

By virtue of a writ of *venditioni exponas* to me directed by the justices of Anne Arundel county court, will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, on the fourth Monday of March next, on the premises, about two miles from Herring Creek church, A TRACT of land called SMITH'S DELIGHT, containing one hundred acres, it being the property of SAMUEL MAYNARD, and taken to satisfy a debt due to JAMES HEICA and JOSEPH WELKINSON, executors of Elizabeth Heigh. The sale to commence at twelve o'clock.

RICHARD HARWOOD, Late Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.
February 27, 1798.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I intend to apply to Anne-Arundel county court, at the next term, for a commission to mark and bound a tract of land, in said county, called PART of PORTLAND MANOR, agreeably to an act of assembly for marking and bounding lands.

MARY WEEMS.
February 23, 1798.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE, on the 12th of March next, if fair, if not the first fair day, at the late dwelling house of Mr. JOSEPH MEEK, sen. PART of the PERSONAL PROPERTY of JOSEPH MEEK, 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 15th of March, the residue of the personal property of said Joseph Meek 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 MEEK, 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.

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.
Calvert county, Lyon's creek, Dec. 2, 1797.

WAS committed to Kent county gaol, on the 10th instant, a negro man named SQUIRE, says 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 of Kent county.
February 14, 1798.

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.

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 scuffling, 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.

In Council, Annapolis, January 23, 1798.
ORDERED, That the resolutions passed by the general assembly at their last session, respecting certificates and bills of credit, be published eight weeks successively, in one of the Philadelphia and Alexandria news-papers, and in one of the Baltimore, Frederick-town and Easton papers, and the Maryland Gazette.

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
December 26, 1797.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorized to pay off and discharge the principal and interest due on all certificates heretofore issued by the state of Maryland, other than those distinguished as fraudulent ones, provided the same are brought into the treasury for payment, on or before the first day of October, 1798.

Resolved, That all holders of certificates heretofore issued and funded by the state of Maryland, bring the same to the treasury of the western shore for payment of principal and interest, on or before the first day of October next, and that no interest on any certificates heretofore issued, which shall accrue after the said first day of October, 1798, shall be paid thereafter, nor the principal sum until after the end of the next session of assembly.

Resolved, That such part of the five months pay, due to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, and due for services on board the barges, as shall not be demanded of the treasurer of the western shore, on or before the first day of October, 1798, be not paid to any person or persons demanding any part of the same thereafter, but be subject to such appropriation as shall hereafter be declared.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorized, to pay off and discharge the amount of principal and interest of such bills of credit, of the emission under the act of June, 1780, as may be produced and brought into the treasury, on or before the first day of October next.

Resolved, That if the holders of bills of credit, emitted in virtue of the act of June session, 1780, do not bring the same into the treasury of the western shore for payment, on or before the first day of October, 1798, that all interest from that time cease thereon, and the principal not to be paid until after the end of the next session of assembly.

Resolved, That the resolutions passed at the last session of assembly, for limiting the time to the first of July last for bringing in certificates for payment be, and the same are hereby rescinded.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
Thus endorsed;
By the senate, December 26, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.
By the senate, December 29, 1797: Read the second time and assented to.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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

MR. ALLEN, on board the Ranger, Annapolis. Nicholas Brice (2), Aza Beall, Thomas Barber, Annapolis; Richard Booth, West river.

Right rev. Thos. J. Claggett, D. D. care of William Cooke, John Callahan, William Coe, Annapolis. John Davidson, Joshua Dorsey (2), Benjamin Doctor, Benjamin Dulany (2), Annapolis.

John Gwinn (2), Mr. Guerin (2), William Gilmour, Annapolis; John Galloway Son, West river. William Hammond, Samuel Harvey Howard, Zeb. Hollingworth (3), Annapolis; William Harwood, Richard Harrison, Anne-Arundel county.

Henry Johnston, Annapolis. Providence Lane, care of John Brice, Mr. Langlois, Thomas Lisbey (3), Annapolis.

Robert Milligan, John Miller, Richard Mackubin (2), Gilbert Murdoch, Annapolis; Joseph Maccubbin, Anne-Arundel county.

Edward Nicholls, Annapolis. Martin O'Duhigg, Annapolis.

Postmaster, Thomas Poyer, Smith Price, Annapolis. Henry Ridgely, Benjamin Ringgold, care of John Galloway, John Ridgely, John Rue, care of William Logan, Annapolis.

Sheriff elect of Anne-Arundel county, James Steele, Annapolis. Colonel Tootle, J. A. Tarafcon, John Tayloe, Annapolis.

Levin Winder, Eliz. Whitewood, capt. H. Wilson, on board the schooner Felicity (2), Annapolis; John Weems, jun. Herring creek.

John Young, Annapolis.
S. GREEN, D. P. M.

None of the above letter will be delivered without the money.
January 1, 1798.

By virtue of a writ of *venditioni exponas*, to me directed by the judges of the general court, will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, on the premises, on the fifteenth day of March next, for READY CASH,

THE following lands, to wit: HENRY'S PARK, Part of CONCLUSION, Part of INVASION, and Part of CUMBERLAND; the whole is supposed to contain five hundred and forty acres, more or less, being the property of WILLIAM RUSSELL, and which were taken to satisfy a judgment obtained by JOHN MOALE against said Russell. The sale will commence at twelve o'clock.

RICHARD HARWOOD, Late Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.
February 1, 1798.

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 compiled 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 most 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 government, 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 his 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 advertisement, 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 of the same kind, containing the same quantity of matter, are sold for: it cannot be ascertained at present, with accuracy, what the expence of printing will be, and therefore a fixed price can yet be promulgated.
- V. That if any inevitable accident should counteract this plan, so as produce miscarriage, to prevent it from being carried into execution in such case, or call the money advanced shall be returned to respective persons subscribing.

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

COMMITTED to me as a runaway yesterday, 4th of this month, a negro man, who says name is LEWIS, that he was the property of ROBERT CARTER, who some years ago reside Virginia, but is now an inhabitant of Baltimore, he ran away from Virginia near two years ago, since which time he has been in this county; he is likely fellow, of a yellow colour, appears to be a twenty-five years of age, five feet eight or nine high; his cloathing a striped nankeen coat, mus jacket, nankeen long breeches, a good ruffled shoes, stockings, and hat. The owner is desir take him away within two months from the date he will be sold for his prison fees and other charges.
ZACH. FORREST, Sheriff of St. Mary's county.
February 5, 1798.

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