BY HIS FXCELLENCY John Eager Howard, Esquire, Governor of Maryland.

HEREAS at a general court held for the western shore of the state of Maryland on the tenth d., or Ma, lait, a certain THOMAS HADFIEI D, Itte of Baltimore county, merchant, was indicted for the murder of DAVID STERETT, of the same count, merchan: And whereas the peace, dignity, and well being of the flate require that fuch measures the u d be ad pred as may probably effect the arrest of th fuid Thomas Hadfield, so that he may be put upon trial for the said offence-I do, therefore, by the by me to receive the same, that those to whom the placed and concealed himself in a certain field belong. advice and consent of the council, issue this my pro- estate is indebted may be paid, who are hereby request- ing to the said farm, where it was usual for colonel clamation, requiring all civil officers, and other the ed to bring in their accounts properly atteffed. god citizens of this state, to apprehend the said Thomas Hadfield, and to bring him before some judge or justice within the said state, to be dealt with according to law.

GIVEN at Annapolis, under the seal of the state of Mary and, this eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thouland seven hundred J. E. HOWARD. an! ninety-one.

By his Excellency's command, T. Johnson, jun. Secretary. GODSAVE THE STATE.

## State of Maryland.

In COUNCIL,

Annapolis, June 10, 1791. THEREAS it has been represented by several of the inhabitants of Dorcheiter county, that a certain ELIE SMOOT, on or about the thirteenth of April last, was murdere i by a certain negro WILL, the flave of John Smoot, of the faid county, which mero, immediately after committing the faid murd r, fled to escape the fustice of the laws, and was form after apprehended and confined in prison in the city of Philadelphia, from whence he was taken by fin ry citizens of this state employed by the said John S not, but escaped from their cultody on the journey

LARS shill be paid for apprehending the said negro it appears, that on the morning of the 25th of April Will, and delivering him to the cultody of the theriff last ELIJAH GAITHER, for of Edward, came to of any county within this state.

ORDERED. That the clerk take measures for the due publication of the foregoing relolution in the public papers of the states of Penniulvania and New-Jerley. Extract from the minates,

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T. JOHNSON, jun. Clk.

fell w, about fix feet high, well made in proportion, opportu ity should offer: And wh reas it is obviously quick in his fre ch, and talks much; he has had a against the committee of such enormeties, and to bring finall fear over one of his eyes?"

