

dispersed the Spaniards, two of whom were observed to fall.
Kemper returned on the following day, with his party, to the Bayou-Sarah; he has established his quarters near the house of a Mr. William Cobb. The following is an exact copy of a paper which is held up at the quarters of Kemper, and at several other places through the country:

For a people to be free it is sufficient that they will be the undersigned, citizens of the West Florida, and these presents, greeting:
Whereas the despotism under which we have long groined, has grown into an insupportable burthen, and it is long since admitted, men are born with equal rights; we the undersigned inhabitants of that part of the dominion called West Florida, have resolved to throw off the galling yoke of tyranny, and become freemen, by declaring ourselves a free and independent people; and by supporting with our lives and property that declaration, and we do by these presents, pledge our fellow sufferers throughout the province to repair to the standard to aid in the effecting our common emancipation; we pledge ourselves solemnly to each other, and to our fellow men interested in the events, to avoid as far as practicable the effusion of blood (save that of our common enemy) and in all cases shall private property be held sacred. So soon as our emancipation is effected we will offer ourselves to some government accustomed to freedom.

Those who set up in opposition to our operations for the purposes aforesaid, will be viewed as our common enemy, the enemy of mankind and of liberty, and will be treated accordingly.

Given under our hands on the south side of the line of demarkation, in the province aforesaid, this fifth day of Floridian Freedom, August 7th, 1804.

An informant further adds, that Messrs. O'Connor, Pateo and Terry were liberated, on the return of the party, who exacted their parole of honour, to take no active part against them during the continuance of the contest.

FREDERICK-TOWN, September 14.
Extract of a letter from a gentleman on Tombigbee river, his friend in this town, dated July 6.
A Spanish alcalde told me at Mobile, that he saw a letter of a recent date from the governor of Cuba, to the governor of Pensacola, mentioning that there were 5000 troops with ordnance, military stores, &c. in that place which would embark in a few days for the defence of the Florida's.

BALTIMORE, September 17.
A letter received by a merchant of Philadelphia, says that Mr. Pinckney, our minister at Madrid, was to leave that city on the 29th July, having sold his furniture, and engaged the necessary voitures or calesas, to carry him to the seaport town, whence he was to embark for America.

New-Hampshire election.
The total returns given by the Portsmouth paper of September 11, stand thus: Republican 10,836.—Federal 10,907.

Infalible cure for a hooping cough.
Dissolve a scruple of salt of tartar in a gill of water—and ten grains of cochineal finely powdered, sweeten this with fine sugar—give to an infant one fourth part of a table spoonful four times a day—to a child of two or three years old, half a spoonful, and from four upwards, a spoonful may be taken—the relief is immediate, and the cure in general within five or six days.

The Knell.
DIED, yesterday morning, in the 80th year of his age, Mr. JAMES WHETCROFT, of this city.

ATTENTION!
The Members composing the Volunteer Companies are requested to take notice, that there will be a meeting of said Companies on Saturday next, the 22d inst. at 3 o'clock, P. M. It is hoped those members who have been backward in turning out for sometime past, will be punctual in their attendance.
N. B. Each member will take care and provide himself with a good flint.

NOTICE.
THERE will be an election held at the several districts in Anne-Arundel county, on the first Monday in October next, for four delegates to represent said county in the next general assembly.
JASPER E. TILLY, Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.

Notice is hereby given,
THAT an election will be held at the several districts in Anne-Arundel county, for a representative for the second district of the state of Maryland, composed of Prince-George's and Anne-Arundel counties, and the city of Annapolis.
JASPER E. TILLY, Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.

NOTICE.
HEREBY forewarn all persons from coming, with either dog or gun, on my lands lying on Chesapeake bay, in Anne-Arundel county, as I am determined to prosecute all such offenders.
JOHN GWINN.
Annapolis, September 19, 1804.

By virtue of a writ of *venditioni exponas* to me directed out of the general court, will be EXPOSED at PUBLIC SALE, for cash, on the 3d of October, at WILLIAM CATON'S, Annapolis,

TWO hundred and fifty acres of LAND, adjoining the land of John Scrivener, called HARRISON'S RESURVEY, taken as the property of Samuel Harrison, jun. to satisfy debts due John Scrivener and John Whittington.

