

plete the character of the accomplished gentleman. With my figure and advantages I can, when I am weary of a single life, or the reduced state of my finances makes it necessary, marry a lady of fortune, who will, no doubt, be happy to barter her money for so finished a gentleman. This, Mr. Inspector, you may imagine is the effusion of vanity, but on the honour of a gentleman it is literally true. But if it want any confirmation, the daily attentions I receive from the most distinguished personages, and above all, the caresses of the fair sex, must convince the sceptical of the most determined unbeliever, that my qualifications are by no means over-rated. Besides, Sir, I am a member of a club of young gentlemen of rank and fashion, who, above the drudgery of business, or indeed of thought, enjoy such pleasures as reason and reflection can never give, but flow from ample fortunes, generous souls, and fervid imaginations. I could give you an entertaining history of this institution were it necessary; it is sufficient to say, that amusement is its object, and we have wisely enacted that no member shall introduce any subject which may lead to political discussions, or interrupt our mirth by uninteresting argument. We confine ourselves wholly to events of the day, and anecdotes which we have heard or read. I was so delighted at our last meeting at a story told by Jack Supple that I cannot forbear repeating it, though not apposite to my present design. "When I was in England, says Jack, excuse me, my dear fellows, for speaking of myself, but when I was in England, says he, after having spent a winter most charmingly in London, having at that time a good run of cash, as well as my memory serves it was about the last of March, lord Staplefoot sent me a card to sup; I found, as you may suppose, a brilliant circle at my lord's. Among others there was the duke of Everplay, lord Lovebottle, Sir Harry Wagjoke and Billy Gamble; after the covers were removed and the bottle began to circulate freely, "Jack," says his lordship, "the fiddle of your heart,"—the marchioness of Pelpart," says I, "my lord;"—"Jack," says his lordship, your mentioning a French lady reminds me of my mistress who went to Paris last week. Suppose you and I cross the channel to-morrow—you may visit your mistress; and I my mistress—and we'll be back to the York races. Done, damme, says I—agreed, says he—we'll be off at sunrise. Sir Harry seeing we were in earnest, notwithstanding an engagement at his country seat two days after, said nothing, but slyly tipped the wink to lord Lovebottle—he plied us closely—made the bottle fly—Damme, says he, as you go to-morrow we'll teach you to drink burgundy when you get to France. Lord Staplefoot, though a hearty fellow, could not stand it—at four in the morning he fell from his chair—I was not sober—we were both put to bed, and did not rise till six next evening. He forgot his mistress, and I my toak."

"This, Mr. Inspector, is one of the numerous anecdotes with which our club is constantly entertained, and which my situation will enable me to communicate to you for the amusement of the public. Add to this, that I am intimate, as I before observed, with all the ladies and gentlemen of fashion, and nothing concerns them but what I am acquainted with. I know, of my own knowledge, all the scandal of the town from the year eighty-five down to the present time, and if you wish to know secret histories before that period, I am particularly intimate with Mrs. Teltale, who is perfectly acquainted with all private affairs during the administration of governor Eden.

"Having thus exhibited my claims to your confidence I must now come to the point and tell you my object, which is simply this, to obtain employment, not unbecoming a gentleman, for the many vacant hours which hang heavy on my hands. For, although I am engaged every evening in parties, yet I have a large portion of time which I would willingly devote to your service. From nine to twelve I have nothing to do; and during this time I could be collecting useful materials for your paper, and from the many advantages I possess, think you will find my labours not unprofitable. But a preliminary article in our agreement must be, information who you are. For I cannot think of your palming my useful knowledge upon the world without making proper acknowledgments; and shall further expect that my advice will be taken on all matters of importance which relate to your publication.

LEWIS LOVEFAIR.

This speedy publication of Mr. Lovefair's favour, will convince him that the Inspector has formed a proper estimate of these "splendid talents," on which, he himself, seems to have set no trifling value. But notwithstanding I feel myself much flattered by the early attention of so conspicuous a character, and am highly sensible of the advantages which might be derived from an assistant in so eligible a situation, yet there are innumerable objections to a closer intimacy than at present subsists. Indeed the very ardour with which Mr. L. solicits my acquaintance, is one strong reason why I should deny it, for on inspecting the characters of men I have almost always found, that those who enter on any undertaking with the most precipitancy, are generally the first to become cool and negligent. Besides, the exquisite relish which Mr. L. discovers for the *disting* tales of his *société d'esprit* disqualifies him for the office of a sober Inspector.

