

utterly impossible for us to find an excuse for the delay that has taken place in these expeditions to sea.
September 26 (evening.)

Arrest of Captain Whitby.
Captain Whitby of the Leander, has returned from the American station, under arrest, in that ship; and a court-martial is immediately ordered upon him, for bringing upon the American vessel, which made so much noise. By these means, the truth of those proceedings, which have given so much uneasiness to both countries, will be indubitably determined.

It is said that the duke of Bedford has been recalled from the government of Ireland. His grace was sent at the special desire of Mr. Fox; and his recall is another symptom of the declining interest of the Foxites.

We are extremely happy to announce the safe arrival of the valuable Leeward island fleet. The Dennis schooner arrived at Spithead last night, with an account of their safe arrival in the Channel, under convoy of the Agamemnon and two frigates: it consists of upwards of 300 sail.

A vessel arrived on Sunday at Greenock from Lisbon, where she left Earl St. Vincent with six sail of the line and a frigate. His lordship was living on shore at a feat near Bellum Castle. It is not true that he had drawn out the Portuguese men of war and was rigging them; one Portuguese ship of the line, however, had sailed for Algiers.

At length, after so many delays, and orders and counter orders, the expedition for Sicily has failed. It failed on Wednesday, in 40 transports, under convoy of vice-admiral Duckworth, in the Royal George, and at 5 P. M. was between the Ram Head and the Dodman, with a fair wind from the northward, and was expected to be clear of the Channel yesterday morning. The transports with the 45th, 87th, and 95th Regiments, worked out of Stone-house Pool, and we believe sailed for Falmouth, where, it is said, they are to rendezvous till other troops arrive, when they will sail all together. The Atlas arrived at Plymouth on Wednesday from Spithead, and the Cary, with the transports and store ships, were hourly expected; the Atlas will sail with them as soon as they arrive.

The town was inundated yesterday with rumours. It was said that a messenger had arrived from Paris with the intelligence of the differences between France and Prussia having been adjusted. It was said too that the differences between this country and Prussia had also been settled; and it was inferred that lord Lauderdale's negotiation would terminate favourably. As a proof that government were of that opinion, it was asserted that a telegraphic order had stopped the sailing of the expedition. Those rumours had some effect upon the funds.

No messenger has arrived from Paris since Mr. Smith, and we have already shewn what credit is due to the rumour of the sailing of the expedition having been countermanded. It is now doubted whether Buonaparte has left Paris. The messenger, Mr. Smith, is said to have brought the intelligence. Buonaparte, we know, was expected at the Hague last Wednesday.

It was again reported yesterday, at the close of the market at the Stock Exchange, that a messenger had arrived from Paris with intelligence that the differences between France and Prussia had been adjusted. It was also reported that a telegraphic order had been sent to countermand the sailing of the expedition. These rumours had the effect they were intended to produce, that of raising the funds a little, as on Wednesday; but it is certain that no messenger had arrived, and our readers will see from the subjoined letter, that there was as little ~~X~~ in the other report.

THE EXPEDITIONS.
"Plymouth, September 24.
"We have at last the pleasure to announce the sailing of part of the transports, that have been so long detained here by contrary winds and otherwise. This morning at 6 o'clock the signal was made to unmoor, the wind being at N. N. W. and blowing a very fine breeze; and by 1 o'clock P. M. the fleet of transports and victuallers, consisting of about 40 sail, were all clear of the sound; together with the Royal George, of 110 guns, vice-admiral Sir John T. Duckworth, and a brig of war of 10 guns. On board the transports are the guards, 45th, 52d, and 62d regiments of foot: these, together with the 37th, and 95th, or rifle corps, formed the expedition when they first arrived here; but the two latter remain to join the ships that are expected from the eastward; the wind continues to the northward and blows very fresh, so that they will be soon clear of the channel."

NOTICE.
ALL persons having claims against the estate of STEPHEN WATERS, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, are requested to exhibit their claims to the subscribers, on or before the first day of February, 1807, and all persons indebted are requested to make immediate payment.
SAMUEL WATERS, } Executors.
BASIL DUCKETT, }

For Sale,
A LIKELY negro WOMAN, about twenty years of age, with two children, who is a good cook and house servant, also a girl about sixteen, who has been accustomed to working in the crop, and is an excellent spinner. Persons inclined to purchase will please to apply to Mr. THOMAS BUCHANAN, near the upper ferry, on South river.
November 24, 1806.

