

**PROPOSALS  
FOR PRINTING  
A DIGEST  
OF THE  
LAWS OF MARYLAND,**

FROM THE YEAR 1785, TO THE PERIOD OF PUBLICATION:

Containing all the Laws from that to the present time, inclusive.

THE object which this intention contemplates, is to publish every Law, now in force, in periodical order, with marginal references and notes, to obviate obscurities created, the consequence of progressive subdivisions, which necessarily resulted, to answer the annual purposes of legislative convenience. The Laws within this space of time, include all our STATUTES, since HANSON'S COLLECTION, and many of them, of the first importance to the people.

The complaints which have been frequently made by the student, in toiling through the dreary course of many perplexing sessions, unavoidably clouded by enumerated additions, amendments and repeals, often produce to his inquiries both doubt and uncertainty. The MERCHANT and FARMER have also frequently evidenced a solicitude, that these Laws were comprised in a clearer view, to abate the difficulties that occur in perusal. Hence it becomes the duty of the citizen, during intervals of leisure from necessary avocations, to digest a plan to remedy the evil.

The multiplicity of Laws is one of the grievances attendant on free governments, for when a Law, which is the "rule of our civil conduct," is enacted at the will of a despot, or aristocratic body, it generally remains fixed, and without frequent alteration or addition. On the contrary, when a REPRESENTATIVE, or FREE GOVERNMENT, LIKE OUR OWN, act in a legislative capacity, from the very freedom and spirit of the organization, our codes are naturally swelled to a more bulky size; sometimes from the frequency of change in our representation, and sometimes from kindred causes. Though this is one of the consequent defects (for human perfection is unattainable) of free governments, yet when we consider the unparalleled privileges and blessings we enjoy, under our Constitutions and Laws, unknown to any nation in the civilized world, we should not be unmindful of our duty, unanimously to co-operate in the most earnest and zealous benedictions to Heaven, for such signal marks of divine favour.

This plan, more copiously displayed, will be presented to the next session of Assembly, for their approbation; because the author is of opinion, that it is not right to interfere with any acts of the constituted authorities, without their previous acquiescence. The glaring injuries that have grown out of such evil practices, have already been too manifest to require animadversion, and too severely felt by us a people, not to discourage repetition. The whole, it is trusted, will be found useful to the magistrate, the merchant, the farmer, and the mechanic. If it should prove so in event, the labours of the compiler will be abundantly rewarded.

**CONDITIONS.**

- I. That this work will be printed and bound in one volume, and put to press as soon as the subscription is sufficiently enlarged to defray the expences of printing.
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**CHARLES FARIS,  
Clock and Watch-Maker,**

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends, and the public in general, that he has received a few SPRING CLOCKS, and an assortment of gold, gilt, and silver warranted WATCHES; gold, gilt, and steel CHAINS, and a variety of JEWELLERY, and other articles in his line, which he will sell low for CASH.

N. B. The highest price given for old silver.  
Annapolis, November 8, 1797.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of JOHN ALLEN THOMAS, late of St. Mary's county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are requested to bring them in, legally authenticated, to Mr. John Watson, at Leonard-town, or to the subscriber, at Annapolis. JAMES THOMAS, Executor.  
April 6, 1797.

**MOSES MACCUBBIN,  
Ladies and Gentlemens Hair-Dresser,  
Church-street, opposite to Mr. Wharfe's Tavern,  
HAS JUST RECEIVED**

A COMPLETE ASSORTMENT of  
The following Articles,  
viz.

*Elegant Powder-Horns,  
And  
Tortoise shell Combs.*

**HAIR-POWDER,**

Marshall, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Common.

**POMATUMS, SOFT and HARD.**

Rose, Franchispane, Marshall, Lemon, Bergamot, Lavender, Thyme and Orange.

An infallible pomatum that will nourish the hair, make it grow thick and long, and preserve it to extreme old age.

**SOAPS,**

Patent Windsor, Violet, Jessamine, chymical, patent cakes, Liquid for shaving, and common.

Royal chymical patent soap, for rendering the arms and hands delicately white and soft, it prevents them from chopping or tanning, is one of the greatest preservers of natural bloom and beauty, and is far superior to any kind of soap now in use.

Wash Balls of the first quality.

**ESSENCES,**

Sweet-briar, Sanfparrille, Tuberosé, Millisieur, Bergamot, Lavender and Lemon.

**WATERS,**

Double distilled Lavender, Hungary, Sanfparrille, and Tuberosé.

**FOR THE TEETH,**

Tooth-brushes, tooth-powder, tooth-picks, with elegant cases of different kinds.

**FOR THE HAIR.**

Pinching, craping and curling irons, powder knives, hair-scissors, with handsome cases, hair riband, powder-bags, swandown, silk and thread puffs, powder-boxes, tortoise-shell, ivory, and horn combs, of all kinds, and a large quantity of the best RUSSIA BEAR'S GREASE, that will thicken the hair, and hasten the growth thereby, nourish it at the roots, and prevent it from turning grey.

Milk of Roses of the best quality.

**—LIKELIKE—**

The first quality razors; elastic and Jesse's Strops, warranted; lip-salve; smelling-bottles, with silver tops, and a variety of other kinds; ivory and common shaving brushes; the genuine court plaster, and a variety of dressing-cases, with utensils complete; red morocco shaving cases, containing the whole apparatus for shaving or dressing; false-tails and braids; patent shoe blacking; elegant yard measures, with a smelling-bottle at the end of them; a large quantity of small phials, containing different kinds of perfumes; shaving boxes complete; shoe-strings; elastic neck-bolters; lockets and breast pins of different kinds, and Starch of the best quality.

