

which the latter were beaten, and driven back to the fort with great slaughter.

Capt. Lindsay also says, that while he lay in Montserrat, two British ships of 74 and 64 guns, arrived there, the lieutenant of one of which informed Capt. Lindsay, that they had been cruising off Guadaloupe to stop the sailing of any vessels from that place, notwithstanding which, a fleet of 11 sail of transports, and a sloop of war slipped out of Point-Petre, and escaped their vigilance; and that they had been cruising for them to leeward some days to no purpose.

Capt. Lindsay supposed the above fleet must have gone to take possession of St. Eustatius, as news had arrived at Montserrat of its surrender to the republicans.

Last evening the ship Amsterdam Packet, captain Martin, arrived at this port from Greenock, in Scotland; from whence he sailed on the 1st of April, with 40 odd passengers in good health, chiefly mechanics and farmers, who seek an asylum of peace and liberty.

PHILADELPHIA, May 21.

We give the following important extract on very respectable authority.

Postscript to a letter dated Nantes, March 27.

It is said Gen. STOFFLET, one of the Brigand generals who did not give himself up has been defeated. Also peace has been established between FRANCE and PRUSSIA and SPAIN.

GIBRALTAR, March 12.

Messrs. John Bulkeley and Son.

GENTLEMEN,

I paid you my respects last post, and have now to thank you very much for your favour of 28th ultimo, received an hour ago. The important intelligence you give me of the arrival of a gentleman from America, empowered to renew the treaties with Muley Soliman, is most welcome, just at this critical moment, of which I have so strong a sense, I have already dispatched a boat express to Tetuan, to carry a letter for the emperor with advice of it, and repeating my request that he would give directions to the commanders of his cruisers to respect the flag of the United States, which I have now the fullest reliance will be done. From what you say, I conclude it is not our worthy friend Col. Humphreys come in the St. Mark, but I hope we shall hear from him by her. The Danes it appears, have determined to renew their peace with Muley Soliman, for their consul was here last week from Tangier, and carried over with him a sum equal to three years tribute of the four they are in arrear to the emperor, and we have now here an ambassador from Ragusa on the same errand.

I am, respectfully, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

JAMES SIMPSON.

The equipment of the cruisers at Larach has been suspended, but those of Saltee, we have heard, were in forwardness; however, the long westerly wind we have had has effectually kept them in port.

May 22. The London prints informed us some time since that the French had raised the siege of Mayence, but they were silent with respect to the motive that had induced the republicans to that step; this momentary delay in the execution of a plan which was calculated to deliver to the arms of the republic before the end of the winter the last stronghold the confederate powers possess on the left bank of the Rhine, was not occasioned, as it might be supposed, by a successful attack of the besieged or any hostile preparations on the other side of the river. After a sudden thaw such an immense mass of water gushed from the mountains, that in a short time all the low grounds in the vicinity of Mayence were completely inundated, and the republicans unprovided with a fleet to conting the bombardment of that fortress, retreated at a short distance; their army extending in a semi circle along the inundated spot and having both wings covered by the Rhine. The following extract from a Paris paper, dated Mayence, Feb. 10, gives some details of the inundation.

"A very unfortunate accident took place yesterday evening at ten o'clock. An immense quantity of water, produced by the melting of the snow, flowed like a torrent through the village of Zahlback against the dyke raised between Linfinberg and Hampstein, where some days ago there was forty feet water. The torrent opened soon a passage in the dyke, and in its impetuous course washed away the hotel called the Sonnen-garten. The proprietor had hardly time sufficient to save himself and family by leaping out of a window in the upper part of the hotel, on the dyke.

"This is not the only damage done by the inundation, many of the outworks were greatly injured, and many sentinels drowned; this moment we hear that the bodies of seven poor soldiers have been found. The environs of Bruch and Moubach are now also entirely inundated. However this unfortunate accident protects us at least for some time against the attack of the French, who are in cantonments at a short distance off the fortresses, and daily increasing in force."

May 25. The action fought on Saturday the 16th instant, off our coast, does honour to the French. The particulars of it have been much misrepresented by some accounts. A person of veracity, who was on board an American vessel, which was boarded by an officer from the Thetis after the action, informs, that that officer declared, that the ship which the Thetis engaged sunk to her like a bar, and this could be proved by a little longer the frigate must have struck.

