

together inconsistent with happiness, as our
 are clouded and confused, and we are alternately
 in different directions, one moment resolved to
 in one undertaking, and in the next discon-
 tending it.

The direction given to the active powers of the
 mind is one of the chief causes of our misery or hap-
 piness, and we should be extremely cautious in chusing
 the objects of attention and pursuit. Mankind differ
 very much in estimating the value of different acqui-
 sitions, and this is a principal reason of the different
 degrees of happiness which appear in the world. Our
 nature constantly urges us to activity and exertion, but
 the propriety of our choice depends very much upon
 our situation and opportunities of information. Men,
 who are at liberty to follow their own inclinations,
 and capable of discerning the utility and merit of
 every attainment, will generally be employed in a
 manner very different from those, who are either al-
 together incapable of judging, or who form their opi-
 ons without consideration, and never deliberate before
 they resolve. No man ever attempted to obtain pos-
 session of any thing, unless he supposed his happiness
 would be thereby increased, and he whose expecta-
 tions are ill founded, will certainly enjoy a less degree
 of pleasure than the man whose activity is directed
 according to the dictates of nature and reason. Per-
 haps the surest method of discovering in what state of
 civilization man enjoys the largest portion of happi-
 ness, will be to examine the general objects of their
 attention, and the manner in which the active powers
 of the mind are employed. There is, in every coun-
 try, a national characteristic, or ruling principle of
 conduct, which extends to almost every individual of
 the community; and when this general object of pur-
 suit is estimated by the standard of nature, we can
 very nearly discover in which society the greatest por-
 tion of happiness is enjoyed. The celebrated question
 whether man is happier in a civilized or uncivilized
 state, may, by this means, be determined with some
 degree of accuracy.

When, in search of happiness, we wander from the
 standard of reason and nature, our hopes must always
 be disappointed; and although our minds may, for a
 time, be agreeably occupied and pleased with the
 prospect of obtaining the object of our desires, it will
 in the end be found to be of little value. But when
 our pursuits are rational, though we may meet with
 many obstacles, the possession of the object indemnifies
 us for all our trouble, and, on reflection, we are
 pleased even with what we have suffered, as it adds a
 zest to our present enjoyment. It is therefore evident,
 that we ought to chuse and pursue those objects which
 will not only charm us for a moment, or allure us to
 activity to attain them, but are capable of pleasing on
 reflection as well as in prospect. Men are most happy
 in those exercises that engage their attention most, or
 excite their affections and employ their talents; for
 which reason serious occupations are preferable to those
 that are light and trivial. For if our employment is
 not of such a nature, as to be capable of occupying
 our minds, a train of disagreeable ideas may torment
 us in the midst of it. When our attention is capti-
 vated with the business in which we are engaged, our
 time passes agreeably and pleasantly, but a division of
 attention occasions an anxiety of mind, which is high-
 ly disagreeable. To apply ourselves only to one sub-
 ject at a time, is not only a maxim of wisdom, but a
 great mean of happiness; for as the mind is miserable
 when it is engrossed by one object, without intermis-
 sion, it is no less unhappy, when its attention is di-
 vided.

Perhaps there may be some persons in the world
 who are able to judge with great propriety of the me-
 rits of any acquisition, but either from indolence or
 irresolution direct their natural activity to other objects,
 which are more easily attained, though far less valua-
 ble, and less conducive to happiness. A man, in such
 a situation, can never enjoy a high degree of satis-
 faction; for where our actions vary from our opinions,
 we must be constantly tormented with the consciou-
 sness of the impropriety of our conduct. To do daily
 what we must condemn, and to omit what our judge-
 ment approves—to spend our time in pursuits which
 we know to be trifling or pernicious—to discern a
 proper line of conduct without having resolution to
 pursue it steadily, is surely, among the greatest mis-
 eries of this life. E.

Bank of Baltimore.

1st April, 1797.

THE PRESIDENT and DIRECTORS of the BANK
 of BALTIMORE having taken into consideration
 the great advantages likely to arise to the Bank from
 having the remaining one half of the capital paid, and
 being authorized by the charter to call for this pay-
 ment at such time as they may appoint, do therefore
 give notice, that Monday the 5th day of June next,
 and the five following days, are fixed on for the stock-
 holders to pay the remaining one hundred and fifty
 dollars on each share, in gold or silver, at the bank
 aforesaid.

JAMES COX, Cashier.

N. B. It is intended that the first half yearly divi-
 dend shall be declared on the above-mentioned 5th
 day of June.

ALL persons who are indebted to the estate of
 JOHN HALKERSTONE, late of Prince
 George's county, deceased, are desired to make im-
 mediate payment, and those who have claims against
 the said estate are desired to make them known to the
 subscriber.

