

excite to the performance of the duties which we ought to discharge,—by calling and fixing the attention of the people at large to the momentous truths already recited, by affording opportunity to teach and fomentate them by animating devotion and giving to it the character of a national act.—For these reasons, I have thought proper to recommend, and I do hereby recommend accordingly, that Thursday, the 25th day of April next, be observed, throughout the United States of America, as a day of solemn humiliation, fasting and prayer.—That the citizens, on that day, abstaining as far as may be from their secular occupations, devote the time to the sacred duties of religion, in public and in private: That they call to mind our numerous offences against the most High GOD, confess them before him with the sincerest penitence, implore his pardoning mercy, through the great Mediator and Redeemer, for our past transgressions, and that, through the grace of his Holy Spirit, we may be disposed and enabled to yield a more suitable obedience to his righteous requisitions in time to come: That he would interpose to arrest the progress of that impiety and licentiousness in principle and practice, so offensive to himself and so ruinous to mankind: That he would make us deeply sensible that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is the reproach of any people:" That he would turn us from our transgressions and turn his displeasure from us: That he would withhold us from unreasonable discontent—from disunion, faction, sedition and insurrection: That he would preserve our country from the desolating sword: That he would save our cities and towns from a repetition of those awful pestilential visitations under which they have lately suffered so severely, and that the health of our inhabitants generally may be precious in his sight: That he would favour us with fruitful seasons, and so bless the labours of the husbandmen as that there may be food in abundance for man and beast: That he would prosper our commerce, manufactures and fisheries, and give success to the people in all their lawful industry and enterprise: That he would smile on our colleges, academies, schools and seminaries of learning, and make them nurseries of sound science, morals and religion: That he would bless all magistrates from the highest to the lowest, give them the spirit of their station, make them a terror to evil doers and a praise to them that do well: That he would preside over the councils of the nation at this critical period, enlighten them to a just discernment of the public interest, and save them from mistake, division and discord: That he would succeed our preparations for defence, and bless our armaments by land and by sea: That he would put an end to the effusion of human blood, and the accumulation of human misery, among the contending nations of the earth, by disposing them to justice, to equity, to benevolence and to peace: And that he would extend the blessings of knowledge, of true liberty, and of pure and undefiled religion, throughout the world.

And I do, also, recommend, that with these acts of humiliation, penitence and prayer, fervent thanksgiving to the author of all good be united, for the countless favours which he is still continuing to the people of the United States, and which render their condition as a nation eminently happy, when compared with the lot of others.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States of America, at the city of Philadelphia, this sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and of the Independence of the said States the twenty-third.

JOHN ADAMS.

By the President,

TIMOTHY PICKERING,
Secretary of State.

Valuable Lands for Sale.

ON Tuesday the 20th of August next I shall EXPOSE to PUBLIC SALE, at the town of New-Market, in Dorchester county, all that valuable tract or parcel of land commonly called the Choptank Indian Lands, situated on the south side and binding on the Choptank river several miles, supposed to contain about six thousand acres, to be divided into lots to contain from 100 to 500 acres each. The terms of sale, as follow, viz: purchasers to give bond immediately after the sale, with approved security, conditioned for the payment of the purchase money, with interest from the day of sale, in four equal annual instalments, agreeably to an act, entitled, An act appointing commissioners to contract for and purchase the lands commonly called the Choptank Indian Lands, in Dorchester county, and for appropriating the same to the use of this State, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, passed at November session, 1798.

WILLIAM MARBURY, Agent
for the State of Maryland.

April 10, 1799.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of DA. JOHN SPRIGG, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, are requested to bring them in, legally proved; all persons indebted are requested to make speedy payment.

RICHARD SPRIGG, Administrator
de bonis non.

April 11, 1799.

ALL persons are forewarned from trusting or crediting any one on account of the subscriber without a line from

JOHN HESSELIUS.

NOTICE.