The five French ships were only store ships armed for defence; and one of those taken did not strike till she had lost main and fore-masts, and all her mizen-shrouds. It appears yet doubtful whether there were not two frigates, the Thetis and Hussar, engaged on the British side as well as the Lynx sloop of war.

Our informant saw one of the French ships in tow of the Thetis, and is inclined to think another frigate had the disabled sloop of war in tow.

Arrived here the schooner Ranger, captain Ballard, from Norfolk, by whose information and that of Mr. Gramberry, we are given to understand, that the force of the French ships, which had been engaged with the British frigates on Saturday last, off the capes of Virginia, had been hitherto much misrepresented, as our informants had on Tuesday last been along side the three of those ships, which had escaped from the engagement; and which had arrived at Hampton Roads on the day preceding. They say that the five vessels were only armed store ships, which had slipped out from Guadaloupe, with a view to proceed to the Chesapeake for provisions; the commodore's ship was the Normande, which carried only 18 guns, and of the other two which arrived, the one carried 16, and the other 14 guns; the Normande was much shattered, and her commander killed in the action. They add that the two captured vessels were taken by the Hussar frigate and the Lynx sloop of war.

ANNAPOLIS, May 28.

Don Joseph Ignatius de Viar has been appointed by his Catholic majesty, consul general for the United States of America, and acknowledged as such by the president.

Extract of a letter from Messrs. George Fox and Son, at Falmouth, to a mercantile house in Philadelphia, dated the 21st of March, 1795.

"We have the pleasure to inform you, that your brig Rebecca is safe arrived here, on the 14th instant, but are sorry to add, that captain Wallington was unfortunately washed overboard on the first instant, in a heavy gale of wind.

"We are also sorry to inform you, by letters received, in date 19th and 20th February from your consuls at Gibraltar and Cadiz informing of the affecting intelligence of the rovers of Saltee being at sea, and directed to detain your shipping, and that they certainly intend to cruise as far west as Madeira, as soon as the weather permits them. We make this intelligence known at London and most of our ports, and shall be obliged by your making it public in your city.

"Wheat and flour are in great demand in Spain, and there is more and more reason to fear a scarcity in this and other countries.—The price in British currency, from 60 to 63 shillings per quarter, and 50 shillings per sack with but small supplies to be expected from the Baltic."

GENTLEMEN,

Several persons having expressed a wish to see the description of a thunder gulf, delivered by a young gentleman, at the late oratorical exhibition at St. John's College, I take the liberty of sending you a copy, and requesting the favour of you to insert it in your next paper.

I am, gentlemen, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

A. Z.

Annapolis, May 25, 1795.

Messrs. FREDERICK and SAMUEL GREEN.

A THUNDER GUST.

IT was during the influence of the raging dog-star, that the spontaneous productions of the season were nearly dried up, and the husbandman had implored Heaven for a plenteous shower, to save the labours of the year.

On a sudden the clouds are seen gathering from every point, and assuming a blacker hue. The distant rumbling of thunder is heard; and the lightning, in broad sheets, darts from East to West.

Domestic fowls instinctively perceive the coming rain, and hail it in uncouth joyful sounds. The beasts retire to their coverts. The husbandman suspends his toil. His labourers are crowded together; and all are full of anxious expectation.

At length, a mighty wind bursts from the North, and threatens to sweep along every thing in its passage. And now comes the lightning's more dreadful flash, sticking full on every eye! A tremendous explosion seems to have involved all things in one general ruin. Another! And another quickly succeed, and, in the next instant, the severed clouds pour down the fierce rain carried along by the winds.

Fearfully has the traveller spurred to reach the distant inn. His limbs tremble, his heart quakes, and now, if never before, he feels his dependence on the being, who thus awfully displays his power. The quivering, shivering, and crouching of the poor fled discover, that he too is conscious of the danger; and his sympathy increases the terrors of his master. If his heart be conscious of undivulged crimes, in what manner shall he deprecate the wrath of Heaven? But if before he scoffed at religion, and rejected the idea of an all-wise, superintending Providence; let him now, if he can, execrate the destructive tempest, and feebly cry the bolt!

But soon the tempest has spent its rage. The winds are hushed. The thunders are rolled away; and only a warm gentle shower refreshes the fields.

