

Olmstead, of Rensselaerville, was found in the field, hanging by a silk handkerchief, dead, and partly devoured by animals. On inquiry it was found, that this unfortunate man had absconded from his family about the beginning of winter, perfectly deranged in his senses, and had been sought after ever since without success. Several curious circumstances are related of him, among which it is said, his mind was harrassed with what he called "revelations," he thought it his duty "to kill his eldest child," by divine order—the child was removed, and he absconded. He bore a good character, and was industrious; has left a wife and three children; it is thought the fatal deed was done by himself. (Argus.)

PHILADELPHIA, May 7.

On Saturday, the house of representatives of the United States went into a committee of the whole on the report of the committee of ways and means, proposing a direct tax on lands, houses and slaves. The resolutions recommended by the committee of ways and means were agreed upon, after the blank was filled with two millions, and an amendment adopted, proposed by Mr. DAYTON (the speaker) to limit the apportionment of the tax according to the last census, only until a new one can be taken, and providing that a new census ought to be immediately made of the inhabitants of the several states agreeably to the constitution. The committee rose, and reported their agreement to the resolutions, when Mr. D. FOSTER moved to strike out the word *annually* (which if carried would have the effect to continue the tax to one year, unless the act was at the expiration of that time continued.) This motion gave rise to a debate which occupied the remainder of the sitting, and upon which no question was taken; for the debate having continued till past three, a motion was made to adjourn and carried.—The motion was supported by Messrs. Gallatin, and R. Williams, and opposed by Messrs. Sitgreaves, S. Smith, Harper, and Otis.

The dispatches from our envoys at Paris communicated to congress on Friday, consist of a letter dated February 7, which enclosed a copy of a memorial to the minister of foreign relations, delivered on the 31st January—This memorial is lengthy, and contains a discussion of all the subjects of dispute between the French government and that of the United States.

In the letter of the 7th February our envoys say, "We have not yet received any answer to this communication, and should no notice be taken of it in a few days we shall apply in a more explicit manner for our passports."

Annapolis, May 17.

Philadelphia, May 5th, 1798.

SIR,

BY direction of the president of the United States, I herewith transmit to you his answer to the address of the citizens of Annapolis.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,
SAM. B. MALCOM.

NICHOLAS CARROLL, Esq;
To the CITIZENS of ANNAPOLIS, in the State of Maryland.

GENTLEMEN,

I am sensible of the honour done to me, and the service to the public, by your unanimous address.

The voluntary acknowledgment of freemen of the blessings they enjoy under a government of their own institution and election, may safely be believed to be sincere. With you, gentlemen, I wish to perpetuate these blessings to the latest posterity; but the fate of Venice cannot fail to remind us of the frailty of all human institutions, and of the necessity of constant vigilance, fortitude and valour, in defence of them, while it calls to our minds the esto perpetua of its great patriot and historian, Father Paul.

With you I consider, with astonishment and indignation, the repeated and persevering contempt and insolence with which our ambassadors to the French Directory have been treated; no kind of justification or apology can be made for it.

You do no more than justice to the executive authority of the United States, in believing that it has maintained an impartial neutrality, and that it has sedulously and faithfully endeavoured to cultivate the friendship of France.

Your determination to support the measures which government may adopt for the protection of commerce, the defence of the country, and in vindication of the insulted rights of an independent nation, is consistent with the character of virtuous citizens and zealous patriots.

I agree with you, that war is preferable to any base submission; nor is it possible that submission itself should avoid war.

Although the sagacity of the French nation is equal to its courage, we must consider the powers that be, as their representatives, until they shall determine otherwise; nor will prudence permit us to trust the safety of our country to precarious and contingent events.

The applause of the citizens of Annapolis is very flattering to me.—My aversion to war, which to me, personally, could bring in its train neither pleasure, profit nor glory, nor any other effect than an incessant anxiety, and unremitting labour, may easily be believed.—Yet I cannot sacrifice the honour or essential rights of my country, even at the shrine of peace, but especially when it is obvious that such sacrifices could produce nothing but war.

I have the most confident reliance on the support of the American people, their good sense, their discern-

ment of their true interests, their firm and deliberate courage; nor will I entertain a doubt, that under the protection of Divine Providence these virtues and talents will preserve them.

JOHN ADAMS.

United States, May 4, 1798.

To be SOLD,
Two HORSES, and
A good BOAT.
H. STIER.

Annapolis, May, 1798.

DR. SHAAFF,

At the solicitation of some friends,
PURPOSES to commence inoculation for the
SMALL-POX the ensuing week: but, in the
adoption of this measure, will be regulated by the
general wish of the citizens.
Wednesday, May 16, 1798.

BY AUTHORITY.

THEATRE.

On FRIDAY EVENING, May 18th, 1798,
Will be acted the favourite Comedy of The
BUSY BODY: Or,
A School for Guardians.
After the play Mrs. Douglas will sing "The Wedding Day."

