

William Smith, one of the representatives of the State of South-Carolina, in the Congress of the United States, declares—

That on Tuesday last, the twenty-second instant, a person who called himself Randall, and who is said to be from the State of Maryland, applied to him at his lodgings, in the city of Philadelphia, and requested a private and confidential conversation of an hour, which the informant agreed to; and at the time appointed, which was the same evening, the said Randall being alone with the informant, communicated to him a proposal for procuring from the legislature of the United States, a grant of about eighteen or twenty millions of acres, in the northwestern territory, between Lakes Michigan, Huron and Erie. That the said Randall observed, that the grant he proposed, would be of great service to the United States, from the persons who would be interested therein, (to wit: certain Canada merchants, at or near Detroit, whose names he did not mention) having great influence over the Indians, who were not pacified by the late treaty concluded with General Wayne; and that the said persons would extinguish the Indian claims, at their own expense; and after setting forth the saving of expense, by the cessation of the Indian war, and other reasons to induce a belief that the proposed grant would be of public utility, he proceeded to inform the informant, that the intention was to divide the land into about forty shares, twenty-four of which would be allowed to, or distributed among such persons (meaning, as this informant understood him, from the whole purport of his conversation, members of Congress) as would favour the measure: that of these twenty-four shares, he had the management or distribution of twelve, for the southern part, (meaning, as the informant understood, the southern members of Congress) and another person, whose name he did not mention, had the disposition of the other twelve, for the eastern part, (still, as the informant understood, and believes, meaning as aforesaid.) That he, the said Randall, proposed subdividing the said shares into so many portions, as to have a sufficiency to obtain a majority (meaning, as the informant understood him, a majority of Congress) and that gentlemen, after the session was over, or when they returned to private life, might then have such parts of shares, as the said twenty-four shares would be reserved for such of them as would favour the business, on the same terms as the original associators. That the view of him, the said Randall, and of those concerned with him, was to present a memorial, on the following Monday, to Congress, to obtain the said grant for a small price, mentioning half a million of dollars; and that he supposed, the land was worth more than two millions an acre. On taking leave, he pressed the informant for an early and decisive answer to the foregoing proposals; to which the informant replied, that he would not wish to see him again before Friday morning, and requested him to call on him at Congress, and not at his lodgings; but the house did not sit on Friday, and the informant has not seen him since. The informant further says, that the foregoing is the substance and purport of the communication to him made by the said Randall, on the subject above set forth; and that the impression clearly made on the mind of the informant, by the overtures, was, that under a pretext of public utility, the object of the application was, to secure the informant's influence, as a member of Congress, by a temptation of great personal advantage. That the informant, the next morning, communicated the substance of the foregoing to Mr. Murray, one of the members from Maryland, and consulted him on the most proper mode of proceeding, on so delicate an occasion; that Mr. Murray advised a consultation with Mr. Henry, of the Senate; and that, in consequence of such consultation with Mr. Murray and Mr. Henry, on the following day (Thursday) it was resolved, that the informant should immediately communicate the whole transaction to the president of the United States; which he accordingly did.

(Signed)

WILLIAM SMITH.

December 28, 1795.

[To be continued]

Agreeable to the last will and testament of RICHARD GOODWIN, of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, will be SOLD, to the HIGHEST BIDDER, for CASH, on Wednesday the 17th day of February, if fair, if not the first fair day, at ten o'clock, at his late dwelling plantation, on the north side of Severn.

ONE Negro Woman, for three years service, from the twenty-fourth day of December last, and a female child, for life, about eighteen months old, stock of all kinds, one colt, cattle, sheep and hogs, all the household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils, wheat, rye, fodder, and straw.

THOMAS ROBINSON, Executor. ALL persons who have claims against the said estate, are desired to bring them in, legally proved, and those indebted are requested to make immediate payment.

February 2, 1796.

To be SOLD, on a credit of four years, the first Sunday in March, on the premises, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

THE dwelling house and plantation that I bought of Mrs. Lucy Crabb, containing two hundred and sixty-three acres, lying near Queen-Anne, on Patuxent river. Also, Will be sold, on the same credit, at private sale, that commodious dwelling house at Upper Marlborough, that I purchased of Edward Nicholls, Esquire, Bond, with approved security, will be required.

