plains your dispositions on this subject; and I am persuaded, that the sooner that valuable fund can be made to contribute, along with other means, to the actual reduction of the public debt, the more salutary will the measure be to every public interest, as well as the more satisfactory to our constituents.

Gentlemen of the Senate,
and House of Representatives,

In pursuing the various and weighty business of the present session, I indulge the fullest persuasion that your consultations will be equally marked with wisdom, and animated by the love of your country. In whatever belongs to my duty, you shall have all the co-operation which an undiminished zeal for its welfare can inspire. It will be happy for us both, and our best reward, if, by a successful administration of our respective trusts, we can make the established government more and more instrumental in promoting the good of our fellow-citizens, and more and more the object of their attachment and confidence.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

United States, December 8, 1790.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, resolved, that the said speech be committed to the consideration of a committee of the whole house to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, it was resolved, that two chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to congress for the present session; one by each house, who shall interchange weekly.

Ordered, That the clerk of the house do carry the said resolution to the senate, and desire their concurrence.

Several private petitions were referred to the heads of the departments respectively to which they were analogous.

On motion, Messrs. Sherman, Clymer and Williamson, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for the regulation of the post-office and post-roads.

Mr. Williamson, after some prefatory observations on the utility of news-papers, and their merit, moved, that each member be furnished with three at his own election. This motion was ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourned till to-morrow.

For the MARYLAND GAZETTE.

TO FREEMAN.

I WOULD not attempt to answer your arguments, because I have always found that matters, which might be right between individuals, either could not, or would not, be adopted in political government, at all times. I would give instances, but must be silent.

When I mentioned the word *curse*, I expected it would be understood metaphorically, though not then particularly so expressed. I wish to remove the evil as much as any one. The mode of doing it constitutes the difficulty. I wish that a beginning could be made immediately. I must insist that a manumission all at once, would be the ruin of thousands, besides endangering the safety of the state. I wish you had given your sentiments with respect to the mode. The press is free to every one who writes with decency, and avoids writing treason against the state and the union. This I need not mention to you. Every citizen hath an undoubted right to communicate his sentiments on any public question.

I have long wished that a law might pass to prevent the inhuman treatment of slaves.

Those who wish to manumit, have it in their power at any time, under our present law, for that purpose.

It may be doubtful whether doing it by last will and testament would be proper, unless such testament was made in perfect health, so expressed and proved by the witnesses.

If you could point out ways and means to pay the cost of these slaves, I make no doubt but a general manumission might take place—on exportation. It would not do to keep them among us. Some few among them, who have been faithful friends, as well as faithful servants, to their masters, might wish to continue here, and be employed.

The majority of a community will ever give laws to that community. The freemen choose their representatives, who bind them in all cases, agreeable to constitution and form of government. If the laws made be ever so oppressive, they remain laws of the land until repealed.

Leaving all these matters to our worthy general assembly, and hoping, as I now am, to continue a freeman, I take my leave of the subject, and remain

A TRUE FRIEND TO THE UNION.

December 6th, 1790.

Will be offered for SALE,

To the highest bidder, at the late dwelling plantation of Mr. WILLIAM HAMERSLEY, deceased, on Wednesday the 22d instant, if fair, otherwise the next fair day thereafter,

ALL that part of the personal property belonging to the estate of the deceased, consisting of a large stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, some valuable household furniture and plantation utensils. For all sums above ten pounds nine months credit will be given, on bond with interest, and approved security.

On Friday the 24th, will be sold a tract of valuable LAND, containing by a late survey 250 acres, beautifully situated on the south side of Chaptico bay, within two miles of the warehouse, improved with a dwelling house, kitchen and quarter. One or two years credit may be obtained, on giving bond with interest, and approved security.

F. HAMERSLEY,
HENRY HAMERSLEY, } Executors.

St. Mary's county, December 7, 1790.

Mrs. SEWELL respectfully informs the ladies and gentlemen of Annapolis, that her MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT and BALL takes place this evening at the BALL-ROOM, and hopes to have the honour of their patronage.

*** TICKETS to be had at Mrs. SEWELL's lodgings, and at Mr. MANN's.

Thursday, December 16, 1790.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Mr. ROBERT WHITAKER, late of Prince-George's county, are requested to bring them in legally proved, and those indebted are desired to make immediate payment, to

MARGERY WHITAKER, Admx.

December 10, 1790.

NOTICE.

I FOREWARN all persons from hunting with either dog or gun on any of my lands, as many persons have frequently committed trespasses under pretence of hunting.

WILLIAM BREWER, sen.

Anne-Arundel county, South river.

NOTICE

IS hereby given, that the subscriber will prosecute any person whatever who shall hereafter hunt or come within his enclosures on his land, near Annapolis, without leave.

w3 JOHN WEEMS.

NOTICE.

I FOREWARN all persons from hunting with either dog or gun, on any of my lands, as many persons have frequently committed trespasses under pretence of hunting.

CHARLES STEUART.

Annapolis, November 24, 1790.

On FRIDAY, the 7th of JANUARY, 1791, will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, at the plantation of the late FRANK LEEKE, near Upper-Marlborough,

A NUMBER of valuable NEGROES, consisting of men, women and children, belonging to the estate of the said Frank Leeke, among whom are some tradesmen, and the rest accustomed to plantation work. Likewise, the STOCK, consisting of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, a quantity of corn, and the plantation utensils. The sale, if not finished on Friday, will continue the next day. And

On MONDAY, the 10th, at Upper-Marlborough, sundry other NEGROES belonging to the said estate, among which are some valuable house-servants; some horses and cattle, and a variety of articles of household and kitchen furniture—the sale of which will be continued from day to day till it is completed.