THE committee appointed by the citizens to erect a fort in this city, propose to commence the works on Monday the 29th Instant, those who have subscribed labour are desired to be prepared to send their hands as called for by the superintendent, an arrangement will be made that each person may know when they will be desired to furnish labour, and those who have subscribed money will please to call and pay their respective subscriptions to Mr. LEWIS DUVALL, who is empowered to receive the same.

JOHN DAVIDSON,
JAMES WILLIAMS,
JOHN GASSAWAY,
JOHN SHAW,
SAMUEL GODMAN,
Committee appointed.

Annapolis, April 17, 1799.

A PROCLAMATION. PLANTERS—ATTEND—

WHEREAS the purchasers of tobacco, from various prominent appearances, which have of late been brought into disagreeable action, seem determined to reduce the country price of that almost invaluable luxury to the grievous disadvantage of the planters; and whereas, when combinations of this kind are evidenced beyond contradiction, equity and substantial justice demand, with a trumpet like voice, that such unmercantile like attempts should be counteracted by all lawful ways and means; be it known to all to whom these presents shall come greeting, that a very numerous body of the most considerable planters, for quantity and quality, have combined and confederated for the meritorious purpose of drawing the noses of all speculators in that staple commodity to a grind-stone possessed of a well deserved grit: It said characters wish to be illuminated, they will peruse the following; if they do not wish to be illuminated, they then will not peruse it: A very influential knot of planters have determined to hold, and will unquestionably hold, their tobaccos, until a fair price is offered for them, in proportion to the sales of tobacco in Europe, as appear by the lost advices: Let not said speculators bounce at the publication of said determination, because they dwell know, though interest powerfully forbids the publication of the disagreeable news, that tobacco sold a few weeks ago in London, and that too not of the best, but of middling quality, for the very high price of sixty pounds sterling per thousand weight. Planters, do you, or do you not, wish to labour for yourselves? or do you seriously mean to labour for the benefit of certain speculators? If you have not totally abandoned the independent spirit, by which a few years ago you were characterized, make, I beseech you, to make a proper advantage of the now golden opportunity; if you love your advantages better than you ought to love yourselves, and your wives and children, then continue your now conduct; but believe me, you have at this time a most glorious opportunity of indemnifying yourselves in small part, for your former repeated heavy losses: Estimate the enormously increased price of all imported articles: If you do, and you make a proper calculation of the price, you should and can receive for your tobacco, I am certain you will substantially injure yourselves if you do not demand twenty dollars per hundred for your tobacco—and rely on it, the purchasers must, and will, give them. Indeed they will not, they cannot do without it.

THE OLD PLANTER.

Anne-Arundel county, April 5, 1799.

A gentleman in Frederick-town received this account from Wm Murdock, Esq;

By the CORPORATION of the CITY of ANNAPOLIS,
April 1, 1799.

RESOLVED, That Philip Barton Key and John Gwinn, Esquires, be appointed to apply to, and receive from, all persons indebted to this corporation the sum or sums of money due to the said corporation by bond or note, and on the receipt thereof to give discharges for the same; and should any of the said debtors refuse or neglect to pay at least one third of the sum due by them, or either of them, on or before the first day of August next, it shall be the duty of the said Philip Barton Key and John Gwinn, Esquires, and they are hereby empowered and directed to bring suits for the recovery of the whole sum that may be due, and the treasurer of the corporation is hereby authorized and required, when applied to by the said Philip Barton Key and John Gwinn, Esquires, or either of them, to deliver up to them, or either of them, all bonds and notes due this corporation for the purposes aforesaid.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, Clk.

Take Notice,

ALL persons indebted to the CORPORATION of the CITY of ANNAPOLIS, on bond, bill or note, are requested to pay the whole interest, and one third of the principal sum, to the subscribers, or either of them, on or before the first day of August next, or suits will be instituted without discrimination, and without delay.

P. B. KEY,
JOHN GWINN.

THE subscriber forewarns all persons from dealing with any of his slaves in any manner or way whatever without leave in writing from himself, or some one of his family; this notice he hopes will be attended to, as he is determined to put the law in force against any offender.

