

HORRID MASSACRE.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Augustine, to his friend in Virginia.

DEAR SIR,
On the night of the 3d February last, arrived at this place in a deplorable condition. Mrs. Mary Jordan, who, with her husband and six children, were in January last carried away captives by the Indians. Mrs. Jordan has furnished me with the following melancholy account of the massacre of her husband and children, and of her own sufferings while with the savages.

On the night of the 29d January, 1807, we were suddenly awakened from slumber by the hideous yell of savages, who before we could put ourselves in a position to oppose them, succeeded in forcing the doors of the house. They were to the number of forty or fifty, frightfully painted, and armed with tomahawks and scalping knives. My husband met them at the door and in their own tongue, asked them what they wanted—the scalp of your family!—was their answer. My husband entreated them to have compassion on me and his innocent children, but his entreaties availed nothing; we were dragged naked out of the house, and tied severally with cords. By order of one who appeared to be the chief, about twenty of the Indians took charge of us, who were ordered to conduct us with all possible dispatch to their settlement (about 200 miles distant,) while the remainder were left to pillage and fire the house. We commenced our journey about midnight through an uninvited wilderness at the rate of nearly seven miles an hour. If either of us through fatigue slackened our pace, we were most inhumanly beat and threatened with instant death.

After a tedious travel of more than forty miles, the savages halted in a swamp—here for the first time on the time of our departure we were permitted to sit down—the Indians kindled a fire on which they piled some bear's flesh: of which they allowed us a small portion.

After a short rest, we refreshed ourselves and extinguished the fire, we were again compelled to pursue our journey. We travelled until sunset, when the Indians again halted, and began to prepare a covering for themselves for the night. My poor children complained much of their feet being swollen but I was not permitted to give them any relief, nor was their father allowed to discourse with them. As night approached we shook each other by the hand, expecting to see again to witness the rising of the sun. Contrary to our expectations, however, we had a tolerable night's rest, and on the succeeding day, though naked and half starved, travelled with much more ease than the preceding one. The Indians occasionally allowed us a little raw food sufficient only to keep us from starving. On this day travelled according to the report of the Indians nearly forty miles and were about to be joined by the remaining savages who were left behind; they were loaded with the spoils of my husband's property, among other articles they found a quantity of spirits of which they had drank plentifully—as they became intoxicated, they exercised their cruelty towards us—they beat my poor children unmercifully that they were unable to stand on their feet the ensuing morning—the Indians attacked their inability to withstand, and again renewed their acts of barbarity, beating them with clubs, cutting and gashing them with their knives, and scorching their naked bodies with brands of fire. Finding that their hellish plans had no other effect than to render the poor unhappy sufferers less enabled to resist, they came to the resolution to butcher them at the spot.

Six holes were dug in the earth of about five feet depth, around each of which some dried branches of trees were placed. My husband at this moment with horror at what he expected was about to be done to his wife, broke the rope with which he was bound, and attempted to escape from the hands of the merciless cannibals. He was however closely pursued, overtaken and brought back—as he passed me he cast his eyes towards me and fainting in this situation he was placed erect in one of the holes. The Indians now resounded with the heart piercing cries of my poor children—"Spare, O spare, my father!" "Spare their cry; have mercy on my poor children!" "Spare the cry of their father—it availed nothing—my children were all placed in a situation similar to that of their father—the youngest (only 9 years old) came from them and ran up to me, crying, "don't spare my, pray don't let them kill me!"

Alas, O Heavens! what could I do? In vain did I urge them to let me take my dear child's place! In vain I offered it no protection. Having placed the poor unfortunate victims in the position above described, they secured them in a stand-position by replacing the earth, which buried them nearly to their necks!

The inhuman wretches now began their hideous dances, dancing to and fro around the victims of torture, which they continued about half an hour, when they communicated fire to the fatal piles! My poor children only knows what my feelings were at this moment! As the flames increased, the shrieks and groans of my poor family were heightened; I thank Heaven their sufferings were of short duration; in less than a quarter of an hour from the time the fire first communicated their cries ceased, they sunk the arms of their kind deliverer.

The callous hearted wretches having innocently shed their eyes with the agonies of the unfortunate sufferers, retired to regale themselves with what remained; they drank freely and soon became stupid and senseless; with one of their tomahawks

I might with ease have dispatched them all, but my only desire was to see from them as quick as possible. I succeeded with difficulty in liberating myself, by cutting the cord with which I was bound, on which I bent my course for this place. A piece of bear's flesh I fortunately found in one of the Indian's packs, served me for food. I travelled only nights, in the day time concealing myself in thick swamps or hollow trees. A party of Indians called within a few rods of the place of my concealment the second day after, but did not discover me; they were undoubtedly of the same party from whom I had escaped, in pursuit of me. Two days after I was met by an Indian of the Shawanese nation; he proved friendly, and conducted me to a white settlement; without his assistance I must have again fallen into the hands of my savage foes.

Notice.

I WILL prosecute any person who shall hereafter employ or in any manner deal with my Negro Man slave GEORGE; of which all persons are warned to take notice.
F. GREEN.
August 3, 1807.

Notice.

SOMETIME in the month of June, crossed the creek into my grain field from Mr. John Weems's, a small yellow and white COW, her marks I cannot describe as she was so wild I was under the necessity to let her remain until I cut all my grain. The owner is now desired to come and take her away on proving property and paying charges.
HENRY JOHNSON.

AS little attention has been paid to my former advertisement, I am again under the disagreeable necessity to forewarn all persons from hunting with either dog or gun, or taking any wood off the shores, without a written order from major Philip Hammond, from whom I lease.
HENRY JOHNSON,
August 3, 1807.

Sheriff's Sales.