Mr. L. must have entirely mistaken the object of my publication to suppose that I should consider as a powerful recommendation his extensive knowledge of what passes in the world of scandal; and a little imprudently hints that my knowledge in this particular must be much circumscribed, because I move in an inferior sphere.

But had I designed my paper as the vehicle of scandal, my friend Mr. L. certainly intended to smother me at once, by not only loading me with that of the

present, but by heaping upon me the inexhaustible stores of Mrs. Teltale's budget. But Mr. L. ought surely to have recollected that in no instance is it more true that "sufficient to the day are the evils thereof."

Having thus rectified Mr. L.'s mistake, I must assure him that I shall pay proper attention to his communications as a *correspondent*, and give him my honour that I will never attempt to filch a single leaf of laurel from his brow, which his "splendid talents" may acquire, by endeavouring to palm it upon the public as my own. G.

Valuable property for sale for Cash, or exchanged for property in the Federal City.

On the second Thursday of May next will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, if not sold at PRIVATE SALE before that day,

ALL that valuable PROPERTY, situated on BLOOMSBURY SQUARE, in the city of Annapolis, containing one acre and an half, the whole is laid out in three separate lots, one in the tenure of WILLIAM COOKE, Esq; a large brick building, handsomely situated, with every convenience and improvement, suitable for any gentleman; the adjoining brick building, now in the possession of Mr. FOWLER, with conveniences and improvements; five framed houses, with gardens, now in the possession of different tenants; the whole rents for two hundred and ten pounds per annum. This property is under lease for ninety-nine years, and the unexpired term has yet to run fifty-one years. This property will be sold, to accommodate the purchaser, either in separate lots, or the whole. Also a tract of LAND, containing four hundred acres, now in the tenure and occupation of Mr. EPHRAIM DUVAL, lying in Anne-Arundel county, extending from the river Severn to the river Magohy, within five miles of the city of Annapolis, and twenty-five from Baltimore-town; on this land is an excellent dwelling-house, kitchen, and other out-houses, a large orchard of choice fruit; this land lies in a healthy situation, and very convenient to oysters, crabs, and a great variety of fish and wild fowl in their respective seasons. A further description of this property is deemed unnecessary, as any one inclined to purchase would doubtless wish to view the same. The title to this land is indisputable, and on the purchase money being paid a conveyance in fee simple will be immediately given. The terms of sale will be known by applying to the subscriber, in the city of Annapolis.

WILLIAM WHETCROFT.

The subscriber has several thousand acres of land, in the state of Virginia, lying on the waters of the Great Kenhawa, near that valuable tract of the late President, which he will exchange for property in the Federal City. W. W.

March 8, 1797.

Beard's Habitation, January 1, 1797.

THE PARTNERSHIP of MATTHEW and JOHN BEARD was dissolved by mutual consent on the first day of December last, and all persons indebted to said firm are requested to make immediate payment to John Beard, who is authorized to receive all monies due, either on bond, note, or open account, and give proper discharges for the same. Should this notice not be attended to, compulsory steps must be fallen on, as they may be enabled to satisfy the claims against them.

M. BEARD,
JOHN BEARD.

In CHANCERY, March 4, 1797.

ON application to the chancellor, by petition in writing, of THOMAS GASSAWAY, of Allegany county, praying the benefit of the act for relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at the last session, on the terms therein mentioned, and a schedule of his property, and a list of his creditors, so far as he can ascertain the same, on oath, being annexed to his petition, and the chancellor being satisfied, by competent testimony, that the said Thomas Gassaway is, and at the time of passing the said act was, a citizen of the United States, and of this state, and the said Gassaway, at the time of presenting his petition, having produced to the chancellor the assent in writing of so many of his creditors as have due to them, according to the list aforesaid, the amount of two thirds of the debts due by him at the time of passing the said act; it is thereupon adjudged and ordered, that the said Gassaway, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted once in each of three successive weeks, during the present month, in the Maryland Gazette, give notice to his creditors to appear at the chancery office, at one o'clock, on the 20th day of April next, for the purpose of recommending some person to be trustee for their benefit, on the said Gassaway then and there taking the oath prescribed for delivering up his property.