THOMAS HARWOOD, of Annapolis.

June 12, 1799.

A LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office, Piscataway, the 1st April, 1799, which will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters, if not taken up before the 1st of July next.

SAMUEL HANSON BAKER,
S. Dox, Wm, Baker, P. G. C.
William Clement, near Piscataway.
Peter Dejean, Charles county.
Henry Davidson, Prince-George's county.
Edward Edelen, Esq, Piscataway.
Nathaniel Clagett, Piscataway.
Wm. Hutton, Piscataway.
Leonard Jenkins, Piscataway, 1 letter.
Zachariah Morland, Charles county.
Nolley Maddox, Charles county.
Mrs. Harritt Murray, at Judson Clagett's.
Miss Rozer, Nolley Hall, Md.
Nathaniel Washington, Hard Park.
ISIDORE HARDEY, P. M.

Eight Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on Sunday the 7th Instant, a young negro fellow by the name of HERCULES, about 26 or 27 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, very black, and has a pleasant countenance when spoken to; his cloathing is uncertain, as he has various kinds, among which is a pair of black breeches, and a pair of half boots, but his common cloathing is white cotton; the said fellow rowed in Mr. TULLY's ferry boat in 1792, and about two years ago made his escape; and was hired by Mr. HOWARD DUVALL, near Fishing Creek. The above reward, with reasonable charges, will be paid to any person who will bring him home, or secure him to that I get him again.

THOMAS PINDLE.

April 8, 1799.

N. B. All persons are forewarned harbouring said fellow, or any other of the subscriber's slaves, which has been frequently the case and no notice has been taken, but in future the law will be carried into effect.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber intends moving to Baltimore the first of May next, and in consequence of which OFFERS, at PUBLIC SALE, for READY CASH, on the third Monday in April next, All his LOTS, with the improvements thereon, situated in Port-Tobacco-town, Charles county, which has always rented for one hundred and seventy-seven pounds ten shillings, per year. Also three lots, lying and being on the Point, in said town, with one small house on them, which has rented for thirty-five pounds per year, but at this time I have negroes living in the house; the first three lots all front the court-house. Also several likely country born negroes, consisting of women, men, girls and boys; which have no claim to freedom, a few work steers, and cart; several good horses, riding carriage; and all kinds of household furniture, &c. &c. The sale to be commenced at one o'clock precisely; and continue till all is sold. Those that have claims against the subscriber will attend the sale, also those who are indebted are requested to make immediate payment, or they will be dealt with as the law directs. I have often advertised my property for sale, but some evil minded persons have been kind enough to prevail on those that would wish to purchase that I did it out of a sham; I do hereby declare that I intend to sell on the day of sale; fetch what it may.

CHARLES MANKIN.

WAS found on my shore, at the mouth of Magoghy river, the following articles, to wit: a surveyor's compass, quadrant, old spy-glass, a musket, tea-pot, whip, plated mounting, two pipes, and gimblet, with a padlock, all in the trunk of a vessel, also a tow boat, with a bag of turnips in it. The above articles are in my possession, and the owners are requested to comply with the law, and take them away, otherwise they will be given up to the negro that found them.

JOHN GIBSON.

Magoghy, March 19, 1799.

To be SOLD for CASH, or, on long credit,

A FAMILY of SLAVES, consisting of a man, his wife, and their eight children, four boys and four girls, the eldest seventeen years of age, the youngest twelve months; the man is honest and sober, a good gardener, a trusty market man, and handy at all work; the woman is an excellent plain cook, honest and sober; the expense of so large a family in town, and the reluctance of the parents to have their children sold, or even separated from them; is the only reason of their being offered for sale. To a good master in the country who would keep the family together, and manumit the female children at twenty-eight years of age, they will be disposed of on easy terms.

PHILIP B. KEY.

Annapolis, October 6, 1798.

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The LAWS

MARYLAND,
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