ELIZABETH HALKERSTONE, Adm^r.

Upper Marlborough, April 1, 1797.

In CHANCERY, April 3, 1797.

GREENBURY PUMPHREY, }
 vs. } THE object of the bill is
 Jacob Stoner, Phi- } to obtain a decree for
 lip Hammond, and } obliging the defendant, Philip
 Rezin Pumphrey, } Hammond, to convey unto the
 complainant, Greenbury Pum-
 phrey, a tract of land in Anne-Arundel county, called
 STONER'S DELIGHT, it states, that the defendant,
 Jacob Stoner, being possessed of the said land, of
 which the legal title was in his father, John Stoner,
 and being equitably entitled to one moiety thereof,
 did, under an authority given to him by and with the
 approbation of the said John Stoner, contract to sell,
 and did deliver the same, together with a tract called
 A MISTAKE IN FRIENDSHIP, unto Walter Pum-
 phrey, father of the complainant, for the sum of
 £.300, the greater part of which hath been paid to
 the said Jacob Stoner by the said Walter; that Rezin
 Pumphrey, on the death of Walter, administered on
 his estate, took possession of the said land, and sold
 Stoner's Delight to Philip Hammond, deceased, who
 had notice of the contract aforesaid; that the said
 Jacob and John Stoner conveyed Stoner's Delight to
 the said Philip Hammond in order to defraud the
 complainant, the heir of his father, who died intestate;
 that the legal title to the said Stoner's Delight is now
 in Philip Hammond, one of the defendants, claiming
 mediately from the deceased Philip; and that the
 aforesaid Rezin Pumphrey hath left the state, and re-
 moved to some place unknown to the complainant.

It is, on the complainant's motion, ordered, that
 he cause a copy of this order to be inserted in the
 Maryland Gazette, at least three weeks successively;
 before the 5th day of May next, to the intent that the
 said Rezin Pumphrey may have notice of the com-
 plainant's application, and of the object of his bill,
 and may be warned to appear here on or before the
 first Tuesday in October next, to shew cause where-
 fore a decree should not pass as prayed.

Test, SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD,
 Reg. Cur. Can.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Mont-
 gomery county, near Mr. John Killy's store, on
 the 30th day of March, a negro man named THO-
 MAS, twenty-one or two years old, about five feet
 two inches high, well made chunky fellow; had on
 when he went away an old white country cloth coat
 and breeches, old shoes and stockings, coarse linen
 shirt, and an old high crown wool hat; he is an art-
 ful fellow, and probably may change his cloaths. I
 will pay FOUR DOLLARS if taken ten miles from
 home, EIGHT DOLLARS if twenty miles, or the
 above reward if taken up out of the state, and reason-
 able charges if brought home, or secured in any goal
 so that I get him again.

JOHN S. McELWAIN.

April 3, 1797.

CAME to the subscriber's plantation, some time
 last fall, a stray red HEIFER, about two years
 old, no perceivable mark or brand. The owner is
 desired to prove property, pay charges, and take her
 away.

PEREGRINE RIDGELY.

April 5, 1797.

THE partnership of PINKNEY and GUYER
 is by mutual consent this day dissolved; all per-
 sons being indebted to the said firm are requested to
 make payment, and those having claims to exhibit
 them for settlement.

JONATHAN PINKNEY,
 JOHN GUYER.

Annapolis, 23d March, 1797.

THE partnership of Doctors MURRAY and
 SHAAFF expiring this day, they request all
 those indebted to them for professional services to call
 on either of them, or Mr. JOHN OWEN, to settle
 their accounts.

J. MURRAY,
 J. T. SHAAFF.

Annapolis, 30th March, 1797.

FERRY BOATS.

THE subscribers beg leave to inform the public
 in general, that they have built two large con-
 venient FERRY BOATS; for the conveyance of gen-
 tlemen and their horses and carriages, &c. THOMAS
 TUCKER, on West river, in Anne-Arundel county,
 runs to Kent Island and Talbot county, on the Eastern
 shore; WILLIAM W. HADAWAY, on the bay side, in
 Talbot county, opposite to West river, runs to West
 river and thereabouts. As this is by far the most con-
 venient route from the Federal city or Alexandria to
 Boston, Cambridge or any of the adjacent towns or
 counties on the Eastern shore, and will be attended
 with much less expence than any other passage to the
 before-mentioned places, we are determined to pay the
 greatest attention, in order to give every satisfaction in
 our power to those that will please to favour us with
 their custom.