An Interlude will be presented, called
THE KIDNAPPER: Or,
Plantation Preferment.

Mr. McGrath will introduce his PATRIOTIC HIBERNICISM, called,

PADDY FROM FRANCE.

To which will be added Foote's humorous Farce of
The Mayor of Garrat: Or,
The Humours of the Militia.

BOX TICKETS at One Dollar, PIT TICKETS, at
Three Quarters of a Dollar, to be had at Mr. Crill's
Hotel, the Ticket-office, and at the Printing-office.
No money taken at the doors of admission, nor any
persons allowed behind the scenes.

The curtain to be raised at seven o'clock.

CH. C. M'GRATH.

MR. BATES

Respectfully informs the ladies and
gentlemen of Annapolis his second
performance, at the
Ball-Room, will be on
Monday evening,
May 21st.

Particulars will be expressed in future bills.

In CHANCERY, May 10, 1798.

ON application to the chancellor, by petition in writing, of CHARLES SHANKS, of St. Mary's county, praying the benefit of the act for the 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 Charles Shanks is, and the time of passing the said act was, a citizen of the United States, and of this state, and the said Charles Shanks, 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 Charles Shanks, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted three weeks successively in the Maryland Gazette before the tenth day of June next, give notice to his creditors to appear in the chancery-office, at eleven o'clock, on the 22d day of June next, for the purpose of recommending some person to be trustee for their benefit, on the said Charles Shanks then and there taking the oath prescribed for delivering up his property.

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

CAME to the subscriber's, living on the road that leads from Annapolis to Frederick-town, about twenty miles from Annapolis, on Monday the seventh day of this month, two stray HORSES, one a dark sorrel, about nine years old, fifteen hands high, trots, paces, racks, and canters, has no perceivable brand, the off hind foot is white, he is shod all round. The other a white horse, fourteen hands high, fourteen years old, paces, trots, and canters, has some saddle marks on the ridge of his back, and no other perceivable mark or brand, shod all round. The owner or owners may have them again on proving property and paying charges.

WILLIAM STEUART.

May 10, 1798.

FOR SALE,

Taylor's Landing Warehouse,

On Patuxent river, near Queen-Anne.
For terms apply to DANIEL CLARKE, of Prince-George's county, or
DANIEL CLARKE, jun.
of Frederick-town.

May 8, 1798.

TO BE SOLD,
A pair of stout bay HORSES,
They are well broke, well matched in strength and spirit, and perfectly gentle.

DAVID LYNN.

West river, May 5, 1798.

CASH given for Clean
Linen and Cotton
RAGS,
At the Printing-Office.

F. M. De Lalandelle,

INFORMS his friends and the public, that he has purchased the stock in trade of WILLIAM ALEXANDER, in Annapolis, consisting of DRY and WET GOODS and GROCERIES, to which he has made considerable additions, and waited only for the spring arrivals to complete an extensive assortment, he hopes to give every satisfaction to all those who will honour him with their custom. He has also for sale,

A mulatto man, about 42 years old, who is an excellent hand at any plantation work, is a very good rough carpenter, understands making tobacco hog-heads, may also do very well to tend a grist-mill for country custom. Also,

A negro lad, about 18, who can do any kind of plantation work, has been used to take care of horses. They are sold for no fault, but merely for want of employment.

Edward J. Pryse,

Saddler and Harness-maker,
Church-street.

AFTER returning his sincere thanks for the generous patronage of his friends, and soliciting a continuance of their favours, begs leave to inform them and the public in general, that he still continues to carry on the above business in all its various branches, and that he is now supplied with the best materials for that purpose. He hath now in employ some of the best workmen on the continent, and promises that all those who honour him with their commands, may rely on having their work executed in the best and neatest manner. Orders from the country will be thankfully received and duly attended to.

N. B. Two apprentices wanted to the above business.

Annapolis, May 10, 1798.

WAS committed to Kent county gaol, on the 10th of February last, a negro man, who says he belongs to a Mr. LAW, of the Federal City, and calls himself ESQUIRE, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, blue round jacket, and white trousers, very black complexion, shows his teeth when he talks, and is a lively fellow. If his owner does not take him away in thirty days from the date hereof he will be sold for his prison fees, as this is the third time he has been advertised.

BENJAMIN HATCHESON, Sheriff
of Kent county.

May 4, 1798.

THE subscriber has for sale several NEGROES, two as valuable house carpenters and joiners as any in the state, the others women, some with children, and others without. For terms apply to

THOMAS HARWOOD, of Annapolis.

May 1, 1798.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Annapolis, 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.

Maryland, St. Mary's county, March 12, 1798.
CAME to my plantation near Chaptico, a small bay HORSE, ten or twelve years old, twelve and an half hands high, branded on the near buttock with a crooked mark something like the letter Y, a white spot on his off hind foot; a natural pacer. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take him away.

BLIAS GATTEN.