

33. An act to alter the time of holding the court of the United States, in Kentucky district.
34. An act to alter the time for the next meeting of congress.
35. An act directing a detachment from the militia of the United States, and for erecting certain arsenals.

FOR THE MARYLAND GAZETTE.

The Critter—No. IV.

"Small things make base men proud."

SHAKESPEARE.

HAVING heard several of my fellow-citizens complain that my style was too gravelling for the subject, and willing to oblige all, I shall in the present number ascend another step up the ladder of composition.

In the weak characters of creation pride is a subtle, or principle, too general and prevalent. The slight and imperfect consideration of this phantasm, the multitude of its votaries being generally the most insignificant insects, impel, at first, a conclusion that it is weakness, that the weak alone possess it; but Nature seems to have placed it as a vigil over some of the more solid and useful component principles of her children; as a temperance to gross familiarity; a counterpoise to lost honour and degraded virtue; as a foil to set off our perfections in example, and to advantage; as a negatively necessary contrary, to keep up an opposition by counteracting seeds and principles in the subaerial microcosm to venerate the dormancy of genius; to stimulate inaction, and to remind us of our propinquity to the agnate skies; it keeps and promotes by contributory coagency a balance in the virtuous mental republic, where every spring converges to a central point by variety of action in harmonious irregularity; treats upon the subjugate neck of vice, by guarding against contaminated aggressions on chastity; by inconsistency with presumptive liberties, and by throwing a thrilling glare upon baseness and immorality. I am almost led to give this principle another name, pride seems here to be blended with sense and discretion. But this Paradisean pride the great and good alone possess—My theme did not intend at first to embrace the principle, but only the fable, had not the recollection of those animalcules that live under the eclipses of planets, whose Icarian wings, (though soluble before the least ray of light,) can live and reaze in the gloom of concealment with lectures on osteology, prompted in me defiance. The writer being very general and extensive on the subject, will felicitate himself that the cap which he is about to cut out in the following sentence, though the most fashionable, will find few who would like to wear it—But here it is—"He that is proud, eats up himself; pride is his own glass, his own trumpet, his own chronicle, and whatever praises itself, but in the deed, devours the deed." (Shakespeare.)

Here follows a very suitable letter on the subject.

Mr. Trifler,

Do but reflect for a moment on pride—behold a dunce mounted on horseback; you will imagine from the hauteur in his visage, the stiffness in his neck, and the loftiness in his deportment, that he was mimicking the gestures of his horse, that he thought himself as active, as handsome, as swift and as strong, and that their mutual proximity had electrically transfused or conducted those qualities through every vein of this modern Centaur. Alas! he is stupid enough to attribute the beauty of the horse to himself. To ride is for so uncommonly honourable, because Pegasus rode upon an elephant and Saul upon a Jack-Ass, before thy day. Pegasus did not break his neck, neither was he eaten up with pride; yet insignificance, like the frog in the fable, will burst with pride. Turn here and see Monsieur Jiff at Corps with his goose wings arched on either side, his hands in his economical pantaloons pockets, (serving for themselves and waistcoat at one lucky hit) swaggering down the street, thinks himself witty, smart and handsome, because he has on a passable coat, perhaps he looked at it in his own glass, and forgot that Joseph probably had a far finer broadcloth. You gentlemen of another call, who have greased your lips over Bacon and Littleton in a lawyer's office, and you whose petrarquians begin to sprout, and move upwards, your brains heated and expanded by poring over Cullen; and replete with materia medica, (or rather the matter of medicine) in a doctor's shop; and the whole swarms of flies, gnats and caterpillars, that come floating on the southern breeze, think yourselves superior to every body but yourselves, because the certiorari's, feri facias and teire facias—the Cataplasm, Axilla and Mammilla, are the constant themes of your discourse; you proudly stalk in grim majesty, and trumpet your own imaginary perfections to the gazing multitude. This is that mean pride which appears to degenerate minds, produced by small things, one of the inevitable febrile ingredients contained in that vengeful mortar the head, and kneaded and amalgamated in that clayey production which the Promethean artist completed by stealth. Shall I who have never done one memorable action, (the case of at least half the inhabitants of the Globe, who like cabbages spring up, vegetate and die on the same spot) shall I who live under a Republican Canopy, where every person who is not palpably vicious and base is upon an equality, think myself of such supereminence as to fear, as to fear being tarnished by the touch of any one who is not on an equality in point of pedigree or fortune. O man, thou fantastic reptile! how like the glow-worm, which in the deceitful dark appears brilliant and praiseworthy, but when dragged into the light of investigation, its surreptitious cloak falls off, and discovers but a worm.

