commerce for the time, they, as friends of all men and all nations, are bound to deplore.

Impressed, too, with an opinion that in an inoffending conduct towards all the world consists the true policy of America, it is their determination not only to pay the strictest regard to the proclamation themselves, but to discountenance, in the most pointed manner, any contrary disposition in others; examples of which, they are persuaded, will seldom occur; the sentiments just expressed being, as they have the satisfaction to find, the common language of the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Extract of a letter from Amsterdam, received by the ship Peggy, arrived at Philadelphia, dated the 5th of April.

"Since my last, the French arms have been very unsuccessful in this country; the bombardment against Williamstadt, which was continued from the 13th of February till the 11th of March, has ceased, the French leaving behind all their cannon and ammunition: They have likewise left Luykerland, where the Austrians obtained a victory, and made a great booty. Dumourier's retreat out of Brabant to the borders of France, after three severe engagements with the Austrians, in which the loss of the former, in killed, is computed at twenty five and that of the latter at fifteen thousand men, however courageously that general conducted himself, has created much alarm in the minds of the people. In short, the declaration of war, by the convention, against Spain and Portugal, the taking of Hamburg and Bremen vessels, and likewise American bottoms, laden with produce for either of the contending powers, has thrown the commercial as well as political concerns into the utmost consternation.

"P. S. It was currently reported on our exchange this day, that Dumourier had accepted the white cockade, and gone over to the Austrians, to form the constitution on its old basis."

ANNAPOLIS, *May* 23.

On Monday last the students of St. John's College in this city underwent a public examination. The higher classes in the mathematical and philosophical schools, under the inspection of Mr. M'Dowell, principal, and the Rev. Mr. Higinbothom, vice-principal, gave convincing proofs of the great exertions of those gentlemen in the departments of science and literature committed to their care. Several difficult geometrical theorems were demonstrated by the pupils of Mr. M'Dowell upon the principles of the mathematics, confirmed by arithmetical and algebraic calculations, with that ease and perspicuity which evince a clear comprehension of the subject. In the higher classes of Greek and Latin, their pupils gave equal satisfaction. Their knowledge, not only of those languages, but of the subjects treated on by the authors put into their hands, shewed the effect of able instruction, and studious diligence. The youth in the grammar school, each class of which was separately examined, performed in a manner highly to the credit of Mr. M'Grath, the professor, and Messieurs Priestly and Scot, the tutors. This younger part of the seminary gave flattering assurances of their succeeding with equal merit to those stations, which their elder fellow students now occupy.

After the conclusion of the examination several orations from Livy, Cicero, Sallust and Tacitus, were delivered by the young gentlemen. As this part of the exhibition was not at first intended, they were in some measure unprepared. Notwithstanding, they pronounced them with much spirit and energy, and with suitable action. The young gentlemen, who delivered them, were Masters Carr, Goldsborough, Tilghman, Cooke, Lomax, jun. Shaw, sen. Stewart and Clark, jun.

Master Walley favoured the audience with a composition which displayed the style of a scholar, and the sentiments of a truly patriotic American. Two Greek dialogues from Lucian were rehearsed by Masters Cooke, Clark, Key, Murray, Shaw and Maynard, in which the humour of that author was well supported and characterised. Some of these young gentlemen do not exceed fourteen years of age. The whole concluded with a speech in Greek from Homer by Master Lomax, sen. whose deserts are not inferior to those of his brother students mentioned above.

It, no doubt, afforded a considerable degree of satisfaction to the visitors and governors of St. John's College, not merely as trustees, but as citizens, to see the intention of that noble institution hitherto so effectually pursued. The proficiency of the students proves the propriety of the plan of education adopted, as well as the ability and endeavours of the professors and tutors. A proper adherence to this plan, and a strict attention to other interesting particulars, which those who undertake the superintendence will undoubtedly give, must insure the prosperous continuance of a seminary, which, as it dispels ignorance, and its consequent evils, must produce those advantages, public and private, that ever accompany knowledge and information. Those gentlemen, strangers, who favoured the examination with their attendance, expressed their approbation in high terms. Some of them accustomed to colleges were pleased to observe, that the students of St. John's, at their first public exhibition, acquitted themselves in a manner that would not have discredited veteran collegians.

Messieurs Green,

By inserting the underwritten in your useful paper you will oblige, A CORRESPONDENT.

To the PLANTERS.

