equal to one third of the distance to the seat of government in the most southerly state:—And whereas it is to be desired that the new congress may be convened in the same spirit of mutual accommodation which has hitherto appeared in all deliberations respecting the new government, and that proceedings under the said government may commence under the impressions of mutual confidence, without that general irritation and loss of time which must attend the removal from an improper situation, and without those painful apprehensions which will naturally arise from a measure that may seem to have originated in an undue regard to local considerations—therefore *resolved*, That the seat of the new congress ought to be in some place to the southward of New-York.

And on the question to postpone for the purpose above mentioned, it passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Carrington, seconded by Mr. Bingham, to amend the amendment, by striking out the words "New-York in the state of New-York," and in lieu thereof inserting "Philadelphia;" and on the question to agree to the amendment to the amendment, it passed in the negative.

A division was then called for,

And on the question to agree to the resolving clause, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the preamble, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The ordinance for putting the government into operation not being confirmed by seven states, the question is yet undetermined.

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY
WILLIAM SMALLWOOD, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND,

## A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS I have been well informed that John Calahan, late of Queen-Anne's county, was, on the sixth of this instant, August, murdered—And whereas I have good reason to believe the above murder was committed by a certain Edward Aldridge, alias Leg, who made his escape from Queen-Anne's county gaol a few days before the murder was perpetrated, and was lurking in the neighbourhood until the night of Calahan's decease; he then stole a small bay horse and departed. He was committed to the said gaol on suspicion of having released George Robinson and John Davenport, from Talbot county gaol, some time last spring. The said Aldridge was frequently heard to threaten the life of Calahan, if ever he got out of gaol, for his activity in having him apprehended. The said Aldridge is a dark mulatto, between thirty and forty years of age, near six feet high, well set, strong and active; he has a bushy head, and a remarkable scar on his thigh, occasioned by a burn.—For bringing to justice therefore, the perpetrator or perpetrators of this villainy, I have thought proper to publish this my proclamation, hereby offering a reward of thirty-seven pounds ten shillings current money of Maryland, for apprehending and securing the said Edward Aldridge, alias Leg, or any person or persons who, in anywise, assisted in the commission of the said crime, to be paid on conviction.

Given at the city of Annapolis, under the seal of the state of Maryland, this twenty-third day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

2 W. SMALLWOOD.

By his excellency's command,
T. JOHNSON, jun. Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE STATE.

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August 25, 1788.

To be SOLD to the highest bidder, on the premises, on Thursday the 20th of November, if fair, if not the next fair day,

A VALUABLE tract of land, belonging to Francis Lewis Taney, being in St. Mary's county, on the western shore of Patuxent river, together with another tract adjoining, (also some negroes,) the whole contains between nine hundred and a thousand acres, and is part of Delabrooke Manor, except about ninety acres of the Reserve; there is on the said land, a good dwelling house, barn, and several other convenient houses, situated on the river, and certainly is equal to any for fishing and water-fowling; it is fertile, well timbered and produces remarkably kind; near half the land is in woods, and abounds in good water and fruit trees of excellent sorts, besides apple and peach orchards; this seat would afford many good meadows with very little expence and trouble; the whole is in good repair, and rented for the next year ensuing.—Such as are inclined to purchase may observe, that one fourth of the purchase money must be paid on the day of sale, and the balance thereof on bond with approved security, payable in three payments, one third on the twentieth day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, one third that day twelve months, and the balance on the twentieth of November, seventeen hundred and ninety-one. Whoever purchases the said land shall have immediate possession given, with the advantages and profits arising from the next year's rent. The sale will begin at one o'clock. Any person inclinable to purchase by private contract may apply to

RAPHAEL TANEY, attorney
for Francis Lewis Taney.

John Cartwright

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Cæcil, August 15, 1788.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscribers intend to petition the general assembly, at their next session, to pass an act to aid certain defects in the conveyance of the northernmost moiety of a tract of land in Cæcil county, called Morris's Neck.

WILLIAM M. TENNENT,
D. Smith FRANCIS BAKER.