PARVULUS.

P.S. Mr. Trifler will be pleased to insert this as advice to the *L-factors*: *Barbati Infantes*, having taken my topics from plays which I suppose the gentry mostly peruse.

Pursuant to an order of the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, will be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, on Thursday the 31st day of March, if fair, if not, the first fair day thereafter, at the late dwelling of NICHOLAS JORCE, deceased, on the north side of Severn river,

ALL the personal property of the deceased, consisting of horses, hogs, furred cattle, bacon, corn, fodder, household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils, with many other articles too tedious to enumerate. Six months credit will be given for all sums above sixteen dollars, with bond or note, on interest, with approved security. The sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

JOHN LUSBY, Administrator.
N.B. All persons having claims against said estate will bring in their accounts, properly authenticated, on or before the first day of June next ensuing, and those indebted will make immediate payment.
March 10, 1803.

MR. DUPORT

PRESENTS his respects to the ladies and gentlemen of Annapolis, and begs leave to inform them, that his SCHOOL, will open on Monday the 2d day of May next; those who wish to insert their names previous to the above date will please to apply at Mr. Duport's house.

Pursuant to an order from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, will be EXPOSED to SALE, on a credit of six months for all sums above ten pounds; at the late dwelling of SARAH WEEDOM, deceased, on the north side of Severn river, on Monday the 4th day of April next,

ALL the personal estate of said deceased, consisting of negroes, who are to be sold for a term of years only; horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, household furniture, utensils of husbandry, and a variety of other articles too tedious to mention. The sale will commence at 10 o'clock in the morning, and bonds, with approved security, will be required from purchasers.

HORATIO RINOUT, Administrator.
March 15, 1803.

Pursuant to an order of the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, will be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, on Monday the 4th of April, at the subscribers house, near Herring creek church,

THE personal property of JOSEPH DEALE, deceased, consisting of one negro woman and a lad, for the purpose of paying the debts due from the deceased. The sale to commence at ten o'clock, and the terms ready cash.

SAMUEL DEALE, Administrator.
March 13, 1803.

FOR SALE,

ABOUT six hundred acres of valuable LAND, being part of Anne-Arundel Manor, whereon RICHARD GREEN formerly lived; there are on it a comfortable dwelling-house, negro quarters, and other houses. For terms apply to Richard Ridgely Esq; at Annapolis, or the subscriber, at Herring Bay. Forty barrels of corn may be had with the plantation.

THOMAS TILLARD.
Anne-Arundel county, March 15, 1803.

GEORGE CLINGMAN,

FROM BALTIMORE,

BEGS leave to inform the citizens of Annapolis, and the public generally, that he has moved to this city, and occupies the brick store fronting the Dock, between Mr. Evans's and Mr. Pinkney's, where he has now on hand a great variety of the most elegant and fashionable HATS, which he will sell considerably cheaper than any hitherto offered in this place, and will warrant them to be of superior quality.

N.B. The highest price, in CASH, will be given for all kinds of furs.
Annapolis, March 13, 1803.

Wanted to Purchase,

A NEGRO MAN, who is acquainted with the driving of oxen; he is wanted to drive an ox cart in the neighbourhood of Baltimore. A young man would be preferred, and more especially if unmarried. It is indispensably necessary that he be sober and honest. For such a one cash will be given by the subscriber.

THOMAS SIMPSON.
Annapolis, March 7, 1803.

THIS is to give notice, that the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, in the State of Maryland, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of AQUILA PIKE, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the tenth day of September next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 10th day of March, 1803.

THOMAS BICKNELL, Executor.

