

**FOR SALE**

The subscriber will **SELL**, at **PUBLIC AUCTION**, on Monday the 26th of February next, at 12 o'clock, on the premises,

**THAT** beautiful tract of land called **CHELSEA**, lying in Prince-George's county, containing about six hundred acres; this land is situated in the forest of Prince-George's county, near the brick church; it is distant about seven miles from Queen-Anne, five from Upper-Marlborough, and eleven from the city of Washington; it lies nearly in a square, is extremely level, and the soil is of the first quality, well adapted for the cultivation of tobacco, Indian corn, and small grain; there is a considerable quantity of meadow ground, well set with timothy, and a sufficiency of timber; the improvements are valuable, consisting of a comfortable dwelling house, with out-houses, and several tobacco houses and other buildings, suitable for a plantation. A more particular description is not deemed necessary, as those who are inclined to purchase this valuable estate will have an opportunity of viewing it before the day of sale. The terms of sale are as follow: the purchaser to pay on the day of sale two thousand pounds; on the first day of December, 1798, two thousand pounds, and the residue on the first day of December, 1799, with interest.

On the same day and at the same place, will be sold, a number of valuable negroes, consisting of men, women and children; likewise a number of hoxes, forty or fifty head of cattle, and a considerable quantity of corn and hay. Nine months credit will be given, on the purchasers giving bond with approved security. There will be sold likewise several valuable house servants, for cash.

**HUMPHREY BELT, Sen.**  
Prince-George's county, January, 1798.

It being determined by the War Department of the United States to establish a recruiting rendezvous at Port Tobacco, in the State of Maryland, under the direction of lieutenant Samuel T. Dyson, notice is hereby given, that proposals will be received, until the fourth day of March next, at the subscriber's office, in Gay-street, Baltimore, or by Samuel Hanton, (of Walter) Esq; at Port-Tobacco aforesaid, for furnishing, by contract, during the present year, 1798, such rations and quarter-masters articles as may be required for the use of the recruits at the said rendezvous. The rations are to be composed of

- One pound of bread or flour,
  - Ditto of beef, or 1/2 of a pound of pork,
  - Half a gill of rum, brandy or whiskey,
  - One quart of salt,
  - Two ditto vinegar,
  - Two pounds of soap,
  - One ditto of soap,
- } Per 100 rations.

**JOHN KILTY**, Supervisor of the revenue for Maryland.

February 15, 1798.

**WAS** committed to Kent county gaol, on the 10th instant, a negro man named **SQUIRE**, say he belongs to **THOMAS LAW**, Esq; of the Federal City, about twenty-three years of age, five feet eight or nine inches high, black complexion; his cloaths are, a blue round cloth over jacket, white cloth trousers. Unless his owner releases him he will be sold for his gaol fees agreeable to law.

**BEN. HATCHESON**, Sheriff  
Kent county.

February 14, 1798.

To be **SOLD**, at **PUBLIC VENDUE**, on the 5th of March next, if fair, if not the first fair day, at the late dwelling house of Mr. **JOSEPH MECK**, sen.

**PART** of the **PERSONAL PROPERTY** of **JOSEPH MECK, jun.** deceased, consisting of sundry personal property. The sale to commence between the hours of ten and twelve o'clock in the forenoon; the terms for cash. And on the eighth of March, the residue of the personal property of said Joseph Meck will be exposed for sale, at the farm of Mr. William Hammond, generally called Catlings, on the same time as before mentioned, and on like terms, by me.

**JOHN MECK**, Executor of Joseph.

P. S. All persons indebted to said estate, are requested to make immediate payment, and those who have claims to exhibit their accounts for payment.

February 8, 1798.

Will be **SOLD**, at **PUBLIC SALE**, at the late dwelling of **THOMAS BOYD**, deceased, in Prince-George's county, on Friday the second of March next,

**SUNDRY NEGROES**, consisting of women and children, also some stock and household furniture. The terms are, for cash only.

**MARGARET BOYD**, Administratrix of **THOMAS BOYD**.

February 12, 1798.