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By virtue of a writ of *venditioni exponas*, to me directed, will be sold at public vendue, on the premises, for ready cash, on the 18th of September next,

TWO parcels or tracts of land, called Marshland and Birkhead, containing one hundred and forty-five acres, more or less, late the property of Mr. George Gray, lying and being in Calvert county, and about five miles from the court-house, to satisfy a debt due from Mr. George Gray to James Gordon, Henry Riddle, John Campbell, senior, John Campbell, junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram.

W. ALLEIN, sheriff of
Calvert county.

August 20, 1788.

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Annapolis, September 4, 1788.

THE subscriber has a few LOTS, fronting on Conduit-street, to LEASE, opposite the new and elegant building of Mr. George Mann. The terms may be known on application to Mr. JOHN JOHNSON, or

JAMES CARROLL.

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Anne-Arundel county, September 3, 1788.

## Wanted Immediately,

A MAN, in the capacity of an overseer, with or without a family is immaterial; if he can come well recommended from his last employer, and understands farming and planting, good encouragement will be given, by THOMAS RUTLAND.

N. B. Sundry tenements to be let, in and near Annapolis, and possession given immediately, on very reasonable terms, by 4 w T. R.

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September 2, 1788.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the vestry of St. Margaret's, Westminster parish, intend to petition the general assembly of Maryland for a law to empower them to apply the rents arising from the glebes of the said parish towards payment of a debt due from the said parish to the reverend William Hanna, late of the said parish, deceased. Will. Worthington

Signed, per order,
8 w BENJAMIN FISH, Register.

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Anne-Arundel county, September 4, 1788.

BROKE gaol and made their escape, on Sunday night last, the following persons, to wit:

REUBEN MOORE, committed for horse stealing; negro JEM, who says he is the property of Mr. Hodge, of Prince-George's county, committed as a runaway; negro JERRY, the slave of Mrs. Mary Hesselius, (he was under sentence of death) a stout young fellow, about twenty-two years of age, five feet seven or eight inches high, his cloathing unknown. Whoever takes up the said Jerry, and delivers him at Annapolis gaol, shall receive twenty dollars reward.

DAVID STEWART, sheriff of
Anne-Arundel county.

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## *Notice to Subscribers.*

THE Laws of Maryland, from 1763 to 1784, directed to be printed by the general assembly, under the direction of Alexander Contee Hanson, Esquire, have been lodged in the different counties, for the subscribers, a considerable time, of which due information has been given.—I am, therefore, under the necessity of informing those who have not yet taken their books, that unless they apply for them in one month from this date, warrants will be issued against them, without respect, to compel a compliance with their contracts, the binding force of which has been tried before a magistrate and after a full hearing, and impartial consideration, judgment has been given in my favour.

August 21, 1788. 3 FREDERICK GREEN.

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## ANNAPOLIS RACES.

THE JOCKEY CLUB PURSE of SIXTY GUINEAS, will be run for, over the course near Annapolis, on Thursday, the 30th day of October next, agreeable to the rules established by the said club, with this alteration only, that any person, not a member of the club, may start his horse, mare or gelding, for the purse, on paying one shilling in the pound entrance, and be entitled to the purse should his horse win.

Those members of the club, who have not paid up their subscriptions fully, are requested to pay their respective balances to Mr. George Mann, at any time before the race, who is empowered to receive the same.

The members of the club are requested to meet at Mr. George Mann's, at 9 o'clock the morning of the race. 3

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August 15, 1788.

To be SOLD, on Monday the 15th day of September next, agreeable to a deed given by George Snell, of Montgomery county, to the subscriber, in consequence of being security for said Snell to Usher and Donaldson, in Baltimore town,

THREE hundred and eighteen acres of LAND, the title in which is only for said Snell's life; will likewise, on the same day, be sold, on the premises, thirteen slaves, consisting of men, women and children. The whole of the above property to be sold for cash only. 2 w3

JOHN BURGESS, sen.

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Charles county, August 16, 1788.

## NOTICE.

BEING very desirous to pay the debts and settle the estate of the late Thomas Stone, Esq; we give notice, that we shall proceed, by legal means, to compel payment of the debts due to the said estate. tf

M. J. STONE, } Executors of the will of
2 G. R. BORWN, } T. Stone, Esq; deceased.