THIS is to give notice, that the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, in the State of Maryland, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of JOSEPH DEALE, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the fifteenth day of September next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 15th day of March, 1803.

SAMUEL DEALE, Administrator.

THIS is to give notice, that the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, in the State of Maryland, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of JAMES CADLE, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the tenth day of September next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 10th day of March, 1803.

WILLIAM WALKER, Administrator.

LAST NOTICE

ALL persons indebted for the Maryland Gazette, Advertisements, &c. are once more earnestly requested to pay off their respective balances. It is sincerely hoped that proper attention will be paid to the above request, or compulsory measures, though extremely disagreeable, must be resorted to.
FREDERICK GREEN.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of JOHN GORDON, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased, are requested to bring them in, legally attested, and those indebted to said estate, are desired to make immediate payment to
JOSEPH SANDS, Executor.
March 15, 1803.

ROMULUS,

A BEAUTIFUL Iron grey, full fifteen hands and one inch high, rising six years old, will stand this season, to cover mares, at the farm of the subscriber, on the south side of Severn river, about five miles from the city of Annapolis, at the moderate price of four dollars and one quarter the season, to be paid on or before the first day of December next. Romulus was got by High Flyer, his dam by Roebuck. The season to commence the first of April next, and continue until the 15th of July following. Casualties and escapes at the risk of the owners of the mares.

FRANCIS T. CLEMENTS.
Annapolis, March 17, 1803.

In CHANCERY, February 28, 1803.

John Parnham,
against

Anne Cooksey, Margaret Barron, Jesse Barron, and Eleanor his wife, Charles Courts, and William Courts, heirs of Jonathan Burch, deceased.

THE object of the bill is to obtain a decree for the foreclosure of a mortgage of a tract of land, in Charles county, called MOUNT PLEASANT, executed by Jonathan Burch to the complainant, on the 15th day of February, 1802, for securing the payment to him of £.1026 5 1, current money, and 23,706 lb. of tobacco; it states, that the said Jonathan has died intestate, and without issue, that the defendants aforesaid are his heirs, and that Jesse Barron, and his wife, and Charles Courts, and William, reside out of this state; it is, on the complainant's motion, ordered, that by causing a copy of this order to be inserted three times in the Maryland Gazette before the 18th day of March next, he give notice to the nonresident defendants of his application to this court, and of the substance and object of his bill, and may warn each of them to appear here, in person, or by a solicitor, on or before the 18th day of July next, to shew cause wherefore a decree should not pass as prayed.

True copy,

SAMUEL H. HOWARD,
Reg. Cui. Can.

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THE subscriber having obtained letters of administration on the personal estate of JOHN WELSH, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased, requires all persons having claims against said estate to bring them in, legally authenticated, and those indebted to make immediate payment, to

JOHN ROSS, Administrator.
Annapolis, March 1, 1803.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber hereby gives notice, that he intends to apply to the court of Prince-George's county, at the next April term, for a commission to mark and bound two tracts of land, one called WARBURTON MANOR, and the other FRANKLAND, lying in said county, according to the acts of assembly in such cases made and provided.

THOMAS A. DIGGES.

Warburton, February 18, 1803.

NOTICE.

AS it is indispensably necessary that the concerns of the late firm of RIDGELY and EVANS should be brought to an immediate close, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons who are indebted to the said firm, by bond, note, or open account, and on which judgments have been obtained, that longer indulgence cannot be given; but that they will be put in immediate execution; and all others indebted by bond, note, or open account, are desired to come forward, without delay, and settle the same, otherwise they may expect, by the 18th day of March next, they will be put into the hands of an attorney, and suit brought on the same at next April and May term.

ABSALOM RIDGELY,
JOSEPH EVANS.

N.B. Those indebted to said firm on coming forward and paying one half, so as to enable them to meet their payments, will be allowed a further time for the balance.
Annapolis, February 23, 1803.

A FEW QUARTER CASES OF GENUINE London Particular Madeira Wine, FIT FOR IMMEDIATE USE, Still on hand, and for sale by the subscriber, on reasonable terms for cash.

MILBOURN SIGEL.

Annapolis, November 25.