THOMAS TUCKER,
 WILLIAM W. HADAWAY.

March 28, 1797.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application will
 be made to the general assembly of Maryland,
 at their next session, for an act to enable the corpora-
 tion of the city of Annapolis to lay a tax, not exceed-
 ing three shillings and nine pence current money in
 any one year, for every hundred pounds of property
 within the said city, and the precincts thereof.

WHEREAS I gave my bond to DANIEL SMITH
 for thirty pounds current money, in the year
 of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six,
 and the year following I became security for the said
 Daniel Smith in a bond payable to EDWARD ABELL
 for a larger sum of money, part of which I have paid
 to the said Edward Abell, and I still remain security
 for the balance due on said bond; I therefore forwarn
 all persons from taking an assignment from Daniel
 Smith of my bond, as I will not pay off the said bond,
 nor any part thereof.

JOHN AVIS.

Twelve Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY on the 25th September last, from
 the subscriber, living in Anne-Arundel county,
 a negro woman named HENNY, formerly the prop-
 erty of Mr. GASSAWAY RAWLINGS, of said county,
 she is about 35 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high,
 slender made; and dark complexion, large eyes, long
 hair, and on close examination you may discover, on
 the top of her forehead, a few white hairs; her com-
 mon apparel when she left my service, was striped
 country cloth jacket and petticoat; her under waistcoat
 is of course white country cloth, bound round with
 red, but as she has taken a variety of cloathing it is
 expected she will change as may best suit her own pur-
 pose; I do expect she has obtained a forged pass for
 her freedom, and that she is harboured in or near An-
 napolis. Whoever takes up the said negro woman,
 and confines her in any goal, so that the subscriber gets
 her again, shall receive the above reward, and if
 brought home reasonable charges paid, by

SAMUEL MACCUBBIN.

N. B. All persons are forbid harbouring or carrying
 off said woman at their peril. S. M.
 Mulberry Hill, March 16, 1797.

ALL persons having any just claims against the
 estate of ROBERT STEUART, late of Anne-
 Arundel county, deceased, are desired to exhibit them,
 properly authenticated, to the subscriber, who is au-
 thorized to settle said estate, and all those indebted to
 said estate are requested to make immediate payment,
 to DAVID STEUART.
 March 30, 1797.

Merrickin's Contract for sale.

THE subscribers will sell 274½ acres of good land,
 called MERRIKIN'S CONTRACT, about seven
 miles from Annapolis, on the north side of Severn,
 laying directly on Magrath river, and is partly sur-
 rounded with said river and a fine creek; the im-
 provements may be made comfortable, at a small
 expence; there is on this valuable land an abundance
 of the best pine for ship, spars, &c. besides a con-
 siderable quantity of chestnut and oak timber. Vessels
 of any burthen may load close in with the shore; per-
 haps there are few places within the bay that has such
 advantages for fishing and fowling. The terms will
 be made easy to the purchaser, and a more full de-
 scription given on the 4th day of June, on the pre-
 mises; when it will be sold to the highest bidder.
 Mr. Hampton Roberfor, living on the premises, will
 shew the land.

HENRY HALL DORSEY,
 HENRY EVANS.

Anne-Arundel county, March 17, 1797.

To be Rented for the Season,

THE plantation of PRIMROSE HILL, with the
 mansion-house, garden and orchard; the house
 and garden may be taken with or without the other
 land. Also will be disposed of, at the same place, to
 the highest bidder, on twelve months credit, a variety
 of household furniture, on the thirteenth day of April,
 if fair; if not the first fair day.

JOHN HESSELIUS.

March 18, 1797.

JUST PUBLISHED,
 And to be sold at the Printing-Office,
 Price, Two Dollars,

The LAWS

OF
 MARYLAND,

Passed November Session, 1796.

Annapolis, March 20, 1797.

ALL persons having just claims against the estate
 of JOHN HALL, Esq. late of Anne-Arundel
 county, deceased, are requested to exhibit them, leg-
 ally authenticated, to the subscriber, that they may
 be paid, and those who are indebted to the estate are
 requested to make payment without delay.

ELEANOR HALL, Executrix of
 John Hall.

N. B. Mr. Hall, in his life time, lent a number
 of his books to his acquaintances. Those who have
 them are requested to return them to me. E. H.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of
 JOHN G. WORTHINGTON, late of the
 city of Annapolis, deceased, are requested to bring
 them in, legally authenticated, and those who are in-
 debted to said estate are desired to make immediate
 payment to

BRUCE J. WORTHINGTON, Executor.

March 22, 1797.