J. E. TILLY, Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.
September 12, 1804.

To the VOTERS of Anne-Arundel county and the City of Annapolis.

Gentlemen,
FOR the honour you once conferred on me, in making me your choice as Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, and particularly for the zeal you manifested on that occasion, I offer you my warm and sincere thanks; having reason to hope that my official conduct, during three years, met your approbation, and that you have had no cause to regret your choice, I flatter myself that your confidence in me has not diminished. Presuming therefore on your future support, and being solicited by numerous friends, I take the liberty of declaring my intention to offer as a candidate at the next election for sheriff; should I be so happy as to obtain your suffrages, every effort of mine shall be used to discharge, with propriety, the various and important duties of that office. I remain, gentlemen, with every sentiment of respect, your humble servant,

JOHN WELCH.
Annapolis, September 18, 1804.

NOTICE.
THE subscriber having obtained letters testamentary on the personal estate of ROGER DITTY, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, hereby gives notice to all persons any ways indebted to said estate to make payment, and all persons who have claims against said estate, will be pleased to furnish them, after having passed the court, for payment, to the subscriber.

SAMUEL JACOB, Executor.
The subscriber hopes that due attention will be paid to the above, as no indulgence can be given.

This is to give notice,
THAT I have heretofore advertised, under the directions of the orphans court, for all persons who had claims against the estate of THOMAS BEARD, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to bring them in on or before such a day. Now this is to give further notice, that those who have claims against the estate of the said Thomas Beard, and do not bring them in on the 9th day of October next, to receive a dividend at the registers of wills office of the county aforesaid, will be excluded according to law.
ANNE BEARD, Administratrix.

This is to give notice,
THAT the subscriber, of Calvert county, in the state of Maryland, hath obtained from the orphans court of said county, letters of administration on the personal estate of NATHAN SMITH, late of the county aforesaid, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the tenth day of April, eighteen hundred and five, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this eighteenth day of September, eighteen hundred and four.
THEODORE HODGKIN, Administrator.

This is to give notice,
THAT the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, in the state of Maryland, has obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of MATTHEW BIRKHEAD, 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, and all those indebted to the said estate to make immediate payment. Given under my hand, this 18th day of September, 1804.
SAMUEL BIRKHEAD, Administrator.

Notice is hereby given,
THAT I intend to petition the next general assembly of this state for an act of insolvency, to liberate me from debts which I am unable to pay.
JOSHUA MARRIOTT, Jun.
September 19, 1804.

NOTICE.
COMMITTED to my custody, on Saturday the 25th day of August, a negro man by the name of NED, but since says his name is STEPHEN, and that he did belong to FRANCIS DIGGES, of Charles county, and was sold to a Georgia man, but does not recollect his name; he is about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, spare made; about 18 or 19 years of age, of a lightish complexion, with a scar on the left side of his chin, occasioned by a knife; his cloathing is a calico jacket, of a brig shirt, and striped Holland trousers. His owners desired to come and take him away, or he will be sold for his prison fees, and other expenses.
JASPER E. TILLY, Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.
Annapolis, September 6, 1804.

Poet's Corner.

ORIGINAL.

FOR THE MARYLAND GAZETTE.

The following lines were occasioned by observing a young gentleman frequently walking on one of the hills that hang over the Severn, with a very disturbed air.—Except the catastrophe, the narrative is tolerably correct.

THE DESPONDING LOVER.