**M. MACCUBBIN,**

Assisted by a due regard to the sacred principles of gratitude, tenders his most grateful thanks for that liberal patronage which a generous and indulgent public have afforded him, and he flatters himself that while his mind is animated by a lively sense of preceding favours, his future conduct will entitle him to the claim of universal approbation.

**A Bargain Offered.**

I will SELL, on moderate terms,

THAT valuable FARM on Kent Island, lately occupied by Dr. JONATHAN ROBERTS. It is situated immediately opposite to the city of Annapolis, is healthy and commands a very extensive view of the Chesapeake. It contains about three hundred acres of land, and is in very high cultivation. The soil is well adapted to the production of wheat, corn and tobacco. The improvements consist of a good frame dwelling house, a large commodious brick quarter, two valuable tobacco houses, a very convenient cow house, two stables, a granary, carriage house, and every other necessary building that the accommodation of a family could possibly require. There is a very choice collection of every kind of fruit. The apple orchards have not yet reached maturity and now yield about thirty hogheads of cider, and several hundred bushels of excellent winter apples. The former proprietor of this place being a man of considerable industry and taste has taken uncommon pains to procure not only valuable fruit, but every other tree that are calculated to beautify and adorn a farm. There are several acres covered with locust and black walnut trees, planted by him, and now in perfection. The houses are all in excellent repair, and the fences in good order. There is seeded for the benefit of the purchaser between seventy and eighty bushels of wheat. A small part of the purchase money must be paid on the delivery of the place, which will be on the first day of January next, and an extensive credit will be given for the residue. Bonds, with approved security, will be exacted from the purchaser, and an indisputable title will be given him by

JONATHAN R. WILMER.

November 7, 1797.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, on the first Monday in March next, on the premises, if fair, if not the first fair day ensuing.

THAT valuable and well known plantation whereon JOSEPH GALLOWAY now dwells, situated on West river, in Anne-Arundel county, containing about 980 acres of very valuable land, the situation high and healthy, commanding an extensive and beautiful view of the Chesapeake Bay, West river and Herring Bay, in a fine sporting country, and convenient to fine oysters, fish, and wild fowl in the proper seasons, great part of the land is of the first quality, and lays level, with abundance of meadow ground, and a sufficiency of wood land with care and attention to supply the uses of a farm. The title secure, and conveyance will be executed to the purchaser on payment of the purchase money, and it will be sold on a credit of one, two, and three years; and at the same time and place will be sold 48 valuable slaves, consisting of men, women, and children, 50 head of cattle, and 13 horses and mules. Purchasers to any amount not exceeding £.20 to pay cash, above that sum to give bond, with approved security, payable in 12 months. All persons having claims against Joseph Galloway are requested to produce them to the subscribers, on or before the day of sale, properly authenticated.

JOHN GALLOWAY, } Trustees for sale  
DAVID LYNN, } of said estate.

January 10, 1798.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE, at my dwelling plantation, about two miles from Mrs. Rawlings's tavern, and the same distance from Mount Pleasant ferry, on Thursday the 15th of February, if fair, or on the first fair day after, on twelve months credit, the purchasers entering into bond, with approved security, before delivery.

A PARCEL of likely country born young NEGROES, consisting of men, women, boys and girls, among them a very valuable rough carpenter, and good miller, also some valuable house women, who understand all manner of house work, with plantation utensils, stock of horses, cattle, some good work oxen, and sheep, with some household and kitchen furniture. Further particulars will be made known on the day of sale.

THOMAS LANE.

P. S. I will sell my plantation whereon I now live, containing about 400 acres, on it are at least 6000 fruit trees, which will yield ten thousand gallons of choice cider annually.

Mount Airy, January 8, 1798.

COMMITTED to my custody on the 28th day of this present month, a negro man who says his name is JOHN, that he was sold about five years ago from the estate of captain RICHES, near Hobbs's Hole, in Virginia, to PHILIP PAYNE, who lived in Campbell county, in the State of Kentucky, where he continued four years, and ran away in March last; he is a likely black fellow, about five feet six or seven inches high, about twenty years old; had on a striped cloth coat, with large metal buttons, old cotton velvet breeches, his other cloaths very sorry, his feet appear remarkable small for his size. His master is desired to take him away in two months from this date, or he will be sold for his prison fees and other expences agreeably to law.

ZACH. FORREST, Sheriff  
of St. Mary's county.

December 30, 1797.

**Patowmack Company.**

THE STOCKHOLDERS of the PATOWMACK COMPANY are requested to meet at the Union Tavern in George-town, on the second Thursday in February next—Business of the first importance will be laid before the meeting—it is therefore hoped the Stockholders will generally attend, or send their proxies.

TOBIAS LEAR, President.  
JOHN MASON,  
JOHN TEMPLEMAN, } Directors.  
JAMES KEITH,  
JOSIAH CLAPHAM, }

Alexandria, January 3, 1798.

**One Hundred Dollars Reward.**

ON the first day of December some wicked persons set fire to my corn house and stables, in the dead of night, whereby they were totally consumed, with a quantity of wheat, flax, plank, and scantling, and a fine brood mare with foal; and a saddle horse perished in the flames. Whoever will discover the perpetrator or perpetrators of so abominable an act, in such manner as may bring him or them to condign punishment, shall receive the above reward, from

ROBERT LAIDLER.  
Laidler's Ferry, December 23, 1797.

**CASH given for Clean  
Linen and Cotton  
RAGS,**

At the Printing-Office.

A. N. N. A. P. O. L. L. I. S.

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