THE proclamation issued by the president of the United States of America, declaratory of the disposition of our government towards the European belligerent powers, must convince every impartial man, that our political sentiments with the French nation do not oblige us to take part with them in the present war; that our proclamation extends only to a commercial view of the transportation of such articles as are deemed contraband by the modern usage of nations. Your tobaccos will consequently pass unmolested in American bottoms—but the crop on its way to the warehouses is so very short of the accustomed quantity, that it cannot possibly be equal to the extraordinary demand for that grateful herb, which the European war must necessarily create.—Your situation is a most eligible one—Who will be the purchasers?—Kings—and what are the objects in dispute between the contending parties? *Crowns—Crowns—Crowns*—Tom Paine's prophecy is fulfilling with giant stride—The *despots of Europe* are closely leagued against France—if they do not succeed in their project of cutting up the liberties of Europe by the roots, *the kingly trade* will speedily be abolished throughout the world.—Your tobacco is an absolute necessary—without it, neither the republican nor the royal armies can keep the field.—When monarchy is the stake, and your tobacco is equally the means of preserving and destroying it, is it supposeable that the contending parties will not give *a generous price* for an article so very valuable to their different interests? *Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ascalon*—My brother planters, be firm and united—if you persevere in the line of conduct which has distinguished the major part of your body for the last few years, you will with a quick step advance to that state which constitutes the substantial happiness of man—Independence—I expect that the agents for the *royal purchasers* will, as is the usual conduct of such characters, exercise all their ingenuity in endeavouring to alarm you with the expected arrival of a plentiful supply of tobacco of *superior quality in the British ports from Siera Leone*—You may take it for a fact, that cannot be authentically denied by any man, that the consumption of tobacco must increase with the progressive augmentation of the European armies—Again, my brethren, be firm and united—you will then look your adversaries in the face with a steady countenance. A gentleman, *whose agency* is infinitely more pleasing, will soon make his appearance among you, by the name of Mr. *Rattle the Cash*—he is a very respectable character of *Sterling Worth*, to whose intimate acquaintance I shall be very happy in having an opportunity of introducing my brother planters—but—be firm and united.

THE PLANTER'S FRIEND.

Anne-Arundel, May 19, 1793.

George Johnson,

At his DRY and WET GOODS STORE,

At the Head of the Dock,

Lately in the occupation of Mr. *John Randall*,

RESPECTFULLY begs leave to inform the public, that he has now on hand, and for sale, on the very lowest terms, a beautiful assortment of DRY GOODS, suitable for the present and approaching season.

He has also just received from Philadelphia, a quantity of very fine hyson tea, excellent bloom and sun-raisins, Florence oil in flasks, capers, anchovies, and a number of other articles too tedious to enumerate, which, added to the articles he formerly had in that line, forms an excellent and extensive assortment of GROCERIES.

JOHN MUNROE,

Boot & Shoe-Maker,

Corn-Hill-Street,

ANNAPOLIS,

RETURNS his hearty thanks to his customers for their patronage, and begs leave to inform them, and the public in general, that he has again received from LONDON, a supply of fresh Spanish and Morocco leather, together with sundry other articles. Having supplied himself with a general assortment of materials, he flatters himself he shall be able to furnish those who please to favour him with their commands, with any article belonging to any of the various branches of his business.

HE HAS FOR SALE,

Spanish and Morocco leather, New-England black and white stuff shoes, gentlemens shoe, knee and boot buckles, spurs, children's clasps, shoe-makers tools, shoe heels, black balls, and sundry other articles, all of which he will sell on reasonable terms.

N. B. Store keepers in the country may be supplied with ladies slippers by the dozen, or larger quantity. A generous profit will be allowed on his selling price.

A LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office at Leonard-town, which, if not taken up before the first day of July next, will be returned to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

JOHN A. THOMAS, Esq. St. Mary's county, letters.
Rob. Chesley, Esq. ditto 1
Robert Clarke, ditto 1
Burt. Tarlton, ditto 1
Col. Rob. Jarboe, ditto 1
Jno. Leich, ditto 1
Rich. Llewellen, ditto 1
Charles Leigh, ditto 1
Jno. Murray, painter, Baltimore, 1
Miss Rebecca Adderton, care of Edw. Swan, Allen's Fresh, 1

May 7, 1793.

R. TAYLOR

RESPECTFULLY begs leave to return thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who have employed him to teach in their families, and likewise to those who have subscribed to the organ; intending shortly to leave this place, if he is indebted to any person it is requested that application may be made for payment.

A LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-Office, Upper-Marlborough, if not taken up before the first of July next, will be sent to the general Post-Office, as dead Letters:—

BENJAMIN BERRY, Esquire, Prince-George's county.

Mr. Thomas Black, Upper-Marlborough, Prince-George's county.

Mr. John Brown, Queen-Anne's county, state Maryland.

Messieurs Hanson and Bond, Printers, Alexandria.

Miss Rebecca Bayly, Prince-George's county.

Miss Mary Beall, Upper-Marlborough.

The right reverend Thomas J. Clagett, post-office, Upper-Marlborough, (3 letters).

Mr. Thomas B. Clements, Upper-Marlborough.

Miss Rebecca Fry.

Joshua Groves, and Co. Queen-Anne, Patuxent river.

John Read Magruder, Esquire, Upper-Marlborough.

William M'Blair, merchant, Lower-Marlborough.

Mr. John Mallowny, Nine Bridges, Queen-Anne's county.

Mr. Thomas Lyles, Queen-Anne.

Mrs. Mary Lyles, Patuxent river, Maryland.

John Coats Jones, Esquire, Inspector Revenue, Cedar Point.

Henry Hunt, Esquire, Sheriff, Calvert county.

Samuel Tyler, Esquire, Register Wills, Upper-Marlborough.

Mr. Roger Parke, Upper-Marlborough.

Colonel Joseph Wilkinson, Calvert county.

Colonel Gabriel Vanhorn, Prince-George's county.

Doctor Daniel Rawlings, Lower-Marlborough.

Captain Matthew Readmon, Nottingham.

SAMUEL HAMILTON, D. P. M.

Calvert county, May 4, 1793.

THE honourable the chancellor of this state having appointed the subscriber trustee for the creditors of Francis King, of Calvert county, an insolvent debtor, do hereby give notice, that he will sell, at public auction, at Lower-Marlborough, on Monday the tenth day of June next, the property of said Francis King, consisting of the reversion of part of several tracts or parcels of land, lying in Prince-George's county, viz. Part of Brooke Grove and Reparation, now in the possession of Levy Gantt and Richard Contee; also, part of a tract of land called Worton, now in the possession of a certain ——— Ferguson, and one lot of land in Hawkins's and Beatty's Addition to George-town, on the following terms: the purchaser to pay ready money, if the sum shall not exceed five pounds current money, if more than five pounds, and under fifty pounds, to give bond to the trustee as such, with security if required, for the purchase money, with interest within one year from the time of sale; if more than fifty pounds, the purchaser shall give bond as aforesaid, with security, for paying one half of the purchase money, with interest, within one year, and the residue, with interest, within two years from the time of sale. The sale will begin precisely at 12 o'clock.

W. ALLEIN.

Ten Pounds Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 12th inst. a negro man named WILL, about 23 years of age, five feet nine or ten inches high; had on, when he went away, a round felt hat, osnabrig shirt and trousers, and a coarse cloth over jacket; short and round, he had other cloaths with him, which cannot well be described, he is likely, of a very dark complexion, full faced, and has a remarkable fine set of teeth, he is slow of speech, and rather awkward in his manners, is a tolerable good blacksmith, but has never worked as foreman of a shop; he was formerly the property of Henry May, late of this county, blacksmith. This fellow was taken out of gaol at Alexandria, in Virginia, about eight days ago, but has since made his escape; when he was apprehended he had a forged pass in his possession, and it is expected he may have procured another. Whoever takes up the said negro and brings him to me, or secures him in any gaol so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward.

RICHARD BEARD.

N. B. It is probable this fellow may endeavour to pass for a free man, as there are many free blacks passing about the country; when he went to Alexandria his intention was to have made his escape by water, I therefore forewarn all masters of vessels, and others, from harbouring or concealing him at their peril, if they should they may expect to be dealt with agreeably to law.

R. B.

Anne-Arundel county, June 20, 1792.

STRAYED or stolen from Mr. THOMAS SEARS's plantation, near Rose-Tucker, the [illegible] day of September, 1792, a dark bay MARE, 14 hands three inches high, has no peculiar distinctive mark from nature perceptible to the eye, but is hand docked, shod before, she trots and gallops, and has a very tight and brisk walk. It must be observed that the burning the lampers out of her mouth, has left a very perceivable mark. Whoever secures the above mare so that she be had, shall receive eight dollars reward.

JOSHUA STEWART.