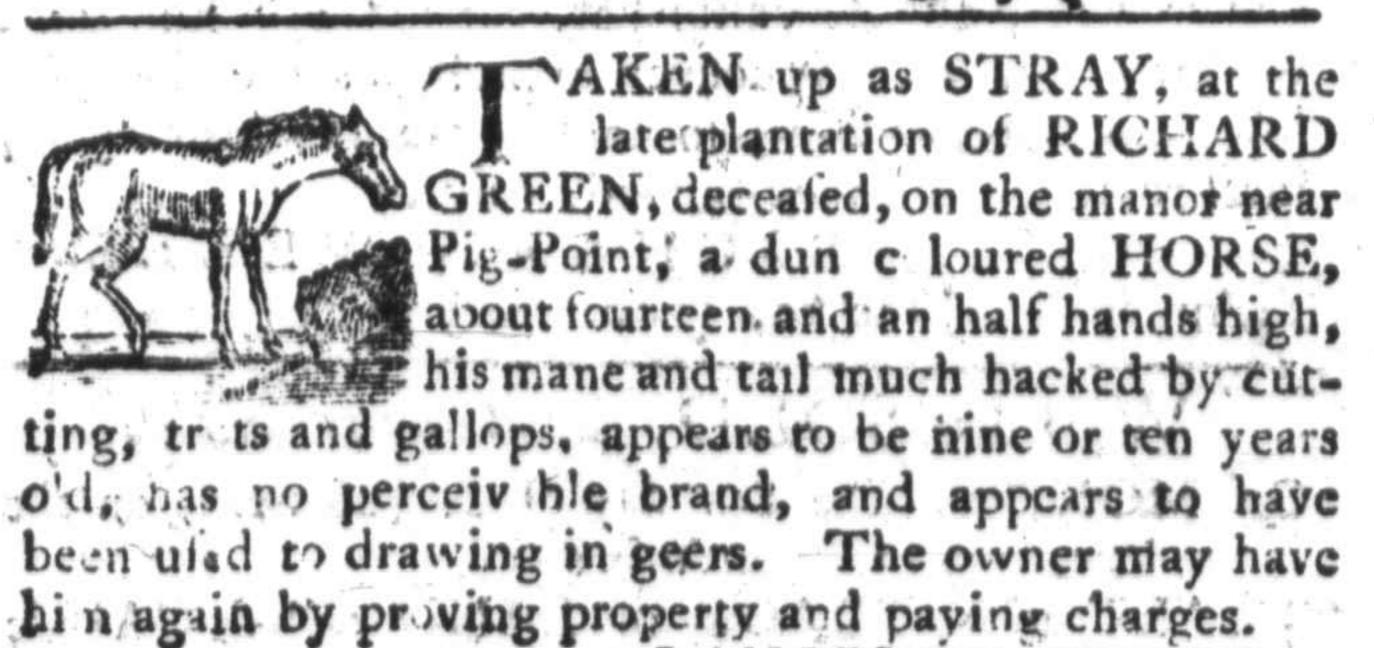
# To be SOLD,

BY THE SUBSCRIBER,

WELVE hundred ACRES of good LAND in one body, between the heads of Sassafras and Appoquinimink, the greater part of which is well timbered, and the residue well adapted for the production of wheat and Indian corn. The time of payment will be made easy to the purchaser, and the land disposed of in lots, or otherwise, as may be agreed on, DANIEL CHARLES HEATH.

A LL persons having claims against the estate of the late ALEXANDER FRAIZER, of Calvert' county, are requested to attend on TUESDAY the 26th day of July next at Lower-Marlborough, in the county atorefaid, with their claims properly authenticated, that they may receive their dividends. PETER EMERSON, Attorney in fact for

JOHN ALEXANDER FRAIZER, Admr. Carrert county, June 8, 1791.



May 28, 1701. 3X All persons having claims against the ettie of WILLIAM PRICE, or of JOHN PRICE, executor of said William Price, both late of Queen-Anne's county, deceated, are requested to produce them properly authenticated, and those who are indebted to either of the said estates are desired to make immediate payment, to

LANCELOT GREEN.

Administrator de bonis non, on the estate of William Price, and administrator with the will annexed to John Price.

## FOUND, Between Annapolis and Baltimore,

A Silver Watch,

Which the owner may get by applying at the Printing-Office, and paying the charge of this notice.

THOMAS ORRICK, late of Anne-Arundel before day-light) he, the faid Gaither, started with county, deceased, are desired to discharge their respec- his servant from Elk-Ridge for colonel Hammond's tive balances immediately with WILLIAM ALEXAN- place of residence with a full determination to kill him. DER, of the city of Annapolis, who is fully authorised and arrived at the farm just after day-break; that he

JAMES\_WEST, Administrator. May 25, 1791.

AN AWAY from the subscriber, a NEGRO MAN named HAR-RY, about thirty-hive years old, fix feet high, and itout made, knock kneed, and one leg more fo than the other, which affects his walk, so as to make him appear a little lame; he has loft the nails off several of his toes on both feet, from being frost bitten; his clouths were an old coarfe cloth jacket, with osnabrig shirt, tow linen trousers, and old hat. He crossed Such River ferry on Sunday last, and is probably lurking about Annapolis, or the neighbourhood. THREE POUNDS reward will be given for taking up the faid negro, and securing him so that his master may get him again, by

JAMES CHESTON. West-River, 5th July, 1701.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY John Eager Howard, Esquire,

## GOVERNOR of MARYLAND. APROCLAMATION

he ward, and fled towards the state of New-Jersey: WHEREAS by the deposition of REZIN HAM-RESOLVED, That ONE HUNDRED DOL. WOND, Equire, of Anne Arundel county, the dwelling of the faid Hammond, and fired at him two pittols and a gun, with intention, as the faid Hammond believes, to kill him: And whereas, by the deposition of JOHN G. HAMILTON, of Montgomery county, it appears, that the laid Gaither afterwards, in conversation with him, acknowledged the facts let forth in the deposition above mentioned, except the THE advertisement originally issued, respecting the firing of the gun, and declared that he did discharge above-mentioned negro, contains the following descrip-, the faid pilt is with a Jengn to kill the said Hammond, and did then turther declare that it was mill his lettled A black mith by trade; he is a cunning artful determination to kill the faid Hummond whenever an his a black smooth sace, a good set of teeth, very the duty of the executive to guard as much as may be finall piece cropped from one of his ears, and has a fuch offenders against the laws and peace of society to juilice-I have therefore thought proper, by and with the advice of the council, to iffue this my proclamation, authoriting and enjoining all theriffs, and other officers of the peace, to apprehend and convey before some one of the judges or judices within this state, the said Elijah Guither, in order that he may be dealt with according to law; and I do hereby exhort and require the good people of this flate to be aiding and affilling the laid officers in the execution of their duty.

> GIVEN at Annapolis, under the seal of the state of Maryland, this seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

E. HOWARD.

By his Excellency's command, T. Johnson, jun. Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE STATE.

\* \*\* ORDERED, That the above proclamation be published fix weeks.

T. JOHNSON, jun.

HEREBY offer a reward of FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS for apprehending the above-mentioned Elijah Gaither, agreeable to the foregoing proclamation, and will pay the same upon his being brought declared, that he was not yet satisfied, and would albefore any one of the judges of the general court, or either of the associate justices of Anne-Arundel county, to be dealt with according to law. REZIN HAMMOND.

June 7, 1791.