January 29, 1796.

JUST PUBLISHED, And to be sold at the Printing-Office, Price, One Dollar,

The LAWS OF MARYLAND, Passed November Session, 1795.

LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office, at Choptico, if not taken up by the first day of April, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

MESSRS. JACOB and JOSEPH MACCENEY, (2), Patuxent river. John Shanks, Esquire, Choptico, St. Mary's. Bennett Aprice, Choptico Forest, St. Mary's county. Capt. Robert Greenwell, Head of St. Clements Bay. Mr. Thomas A. Reeder, St. Mary's county, near Choptico, Maryland. Mr. Ignis Manning, Choptico.

JOSIAH B. GRINDALL, P. M.

January 6, 1796.

Take Notice,

THE subscribers, by their joint petition, intend to apply to Frederick county court, at their next March term, for a commission, as well to mark and bound the whole tract of land called the HOPS, formerly lying in Prince-George's county, now Frederick county, as their particular parts thereof, and to mark and bound also the resurvey called the HOPS, as well as their particular parts thereof, lying formerly in Prince-George's county, now in Frederick county; and also that particular part of a tract or parcel of land called PART OF THE HOPS, as aforesaid, conveyed, and passed by the late Mr. Richard Bennett to the late Mr. John Darnall and Mary his wife, in tail, for eight hundred twenty-three acres of land, more or less, as will more fully appear, reference being had to the records of Prince-George's county, Maryland.

JOHN DARNALL, HENRY DARNALL, THOMAS DARNALL.

January 29, 1796.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of JOHN CONTEE, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber. I hope proper attention will be paid to this notice, as it will relieve the executor from pursuing very disagreeable measures.

R. A. CONTEE.

January 29, 1796.

Six Dollars Reward.

STAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber, on the 19th January, living about two miles from South river ferry, and one mile and a half from South river church, one sorrel MARE, about thirteen hands three inches high, has no brand, she has a kind of a roan mane and tail, and has no other white about her only one white spot behind her left ear.

Also a small black HORSE, about thirteen hands high, with a small blaze in his face, a snip on his nose, and his tail lately bobbed and shod before, his sides a little rubbed with the traces. Whoever takes up the said creatures shall receive the above reward, paid by me.

EDWARD STEUART.

Patowmack Company.

THE stockholders on the new subscription to the Patowmack Company, are required to pay to William Hartshorn, treasurer, on or before the first day of March next, ten pounds per cent. on the amount of each share by them held.

JOHN FITZGERALD, President, GEORGE GILPIN, JAMES KEITH, JOHN TEMPLEMAN, TOBIAS LEAR, Directors.

Alexandria, Dec. 22, 1795. Those who are yet in arrears for the old shares, are requested to pay attention to the above, they may recollect those shares have been liable to be sold for the arrears more than a year past.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber's plantation, at Nanjemoy, in Charles county, on the 20th inst. a dark coloured mulatto lad, about twenty years old, slender made, and very likely, named BILL, or WILL, and commonly passes amongst those who know him by the nickname of 'M'DANIEL,' has a small scar on the upper part of his forehead, which may be discovered on close examination, and has several warts on one or both of his legs about the ankles; dresses himself remarkably neat, has a variety of good cloathing. This lad is well known to gentlemen of the turf, having rode for several purses in Virginia and Maryland. He stole and carried off with him a sorrel horse, about fourteen hands high, six years old, last spring, with a narrow blaze down his face, both hind feet white, and branded with the letter B. There is some reason to believe he will attempt to get into Kent county, in the Delaware state, and pass himself as a freeman; FORTY DOLLARS shall be paid for the boy, and TEN for the horse, if secured so that I get them again.

JOHN THOMAS.

Maryland Dec. 24, 1795.

A LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office, Port-Tobacco, which, if not taken up before the first day of April, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

ANN JACKSON, Nanjemoy: Geo. Lee, Poplar hill. Mrs. Elizabeth M'Kibley, Portmonky. Maur. M'Donough, near Port-Tobacco. John B. Hanson, near Port-Tobacco, 2 letters. Francis Sewall, near Port-Tobacco. John Nowlan, Cob Neck, Charles county. Richard Macall, Calvert county. Daniel Sharp, Somerset county. Jn. Booth, merch. Nanjemoy. Saml. C. Cox, Port-Tobacco, Maryland. Mrs. Eleanor Boardman, Pica-waxen, C. county, 2. Mr. Ben. Countee, Blenheim, Charles county. William Hill, bricklayer, Port-Tobacco. Garrard B. Causey, near Port-Tobacco, 2. John Fenwick, Cornwallices Neck. James Freeman, Port-Tobacco. Wm. D. Harrison, Nanjemoy, Charles county. Miss Dickenson, St. Thomas's Manor, C. county. James Simms, Cob Neck. William Hanson, Charles county. Mrs. Mary Clements, Charles county. Geo. P. Greenfield, Benedict. Walter Stone, Port-Tobacco, 2. William Elgin, Cob Neck, Charles county.

SARAH DAVIS, P. M.

Port-Tobacco, January 5, 1796.

A LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office, Annapolis, which, if not taken up before the first day of April next, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

ANNE ASHMEAD, rev. John Ashton, Annapolis; Thos. Ayres, West river. William Brogden, James Bond, Richard Burke, James Bruce, Luis Baily, Annapolis. Jeremiah Chase, Nicholas Carroll (2), John Callahan, Henry James Carroll, capt. William Coward (2), Anne Clewis, John Conly, care of Wallis and Muir, William Coe (2), Abraham Clod, Annapolis; Richard Chew, jun. (2), Herring bay; capt. Leonard Covington, Patuxent; Thomas Carter, Kent-Island. Gabriel Duvall (3), col. William Deakins, William M. Duncanson, Annapolis; capt. James Disney, near Annapolis.

Dr. Thomas Edgar, Annapolis. Richard Frazer, Benjamin Fairbairn, Annapolis. John Gwinn, John M. Gannt, Archibald Golder, Annapolis.

Jere. Harwood, Annapolis; Edward Hall, West river. John Johnston, Annapolis; John Johnston, Lower Marlbro.

Thomas Lansdale, Queen-Anne. Luther Martin, Gilbert Murdoch, Elizabeth Mor-dock, Annapolis; Samuel M'Cubbin, near Annapolis; Charles M'Pherson, Hunting-town.

Mrs. A. Ogle, Annapolis. Geo. Peachy and Gilmore, Edward James Pryle, Annapolis.

Allen Quynn, Annapolis. Henry Ridgely (2), Samuel Ringgold, Mrs. S. Ringgold (2), Eliza Rodgers, Annapolis.

Mrs. Stevens (2), Gustavus Scott, John Sands, Wm. Sandifon, Philip Schwarer, Annapolis; rev Mr. Scott, Herring bay.

Samuel Tyler, Governor's Bridge; Thomas Tildard (2), Herring bay; Miss Tayloe, Wye river. William Winder, John C. Weems (2), James West, Thomas Walley, William Wells (2), Turner Wotton, Annapolis; Thomas Warfield, near Annapolis; John Weems (2), to be left at John Thomas's West river.

B. GREEN, D. P. M.

January 1, 1796.

BY virtue of the powers vested in us by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, entitled, An act for erecting a bridge over the eastern branch of Patowmack river, we do hereby give notice, that books will be opened by us in the city of Washington, on the fourth Monday in February next, for receiving and entering subscriptions for the said undertaking.

NOTLEY YOUNG, DANIEL CARROLL, of Dn. WILLIAM M. DUNCANSON, THOMAS LAW, GEORGE WALKER.

N. B. The act is published in the Federal Intelligencer and Baltimore Daily Gazette.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of STEPHEN STEWARD, senior, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, whether on judgment, bond, bill, note, or open account, are requested to produce them, legally authenticated, to the subscriber, or to PHILIP B. KEY, of Annapolis, on or before the first day of June next, in order for payment, so far as assets have come to the subscriber's hands; those who neglect to bring in their claims will be excluded from any share of the distribution then to be made.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, Administrator de bonis non of S. STEWARD, sen. Annapolis, January 3, 1796.

To be SOLD, A COMMODIOUS DWELLING-HOUSE, in a pleasant part of this city. Apply to the PRINTERS.