By virtue of three writs of fieri facias, to me directed out of Anne-Arundel county court, will be exposed to public sale, on Saturday, 15th August, inst. at Elliott's tavern, at 11 o'clock, for cash,

A TRACT or parcel of land called and known by the name of *Hickory Hills*, containing three hundred acres of land, more or less, being taken as the property of Mary E. Harwood, at the suit of Benjamin Hodges.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, to me directed from Anne-Arundel county court, will be exposed to public sale, on Saturday, 15th August, inst. at Elliott's tavern, at 11 o'clock, for cash,

TWO Negro Men, *Roger and James*, being taken as the property of Ann T. Mills, at the suit of Gustavus Weems, use of George T. Janney and wife.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, to me directed from Anne-Arundel county court, will be exposed to public sale, on Saturday, 15th August, inst. at Elliott's tavern, at 11 o'clock, for cash,

THREE horses, being taken as the property of John L. Chew, at the suit of Robert B. Belt, use of George T. Janney and wife.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, to me directed from Anne-Arundel county court, will be exposed to public sale, on Saturday, 15th August, inst. at Elliott's tavern, at 11 o'clock, for cash,

ONE Negro boy named *Grafton*, being taken as the property of Joseph Hopkins, at the suit of Gassaway Pindell.

JOSEPH MCENEY, Sheriff
Anne-Arundel county.
August 4, 1807.

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel county, Orphans court, July 28, 1807.

ON application, by petition, of CHARITY FRANKLIN, executrix of WILLIAM FRANKLIN, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered that she give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of six successive weeks in the Maryland Gazette, and the Federal Gazette in Baltimore.

JOHN GASSAWAY, Reg. Wills for Anne-Arundel county.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE.

THAT the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of WILLIAM FRANKLIN, 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 28th day of January next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 28th day of July, 1807.
CHARITY FRANKLIN, Executrix.

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber hath obtained letters of administration, with the will annexed, on the estate of EPHRAIM DUVALL, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased; all persons having claims against the estate are requested to bring them in, legally authenticated, and all persons indebted to make immediate payment to
SAMUEL DUVALL,
July 28, 1807.

a meeting of the Orphans Court for Anne-Arundel county, on the 4th day of August, 1807, were present,

The worshipful { LEONARD SELLMAN, } Esquires.
and { JAMES MACKURIN, }

ORDERED, on the application of HORACE RIDOUT, a creditor of WILLIAM BRYAN, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, that unless some one of the nearest of kin doth not come forward and take out letters of administration on the estate of the said William Bryan, on or before the twenty fifth instant, letters will be granted to a creditor applying on that day.

In testimony that the foregoing is a true copy from the proceedings of the Orphans court for Anne-Arundel county, I have hereto set my hand, and affixed the seal of my office, this 4th day of August, in the year of our Lord 1807.
JOHN GASSAWAY,
Reg. Wills, Anne-Arundel county.

Public sale.

THE subscriber will sell to the highest bidder, on the 28th day of August, at 11 o'clock, the place where he now lives, on West River. As the improvements and advantages of this valuable place have already been described in a former advertisement it is therefore unnecessary to repeat them, as it is presumed whoever wishes to purchase will view the premises previous to the day of sale, when the terms will be made known by
ARCHIBALD CHISHOLM.

N. B. The subscriber has a variety of cabinet-maker's and joiners' tools for private sale. A. C.
July 31, 1807.

Farmers Bank of Maryland,

July 22, 1807.

NOTICE to Stockholders, that the third instalment of ten dollars a share, on their stock, becomes due and payable on the 13th August next; any stockholder failing to make regular payment of any instalment, such stockholders money in bank will remain free from interest, and not entitled to dividend until such instalment or call shall be made good; and the dividend thereafter to be paid to such stockholder, as well upon the money by him regularly paid as upon the money paid after default, will be calculated only from the time when said last instalment was made good.

By order,
JONA. PINKNEY, Cashier.

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the subscriber intends to apply, by petition in writing, to the honourable the judges of Baltimore county court, at the next term, to be held at the court-house in the city of Baltimore on the first Tuesday in October next, for a commission to mark and bound part of a tract of land called *BURMAN'S FOREST*, of which he is seized, lying and being in Baltimore county aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby desired to take notice.
JOEL GREEN,
June 29, 1807.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to apply to the judges of Anne-Arundel county court, at the next term, for the benefit of the act of assembly, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session, 1805, and of the supplement thereof, passed at November session, 1806.
ZACHARIAH RISTON,
July 27th, 1807.

Public Sale.

In pursuance of an order from Anne-Arundel county court, the subscribers will offer at public sale, on the premises, on FRIDAY, 21st August next,

ALL that tract or parcel of land situate and lying in Anne-Arundel county, containing of a about sixty acres, and known by the name of *Rawlings's tavern*. The improvements are an excellent dwelling-house, with three rooms and a passage on the lower floor with fire places in each room, several convenient rooms up stairs, a kitchen adjoining the house, a pailed garden, and a most excellent spring of water within a few steps of the door.

This property is well calculated for a tavern, having been occupied as such for a number of years, and may be truly said to be as good a stand as any in the county. It is presumable a further description of this property is unnecessary, as those inclined to purchase will view the premises previous to the day of sale. This property will be sold on a credit of twelve months, on the purchaser's giving bond, with approved security, with interest from the day of sale; and on payment of the purchase money an indisputable title be given by
SAML. C. WATKINS,
JAMES IGLEHEART,
THOMAS SELLMAN,
LEONARD SELLMAN,
July 23, 1807.

Committee.
Honors.

Wanted to Purchase,

A NEGRO girl, about 14 or 16 years of age, of a good disposition—she is wanted for a person in Baltimore, principally to attend children—for such a one a liberal price will be given. Inquire of the printer.
Annapolis, July 28, 1807.