Twelve months credit will be allowed on the purchaser's giving bond with approved security (with interest from the day of sale) except for a few articles, which will be particularised at the day of sale, for which a small part of the purchase money must be paid down. The sales at each place will commence at 11 o'clock.

ANNE LEEKE, Administratrix of FRANK LEEKE.

VALUABLE LANDS,

For SALE, on CREDIT.

THE PLANTATION whereon the subscriber now lives, at the head of Bush river, within 25 miles of Baltimore-town, containing 1000 acres, about one half cleared, and in excellent farming order; the other abounding in valuable timber, which may easily be sent to Baltimore-town, and yield a great profit; upwards of 20 acres of the best timothy meadow, now in grass, and as much more may be made and watered at a small expence: a good apple and peach orchards, and a variety of other fruit: an excellent spring of water near the dwelling house, which is of brick, 60 by 48 feet, two stories high, with four rooms and a large passage on each floor: a large kitchen and wash-house of stone: a new framed barn, granary, stables, and every other necessary and useful improvement for a farm. There are 125 bushels of wheat now in the ground.—Also, two other adjoining FARMS, one containing 380, the other 280 acres of land, with good improvements thereon, and a sufficient quantity of timber to each. Any person desirous of purchasing, will please to make application by the first of January next, and they shall have a great bargain.

THOMAS HALL.

Harford county, state of Maryland, December 5, 1790.

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS will sit every day from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon.

By order, A. GOLDER, clk.

November 6, 1790.

BY THE COMMITTEE OF GRIEVANCES AND COURTS OF JUSTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE will sit every day from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon.

By order, T. PURDY, clk.

November 6, 1790.

WILLAM FOXCROFT

Most respectfully acquaints his friends and the public, that he has commenced business at the store lately occupied by John Petty, and Co. at the upper end of Corn-Hill street, facing the Stadt-house, where he is now opening,

A Neat and General ASSORTMENT of

DRY GOODS,

CONSISTING OF

Fashionable, Superfine & Second Clothes,
Three quarters and seven-eighths stripe Clothes,
Cassimers,
Superfine, stripe & plain Coating,
Cardinals,
Halfthicks,
Knapt Cottons,
Flannels,
Baizes,
Welsh Plains,
Duffil Blankets,
Durants,
Calimancoes,
Jones Spinning,
Moreens,
Wildboars,
Crapes,
Muslinets,
Muslins of all sorts,
Plain, stripe and spotted Gauzes,
Royal Ribbs,
Thickset,
Satinets,
Jeans,
Fustains,
Corduroys,
Black Princess Stuff,
Cottons and Calicoes,
Cotton & Chintz Shawls,
Cotton and Linen Handkerchiefs,
Black Silk & Love Handkerchiefs,
Table Clothes,
Bed-Ticks,
Bed-Bunts,
Checks, 7/8 and yard wide,
Cotton Stripes,
7-8 and yard wide Irish Linens,
Ink-Powder,
Snuff,
Ladies fashonable Beaver, and Gentlemen's Fine Hats,
Coarse ditto,
Fashionable Coat & Vest Buttons,
Imperial ditto,
Tapes,
Bindings,
Thread,
Edging and Bobbing,
Ladies and Gentlemen's Cotton, Silk & Worsted Hose,
Silk and Cotton Patent ditto,
Ladies Gloves,
Gentlemen's Beaver ditto.
Best Philadelphia & common Stuff Shoes,
Ironmongery,
Queen's Ware, &c. &c.

Which, from their reduced prices, goodness of quality, and his unremitted endeavours to please, will, he hopes, merit the attention of a generous public.

To be SOLD, at Public Vendue,

On TUESDAY, the 21st of DECEMBER, if fair, if not the next fair day, at the house of WILLIAM HUTTON, near Lyon's creek, in Calvert county,

SUNDRY valuable NEGROES, consisting of men, women and children. The terms will be made known on the day of sale.

Nov. 30, 1790. HANNAH WEST.

To be RENTED,

And possession given immediately,

A STORE-HOUSE in Bryan-town, Charles county, sixteen feet square, with a counting-room, and a cellar under the whole; it is a good stand for a store, being between Patuxent and Patowmack rivers, in the heart of a good tobacco country. For terms apply to JAMES BOARMAN.

November 30, 1790.

JAMES WILLIAMS,

Has just to hand, and for SALE, by the Quarter-Cask or Gallon,

—A Considerable Assortment of—

OLD WINES,

—VIZ.—

LONDON Particular, six years old; Sherry, Lisbon, Calcavela and Red Port, five years old; White Port, fourteen years old; and Teneriffe of different qualities.—LIKEWISE, Old Spirit, and three years old Peach Brandy, West-India Rum, and Holland's Gin; Hyson, Congo, and Bohea Teas; Coffee; Loaf and Muscovado Sugars—To be SOLD low for Cash, State or Continental Certificates,

For SALE,---Likewise,

At my late Brother's STORE,

A large and general assortment of fall and other GOODS, which will be disposed of on very low terms, little more than cost and charges, for Cash or Certificates, as above.—Old customers to the store, and other friends, in want of goods, will find it to their interest to apply soon.

CASH given for all kinds of

State & Continental Certificates.

Annapolis, November 25, 1790.

Annapolis, November 4, 1790.

THIS is to give notice to all persons who have claims against the estate of WILLIAM YELDELL, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to bring them in legally authenticated, on or before the 14th day of January, 1791, that the same may be settled; and those who are any ways indebted to the deceased to make immediate payment, so that the estate may be finally closed on the day above mentioned, by 8w

JOHN JARVIS, Administrator de bonis non, with the Will annexed.