For Sale,
MY HOUSE and LOT, in the city of Annapolis.
THOMAS BUCHANAN.
November 25, 1806.

NOTICE.
By virtue of a decree of the high court of chancery of the state of Maryland, will be SOLD, on Saturday, the 13th day of December next, at twelve o'clock, on the premises, if fair, if not, the first fair day thereafter,
A TRACT of LAND called *Harness*, situate in Anne-Arundel county, on South river, within about three miles of the city of Annapolis; the property of James Hunter, deceased, containing one hundred and fifty acres. This land is level, of a good soil, and convenient to market, and has the advantages of a good landing on South river. The improvements are, a small framed dwelling-house, with some small out buildings. The terms of sale are, that the purchaser shall give bond, with security, to the trustee, for paying the purchase money, with interest, within twelve months from the day of sale.
NICHOLAS BREWER, Trustee.

Agreeably to an order of the orphans court of Prince-George's county, will be exposed to Public Sale, on Thursday, the 18th of December next, if fair, if not, the first fair day thereafter, at the late dwelling of STEPHEN WATERS, deceased,
ALL the personal property of the deceased, consisting of negroes, horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, grain of all kinds, corn, fodder, household furniture, and plantation utensils. Terms of sale, for all sums under ten dollars cash, and for all sums over ten dollars twelve months credit, upon the purchaser or purchasers giving bond, with two approved securities. The sale to commence at 10 o'clock, and continue from day to day until all are sold.
SAMUEL WATERS, Guardian to
RICHARD D. WATERS.

By virtue of an order of the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, the subscribers will expose to Public Sale,
ALL the remainder of the personal estate of JAMES HUNTER, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, consisting of horses, cattle, milch cows, sheep, and some hogs, also a cart and gears. The above property will be sold on the land of the deceased, now under rent to Joseph Smith, near South river ferry. The terms of sale are, six months credit; bond and security will be required, with interest from the day of sale. The sale to commence on Saturday, the 13th day of December next, at 11 o'clock.
SARAH HUNTER, } Administratrix.
JOHN HUNTER, }
November 25, 1806.

In CHANCERY, November 20, 1806.
Francis Cromwell and Cockey Pumphrey,
vs.
William Ridgely and Rhody Ridgely.
THE object of the bill is to obtain a legal title to a tract of land called *Milford*, situate in Anne-Arundel county, the complainant Francis Cromwell; the defendants, that Mordecai Ridgely was seized in fee of that land, and that one William Pumphrey was seized in fee of a tract called *Jacob's Fortune*, situate in the same county, that they exchanged and each obtained the possession; that the right of Mordecai Ridgely, by mesne transfer, came to one John Boone, who by a decree obtained the legal estate that was in William Pumphrey; it also states, that the said Cromwell is now entitled to the right that the said William Pumphrey had in the land he received in exchange, but that the death of Mordecai Ridgely, intestate, and leaving the defendants, his children, minors, and one of whom, to wit: William Ridgely, not residing in the state, prevents him from obtaining a title, except in this court. It is thereupon, this 20th day of November, 1806, by William Kilty, chancellor, and by the authority of this court, on the motion of the complainants, ordered, that they cause a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette at least three weeks before the 15th day of December next, to the intent that the said William Ridgely, and all other persons concerned, may be warned to appear in court, on or before the 15th day of April next, to shew cause, if any there be, why a decree should not pass as prayed.
True copy,
Test. SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD,
Reg. Cur. Can.

Strayed or Stolen,
FROM the subscriber, living on the farm of John Worthington, Esquire, near Annapolis, on Saturday night, the eighth instant, a bay MARE, saddle and bridle, seven years old; and about twelve hands high, her hind feet are white nearly to the fetlocks; her hoofs on her fore feet have several holes occasioned from ploughing with shoes on, she has several small white spots on her back, reaching as low as the hips, blaze face, turning a little on one side, switch tail, her mane hanging on the right side; she paces, racks, and gallops. Whoever takes up the said mare, and secures her so that I get her again, with the saddle and bridle, shall receive FOUR DOLLARS REWARD, and without saddle and bridle THREE DOLLARS, and all reasonable charges, if brought home, by
RACON BOSTON.
November 22, 1806.