Mestrs. GREEN. IN order fully to disclose the wicked and premeditated intent of Elijah Gaither, in his attack on me, be the faid Gaither further declared, that he could reconpleased to publish in your paper the deposition of John G. Hamilton, which is as follows:

REZIN HAMMOND.

N the second day of June, one thousand seven it. hundred and ninety-one, came before me, the subscriber, one of the judges of the general court, JOHN G. HAMILTON, and made oath, that on or about the thirteenth of May last he was in company and had conversation with Elijah Gaither, son of Edward, and that, in the course of the said conversation, the faid Gaither informed this deponent as follows :--That he had had a round with colonel Rezin Ham-

mond had injured his reputation, and that, in come. quence thereoi, he, the said Gaither, for several months before, had premeditated and determined to kill him. and that he came down from New-York for that purpole, that having discovered in Baltimore-town that colonel Hammond had brought suits against him, he immediately hired horses, provided himself with three braces of pittols, all which he loaded, or cauled to be loaded, with three bullets and two buck shot each, and a gun, which was loaded with three bullets and a A LL persons who are indebted to the estate of quantity of shot, after which (viz. on Easter Monday Hammond to pass every morning, and so concealed. together with his laid lervant, waited for some time in expectation of the said Hanimond coming along, during which time he, the laid Gaither, and his servant, watched for him alternately; that some time after funrife he, the said Gaither, finding that the laid Hammond did not pals through the laid field as he expect. ed, sent his servant up to the house to inquire if the said Hammond was at home, and if possible to discover and give him information whether the faid Hammond intended to come out, and which way he intended to go, who was at the house with him, and whether he was still in bed or not; that his servant returned and informed him that Mr. Hammond was at home and in bed, and no body with him; whereupon the faid Gait. her formed the design of going up to the house, enter. ing Mr Hammond's room (with which the laid Gaither was well acquainted) and affallinating him while in bed, but that he changed this resolution from an arprehension that he might be discovered pefore he could carry his views into execution; that he remained in his first situation until about eight o'clock, when he aid his servant rode up to the house with the gun and piltols aforelaid; that when he arrived there, he lent one of Mr. Hammond's negroes into the house to inform Mr Hammond that he wanted to speak with him; that Mr. Hammond came into the yard and invised him to alight and walk in, which he refused; that Gaither then asked Mr. Hammond to come up to him, as he wished to speak with him; whereupon Mr. Han mond said, I see you are armed, and it I come to you, you will shoot me; that Gaither then promited upon his honour he would not, and that he made use of this promile as an artifice to get Mr. Fiamin nd in his power; that Mr. Han mond then went within seven steps or thereabouts of him, and Gaither ordered him to Hop, gave his gun to his fervant, and alighted from his horie, ar which time two of his pillols fell from in beit; that he thereupon offered Mr. Hammond a pil tol, and infilted upon fighting, which Mr. Hammond declined, becaute there were no witnesles by, but of fered to fight at any subsequent day it he was bent upon it; that Gitner would not defer it, and said Mr. Hammond thould either fight him that m ment, or he would kill him; that, on hearing a notic behind him, proceeding from the approach of a negro or regross, he, the said Gaither, turned in order to keep the said negro or negroes off, and that then colonel Hammond run from him towards the house; that he turned about, and before he had run many steps, he the said Gaither levelled one of his piltols at him, and fi:ea the tame, and was altonished that he milled him, as he never took a more cool and deliberate aim in his lite; that as foon as he found he had missed him, he drew another pistol, and before Mr. Hammond had run above filteen stepi, he fired that also at him, and th ught he saw the wadding burning on his back; that thereupon, although Mr. Hammond did not fall, Re the said Gather concluded he had killed him; but finding that he continued to run until he got into the house, and supposing that Mr. Hammond intended to get a gun, and return with it, he the said Gaither took his gun from the kt. van, and got behind the pales of the yard, and the velled his gun over the pales, with his finger upon the trigger ready to fire as foon as Mr. Hammond should come out; that Mr. Hammond did come out of the house with a gun in his hand, and fired at him, and struck him in the left hand; that thereupon, under an apprehension that Mr. Hammond's negroes were c ming to attack him, one of which had a gun, and fearing Mr Hammond would also get another gun, he mounted his horse, and as he was mounting the laid negro fired and struck him on the neck and left shoulder; that then the said Gaither went off; that the said Gaither, at the time of the above converlation, further ways go prepared for the faid Hammond, and would kill him wherever he met him, and expressed his regret and complained that he was unfortunate in not having killied him before; that this deponent endeavoured to dissuade the said Guither from the further profecution of his revenge, but that such diffusions, instead of having any salutary effect upon him, on'y feemed to make him the more determined; and that cile it to his conscience to hire assassins to take away the life of the faid Hammond; and that the debt for which Mr. Hammond had brought fuit against him was a just debt, but that he never would pay it, and would kill him, or any one elfe, it he ever asked for

mond, of Anne Arundel county; that the said Ham.

Sworn before me on this 2d Junes 1791. True Copy.

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