WHEN grey ev'ning had lengthen'd the shadows around,
And the tumults of day came no more on the air;
When the sweet musing hour was disturb'd by no sound,
Save the dash of the oar faintly echoed afar.
Then as wayward I rovd' on the high tow'ring cliff,
That rises abrupt o'er the Severn's blue stream;
To watch the white fall of the far distant skiff,
Or view on the wave the Sun's last trembling beam.
I saw near the brink of the precipic'd height,
The faint form of a man whose frenetic start,
Proclaim'd him a "stranger to peaceful delight,"
And betray'd the "big woe" that corroded his heart.
Oft he pac'd the rude cliff with an unsettled air,
Then with little's composure, would gaze on the scene;
Whilst his wan eye that shone thro' the lucidous tear,
Berelt of its frenzy, beam'd dimly serene.
Now suppliant he kneel'd o'er the wave beaten hill,
And reckless of danger that threat'ed below,
Thus spake! whilst the bright sun in lucidous rill,
That roll'd down his cheek gave relief to his woe:
"O grant me, dear ANNA, sweet maid of my heart,
" If e'er my sad destiny break on thy ear,
" The sigh of compassion when hence I depart,
" Then contented and blest I shall breathe my last pray'r."
Now rising abruptly he sprang tow'rd the height,
And fain would the wretched man plunge in the wave;
My soul quick recoiling, shrunk back at the sight,
And bade me the poor wilder'd maniac save.
I call'd on him then, and bade him forbear,
Nor sink 'neath the woes that shut hope from his view;
The unwelcome sound broke with dread on his ear,
And reason returning its calm did renew.
And dar'ft thou, I cried, rush uncall'd into death,
Or cowardly close thy sad destiny's round—
Thus steal out of life, and arrest thy last breath,
And enter uncall'd on the future profound.
Shall nature then swerve from the dictates of sense,
And fall the victim of passion's rude strife?
Shall the agoniz'd soul heed her flight-mad sense,
And bear the black crime to the author of life?
'Tis frenzy, 'tis madness, that prompts the resolve,
To flee from the ills that await us below;
For the clouds of misfortune must one day dissolve,
And the care beaten heart will with joy overflow.
His eye's fullen scowl like the sepulchral lamp,
Shedding horror around, spoke the gloom of his soul;
The voice of my warning seem'd his purpose to damp,
And his des'perate resolves for a moment control.
But his frenzy returning, put reason to flight,
And he plung'd down the stream to the regions of night.

FOR THE MARYLAND GAZETTE.

TO HEALTH.

O HEALTH! thou rosy cherub, how my soul
Greets thy return with fond propitious joy;
Thy healing wings doth each disease control,
And ev'ry baleful influence destroy.
While blest with thee, content shall be my lot,
And gay good humour at my board preside;
Plenty shall be the inmate of my cot,
And all the ills of poverty deride.
While blest with thee how joyous is my mind,
Each sense attun'd to gratitude and love;
And if the charming ANNA then prove kind,
Her matchless smiles a double pleasure prove.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a decree of the high court of chancery of the state of Maryland, will be SOLD, at PUBLIC AUCTION, at CATON'S tavern, in the city of Annapolis, at twelve o'clock, on Saturday the twenty-ninth day of the present month,
THE lot of ground now in the occupation of Mr. WILLIAM BROWN, of the city of Annapolis; this lot begins at the intersection of North-cast-street and Scotch-street, and bounds on Scotch-street one hundred and seventy-five and an half feet, then with a line parallel with Northeast-street to the Severn river, then bounding on and with the river to Northeast-street, and then with Northeast-street to the beginning. The improvements are, a large convenient brick dwelling-house, beautifully situated on the river, kitchen, and out-houses of different kinds, and a pump of excellent water; any further description is thought unnecessary, as persons who are disposed to purchase will probably make themselves acquainted with the property previous to the day of sale.
The terms of sale are, that the purchaser shall give bond, with security, to be approved by the trustee, for paying the purchase money, with interest, within six months from the day of sale.
NICHOLAS BREWER, Trustee.
Sept. 2, 1804.

NOTICE.

AS the subscriber intends to decline the mercantile business, he will dispose of his STOCK on hand, at the cost prices, for CASH. Any person disposed to purchase the whole a liberal credit will be given, on giving bond with approved security.
MAREEN B. DUVALL.
N. B. Those indebted to him on bond, note, or open account, are requested to settle the same immediately, as no further indulgence can or will be given.
Annapolis, September, 1804.