Tell. SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD,
Reg. Cur. Cas.

NOTICE.

To be SOLD, for Cash or Credit, LEASED or RENTED,

THE PLANTATION lately occupied by Mrs. DOVS, commonly known by the name of MOUNT PLEASANT FERRY. For terms apply to RICHARD SPRIGG.

West river, February 5, 1797.

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Anne-Arundel county, about three miles from Queen-Anne, on Patuxent river, on the 22d of February last, a negro man named JAMES, twenty four years of age, about five feet four or five inches high; he was seen in the city of Annapolis a few days after he made his escape, and it is probable he will go on to Baltimore town; his cloathing were a short white cotton jacket, thickset breeches, yarn stockings, and coarse shoes; it is supposed he has a variety of cloathing, as he is well known in Annapolis, where he has connexions who have no doubt furnished him; he is a pleasant fellow, and capable of making a very good servant. Whoever will secure the said negro in any jail, (if not convenient to bring him home) and give me notice thereof, shall receive the above reward.

WILLIAM HARWOOD.

March 7, 1797.

For SALE,

To the HIGHEST BIDDER, on Thursday the 20th day of April next, on the premises.

THE subscriber having laid out 331 acres of land into twenty lots, at and adjoining the place called and known by the name of the POPLAR SPRINGS, in the upper part of Anne-Arundel county, the turnpike road leading from Baltimore to Frederick-town running through the said land, ten lots are laid on each side thereof, containing from 10 to 25 acres each. As upwards of two thirds of this land is well wooded, each lot will have a proportion; there are several fine springs and streams running through it, and its central situation between the city of Baltimore and Frederick-town makes it an eligible place for improvement, and is at this time a very public place; some fine meadow may be made on several of these lots, and convenient places for erecting distilleries. The healthy situation of this place, and many local advantages it possesses, renders it unnecessary to give a more particular description at this time. Plots of the whole may be seen at the Poplar Springs. The sale will commence at 12 o'clock, and the terms made known (which will be advantageous) and attendance given, by

SAMUEL GODMAN.

March 1, 1797.

Will be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, on the premises, on the second Tuesday of March next,

THE HOUSE and LOT, formerly the store house of J. DICK and STEWART, late the property of J. Dick, deceased. The terms will be made known on the day of sale.

CHARLES STEUART, } Executors of
JAMES McCULLOCH, } J. Dick.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 4th day of October last, a negro man named POLLY, but passes by the name of POLLY BUTLER, about twenty-two years old, well grown, and has a pleasant countenance; had on when he went away a white muslin jacket and petticoat, and a coarse wool hat; she has been seen in Annapolis has a pass, which reads thus, "Permit the bearer Polly to pass and repass, in order to provide herself a matter," signed by "William Tawneyhill." Any person taking up said negro, on securing her in gaol, so that I get her again, shall receive TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS REWARD, and if brought home all reasonable charges, paid by

ADAM YOUNG.

Montgomery county.

Will be landed to-morrow from on board the brig WILLIAM, from MALAGA, and to be sold cheap, wholesale, or by the box or package, at the store of

JOHN RANDALL.

- Lemons in boxes.
- Oranges, ditto.
- Figs, ditto.
- Bloom, Sun, Muscatel, and Lexia raisins in boxes and jars.
- Green grapes in jars.
- Soft shell'd almonds in frails and baskets.

Annapolis, 5th January, 1797.

FROM the many trespasses (almost daily committed) on Primrose Hill, and the subscriber's plantation over Severn, he is obliged to forwarn all persons from hunting with dog or gun, on either place, as he is determined to put the law in force against any one so offending.

JOHN HESSELIUS.

Primrose Hill, near Annapolis, January 2, 1797.

WANTED,

A FEW thousand CHESNUT RAILS, for which a good price will be given. Apply to the Printers.

CAME to the subscriber's plantation, in Prince-George's county, a black and white BULL, about three years old, and a black HEIFER, of the same age, neither of them marked. The owner is desired to come and prove property, pay charges, and take them away.

BARBARA MAGRUDER.

January 7, 1797.

THE subscriber will sell a number of young NEGROES, for CASH, or upon a SHORT CREDIT, on giving bond with good security.

C. STEUART.