And now the grateful earth emits an odour, delighting the invigorated sense. The vivid arch, the sign of Heaven's favour is shown in the East. In a few moments, it fades away. The clouds are dispersed: All nature is decked in a gay livery; and the setting sun, with more than meridian splendour, enlivens the glorious scene.

Even the mute animals seem to express their joy and the little feathered songsters chant their glad notes. But alas! proud man, refined enlightened man, no longer thinks on what is past. He walks forth, to re-

cruit his spirits, and then retires, to meditate on the cares of to-morrow,—perhaps to devise schemes for overreaching, or destroying his fellow-creatures. He grasps at the grandeur of the world, which are scarcely more durable than the exhibition he has just witnessed; and it is the certain approach of death alone, which can impress his mind with a just sense of his condition.

ABSOLUTE necessity requires, that all persons indebted for the Maryland Gazette, Advertisements, &c. should pay off their respective arrears; and it is sincerely hoped, that this information alone will be sufficient to induce speedy payments.

NOTICE is hereby given,

THAT we, the subscribers, intend making application to Prince-George's county court, at next September term, for a commission to mark and bound a tract of land called **LITTLE DEAN**, lying and being in said county, under an act of assembly, entitled, An act for marking and bounding lands.

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THOMAS COLE,
JOHN COLE,
Prince-George's county, February 10, 1795.

THE subscriber has a **LIGHT TRAVELLING WAGGON**, which may serve for the accommodation of passengers, and is well calculated for the conveyance of baggage. He drives a pair of good horses, and will go wherever the convenience of a gentleman may direct him. His terms are moderate, and may be fully known by a personal application, to
JOHN SMITH.

Annapolis, May 21, 1795.

A CAUTION.

WHEREAS colonel **JOSEPH WILKINSON**, of Calvert county, on or about the first of January last, passed his bond to **JOHN WEEMS**, of the said county, to secure a certain sum of money therein mentioned, which, if recovered, I shall eventually be accountable for. Now this is to caution all persons from taking an assignment of the said bond or being concerned therewith, as it is unfounded in equity and will not be paid.

THOMAS H. EGAN.

Calvert county, May 28, 1795.

In **CHANCERY**, May 14, 1795.

ON application to the Chancellor by a petition, in writing, of **WILLIAM BRAWNER**, junior, an insolvent debtor, praying the benefit of an act for the relief of fundry insolvent debtors, and offering agreeably to said act, to deliver up, to the use of his creditors, all his property, real, personal, and mixed, to which he is in any way entitled, and a list of his creditors, and a schedule of his property, so far as he can ascertain, on oath, being annexed to the said petition; it is thereupon by the chancellor adjudged and ordered, that the said William Brawner, appear before the chancellor, in the chancery-office, on the twenty-sixth of June next, for the purpose of taking, in the presence of such of his creditors, as shall attend in person, or by their agents or attorneys, the oath by said act prescribed for delivering up his property as aforesaid, and that in the mean time he give notice to his creditors, of his application aforesaid, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette, at any time before the 30th instant, and continued therein three weeks successively.

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SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD,
Reg. Cur. Can.

COMMITTED to my custody, on the 8th inst. as a runaway, a negro man named **ADAM**, and says he belongs to **WILLIAM CAMPBELL**, Esquire, of Anne-Arundel county, he is about five feet nine or ten inches high, and appears to be about forty year of age; had on an old brown broadcloth coat, blue waistcoat, an old pair of buckskin breeches, osabrig shirt, old yarn stockings, and an old hat with a cover. The owner is desired to take him away and pay charges to

JOSEPH GREEN, Sheriff
of Charles county.

May 24, 1795.

An APPRENTICE

Wanted at this Office.

WANTED,

Without Delay.

A **STRONG**, stout, substantial, and faithfully seasoned white oak for the frame.—The length of keel between 28 and 32 feet, the beam 12 or 13 feet, in the hold about three feet nine inches to four feet, and of a very handsome model.—If the craft or boat be well appraised it would be the more agreeable, but by no means an inadmissible objection. Inquire of the printers.
March 23, 1795.

To be RENTED,

THAT agreeable residence in the neighbourhood of Annapolis, known by the name of **SEABERRY HILL**, the situation and advantages, are well known to require any particular description. For terms apply to **RICHARD SPICCO**, West-river, or **HUGH THOMPSON**, Baltimore.
April 3, 1795.