For Sale,
MY HOUSE and LOT, in the city of Annapolis.
THOMAS BUCHANAN.
November 25, 1806.

THE Editor of the paper of which the following is a prospectus is ardently desirous of rendering it useful to the fullest extent promised. But this without the aid of gentlemen of talents in the different parts of the country is impossible. Defects must be witnessed to be fully known. They must be fully known before adequate measures for redressing them can be proposed. The capacity for giving the required aid abounds, and he intreats that those who possess the ability may consider it as a duty to furnish the assistance which is so necessary to the accomplishment of the important end in view.

THE OBSERVER.
*The friend of Socrates, the friend of Plato,
But above all the friend of truth.*

PROSPECTUS.
SIX months' experience has convinced the Editor of the Companion, that notwithstanding the zeal and assiduity which have been devoted to conducting this work, the circumscribed nature of its original plan, has rendered it impossible to communicate to it, that degree of interest of which such a paper is certainly susceptible.

Variety is the essence of amusement; hence we abandon the smooth and unbroken plain, however productive of the most useful harvests, to ramble amidst scenes, where nature exhibits her more varied, picturesque, and fantastic forms.

We find then, that for a periodical work to command the attention of the public, it does not suffice that it should be alone "A Safe Companion and an Easy Friend," but it must evince a spirited versatility, must move in quick transition from "grave to gay, from lively to severe," if it would not remain unregarded and unknown.

But to communicate these qualities to a paper, requires more time and attention than were compatible with the other avocations of the late Editor: to obviate this inconvenience, he took an associate in his labours, and to this associate, he has ultimately deemed it proper to relinquish the management of the work.

The last volume of the Companion being completed, by the advice of several judicious and enlightened friends, the present Editor has resolved to give the work a more extensive range, and by many important alterations to merit for it, the encouragement of all those who are friendly to the cause of the arts, of literature and science.

To advance the interests of morality and religion, to ameliorate manners, and to polish taste, are the objects to which we shall devote every exertion, and to this end we have the assurance of ample assistance from many able and brilliant pens.

We are resolved no longer to confine our fellow-labourers within the narrow limits prescribed by the regulations of the Companion. We shall require no reserve on the part of our correspondents, but propose to give full scope to the talents and opinions of all those who may favour us with their assistance, in forwarding our views.

But while we cease to be governed by those restraints, which have hitherto excluded us from the aids of genius on the most interesting subjects, such as the great political events, which no paper presented to the public ought to pass over in silence; yet it must be remembered, that the virulence of party spirit must never contaminate our pages.

General satire is one of the most successful weapons, for combating the vices and follies of the age; but indecent personalities, and malignant contention, must ever be productive of evil. We aim at enlightening the minds and improving the taste of our fellow-citizens, and being useful to society, as well as to individuals. But we know the language of passion can never promote these great and honourable ends; for if from fair and liberal discussion proceed the bright rays of truth, which irradiate and convince the mind, angry disputation by strengthening the influence of prejudice, and impeding the operation of reason, can only heighten the gloom and perpetuate the reign of ignorance.

The Companion shall henceforth be presented under the title of THE OBSERVER; but as prudence exacts, that we should at least be assured all the expences attending the work will be defrayed, we cannot venture publication, until we have Five hundred Subscribers. If these are obtained, the paper will commence on the first of January next.

To make it more interesting to country gentlemen, every agricultural improvement at home and abroad, will be regularly noticed.

CONDITIONS.
THE OBSERVER shall be published every Saturday, on good Type and Paper—each number to contain Sixteen large Octavo Pages.
Price to subscribers, FIVE DOLLARS a year, payable half-yearly in advance.

One and a Half Cents Reward.
A BSCONDED from the subscriber, living on the head of Severn, in Anne-Arundel county, on Monday night, the 17th instant, an apprentice to the blacksmith's business, named VACHEL HENWOOD, who has better than a year to serve, and was (as I suspect) persuaded away by a man called yellow Sam. Whoever takes up said apprentice, and brings him home, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges, paid by
ROBERT GIFFORD.

P. S. I hereby forewarn all persons from employing or harbouring said apprentice at their peril.
November 25, 1806.