**FOR SALE**

**A FEW** families of **NEGROES**, consisting of four families, the first, two women and four children, all boys, two fit for service; the second, one ditto, four ditto, two boys fit for service; the third, one woman and two children, both boys; the fourth, a young man, his wife and child; they have all had the small pox except a few small ones. They are as likely negroes as any in America. The women that have got husbands may be purchased in the same neighbourhood.

**GEORGE SMITH**.

Current county, Lyon's creek, Dec. 4, 1797.

In pursuance of a decree of the High Court of Chancery of the State of Maryland, will be **EXPOSED** to **PUBLIC SALE**, on the sixth day of March next, at Leonard-town,

**THE** following tracts or parcels of **LAND**, late the property of **TOWNSEND EDEN**, deceased, lying in Saint-Mary's county, viz. **COLE'S ADVENTURE**, part of **NEALE'S LOT RESURVEYED**, and **WOLF HOLES**, containing in the whole about five hundred acres; on this land is a large elegant brick dwelling house, and an abundance of fine oak timber. They will be sold on the following terms; the purchaser to give bond, with security, to pay one half the purchase money, and interest, within one year from the time of sale, and the residue of the principal, and interest thereon, within two years from the time of sale, to be ratified and approved by the chancellor, and conveyances in fee-simple for the said property, for all the estate, right, title and interest, in said lands, which was in Townsend Eden, and now in James Eden, an infant, which hath descended to him from Townsend Eden his father, will be made to the respective purchasers on payment of the purchase money, and not before. A more particular description of the several lands, with their respective advantages and incumbrances, will be detailed at the time and place of sale. The subscriber will shew the said lands at any time to any person disposed to become a purchaser.

**RICHARD BOND**, Trustee  
for sale of said lands.

Chaptico, January 29, 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 **RICHEA**, near Hobb'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.

**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.

**STOLEN** from the subscriber, living about two miles from Mount Pleasant ferry, and the same distance from Mrs. Rawlings's tavern, on the 26th of December, 1797, an iron gray **HORSE**, about fourteen hands and an half high, he is shod all fours, has a split in one of his houghs, and a remarkable short head, his brand is unknown, he is a strong well-made horse, blows very much when he gallops; by what information I have I am apt to believe he is about Patuxent ferry, or in that neighbourhood, or Elk-Ridge Landing. Any person that takes up the said horse, and brings him to me, shall receive **SIX DOLLARS**; paid by

**THOMAS LANE**, Mount Airy.

**One Hundred Dollars Reward.**

**ON** the first day of December some wicked person or persons set fire to my corn house and stables, in the dead of night, whereby they were totally consumed, with a quantity of wheat, hay, 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.

**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.
- II. That the whole will be printed on good paper and good type.
- III. That each subscriber, at the time of subscribing, shall pay Five Dollars in advance; for every copy subscribed for, (to enable the printer to go speedily through with the work) and the balance on delivery of the book.
- IV. That the price will be as moderate as books

- V. That if any invisible accident should counteract this plan, so as to produce miscarriage, or to prevent it from being carried into execution, in such case, or cases, the money advanced, shall be returned to the respective persons subscribing.

Subscriptions received by Messrs. James Rice, & Co. and George Hill, booksellers in Baltimore, and by Frederick Green, Annapolis.

**RAN** away from the subscriber, living in Anne-Arundel county, on the Head of South river, negro **NELL**, a bright mulatto slave; about thirty-eight years of age, of a thin visage, about five feet four inches high; with long bushy hair; has been in common used to house work, she is a very good spinner, and, in fact, understands how to do any thing about a house; her cloaths are uncertain, as she took with her more than one suit; she has been seen in Annapolis, and it is not unlikely but that she may now be there. I will pay **EIGHT DOLLARS** to any person that will bring her home, or secure her so that I get her again.

**WILLIAM HALL**, 3d.

February 8, 1798.

**THERE** is at the subscriber's plantation, near Annapolis, taken up as a stray, a large red and white **COW**, marked with a crop and an under cut in the right ear. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

December 18, 1797.

**MARY WATSON**.