

... from Canada presents a hostile aspect. These different phrases in the heart and extremity of the British empire, are easily reconciled. Prudence will justify the governor of a province in taking precautionary steps for future defence at the first indications of war; whilst those at the source of power, unacquainted with the detestable act which is likely to change the nature of their relations with a friendly nation, are unconscious of the crisis.

With respect to the United States, any movement Europe is now of importance and the successes of Bonaparte must tend to confirm us in the ground we have taken. Freedom of the seas must be the result of a general peace; the conqueror of Prussia will state the terms, and fix the guarantee. Great Britain has no other alternative but an admission of the principle or being out-lawed. And as the news of the position we have taken will reach Bonaparte before a peace can be concluded, he will no doubt be more firm in learning that America is with him on the great principle of *flag security and free bottoms*; and the energies of our government will certainly not be relaxed on receiving the news of the battle of Redland. Satisfaction for the murder of our citizens aboard the Chesapeake is a distinct question.

FROM THE AURORA.

DECREE EXTRAORDINARY

... Napoleon, by the grace of God and the constitution, emperor of the French, king of Italy, and protector of the confederation of the Rhine, after having had the opinions of the arch chancellor of the empire and of our faithful senate, decree as follows: viz.

Whereas, in the contest we have so long maintained against the government of England, the interests of the people and governments of all civilized nations so deeply involved, as those of our own people; in as much as our armies are employed to gain the freedom of the seas; over which England has no dominion, for which she has no pretext of self-interest, and no authority but force. And whereas, by the maritime regulations of England, it is rendered lawful to engage and keep as a part of her crews of her armed ships, seamen belonging to sign and neutral powers; by which means the physical force of neutrals is employed for their own destruction, and to our disadvantage. And whereas instead of resisting the tyranny and impolicy of this violation, neutrals have submitted to the seizure of their seamen from on board their ships, as well on the ocean as in their own ports, to their own manumouring and indirect violation of existing relations with us. We, therefore, considering that we are as entitled to take and employ neutrals in our service; considering that our want of success, in naval engagements with the fleets of England is entirely attributable to the want of marine officers, artificers, seamen, of experience and ability; and considering that in times like these, when we are the only power by which neutrals are protected from the overbearing ambition and mercenary views of the British government, the laws of nations ought to bend to be relaxed: and confiding in the good sense of our ministers, and anxiously desirous to preserve peace and free trade in every quarter of the globe; now violated and plundered by the British—do declare and decree.

Art. 1. From the date of this present decree, it shall be lawful for our public and private armed ships, to seize and take from all neutral vessels, whether on the ocean or in their own ports, such officers and able bodied seamen as the officers of our ships shall deem useful and fit to be employed in their fleets.

Art. 2. In case any officer or seamen, seized as aforesaid and in pursuance of this decree, shall attempt to escape from such ship of our fleet as he shall be put on board, or from any other in our service—such officer or seamen shall be punished according to the directions of our maritime code.

Art. 3. And in case any officer or seaman seized as aforesaid, shall at any time effect his escape, then it shall be the duty of our minister to that power, to demand the said officer or seaman as a deserter from our service and to the punishment due to his desertion. And, in case such demand shall not be complied with, then it shall be lawful for our admirals or captains, and they are hereby authorized, to attack at any time on the ocean or in neutral harbour of such power, the vessel, whether national or private, on board of which such deserter or deserters may be, and not to cease firing until such vessel shall haul down her colours and surrender to the said deserters; our officers taking care to spare the admiral or captain, as the case may be, may this decree as full authority and excuse for having killed or wounded.

Art. 4. And, in case any neutral power shall forget its own interest and those of the world, as to complain of the seizure of its officers or seamen, the force exercised to compel the surrender of such deserters: then it shall be the duty of our minister to declare our determination to resort to force rather than abandon the right of search and seizure as aforesaid; and should these threats fail, then it shall be lawful for the commanders of our fleets, and privateers, to harass, and plunder, devastate and destroy the persons and property of the power complaining.

Given at head-quarters, &c.

A RUNAWAY.

THIS day committed to my custody a negro man who calls himself Henry Duckett, says he is free, was liberated by a Mr. Brockett of Fairfax county, Virginia, had with him a forged certificate of George Deneale clerk, to that effect; he is a well made fellow, not very black, a pleasing countenance, about five feet nine or ten inches high, his cloathing ornabrigs shirt; duck trousers and old brown coat. His owner is desired to take him away or he will be sold for expence agreeable to law.

NOTLEY MADDOX, Sheriff of Prince-George's county.
August 11th, 1807.

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel county, orphans court, June 30, 1807.
ON application, by petition, of SUSANNA WYVILL, executrix of the last will and testament of MARMADUKE WYVILL, 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.

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 MARMADUKE WYVILL, 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 seventeenth day of December next, they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 30th day of June, 1807.

SUSANNA WYVILL, Executrix.

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel county, Orphans court, July 11, 1807.
ON application, by petition, of Benjamin Carr, administrator of George Brashears, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered, that he 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.

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 of administration on the personal estate of GEORGE BRASHEARS, 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 15th day of December next, they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 11th day of July, 1807.

BENJAMIN CARR, Administrator.

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.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber, after returning his sincere thanks to his friends and the public for their past favours, and being extremely anxious to bring his business to a close, requests all those indebted to come and settle their respective accounts, by giving their notes (if not convenient to pay the same;) and all those who are indebted by bond or note are also earnestly requested to discharge the same. The precarious state of the subscriber's health renders this absolutely necessary. In my absence my son HENRY GRAMMER is fully authorized to settle and pass receipts for me.

FREDERICK GRAMMER.
Annapolis, July 17, 1807.

For Sale,

MY HOUSE and LOT, in the city of Annapolis, on a credit, to be exchanged for wet goods.
SAMUEL MACCUBBIN.

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.

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel county, Orphans court, June 30, 1807.
ON application, by petition, of JAMES SIMMONS, administrator of Abraham Simmons, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered that he 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 Federal Gazette, of 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 of administration on the personal estate of ABRAHAM SIMMONS, 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 thirtieth day of December next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 30th day of June, 1807.

JAMES SIMMONS, Administrator.

Ground Plaster of Paris and Plaster in the stone.

FOR sale at the Plaster mills of the subscribers, corner of Franklin and Paca streets, near the New-Market and the road leading to Reister's town. ALSO at their warehouse adjoining, Ground Allum and fine Salt, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Rice, Fish, French Brandy, Wine, Holland Gin, Rum, &c. &c. They continue to purchase, Flour, Butter, Whiskey, Peach and Apple Brandy, and country produce generally.

KENT & BROWNE.

Baltimore, March 24, 1807.
The editors of the Eastern Star, Maryland Gazette, Annapolis; Republican Advocate, Frederick-town; Kline's paper, Carlisle, and Gruber's German paper, Hagar's town, will please to insert the above once a week ten times, and forward their accounts to the office of the American.

COMMITTED to my custody as a runaway, a negro man who calls himself JOHN CURTIS WOOD, appears to be about thirty years of age, and says he was free born, and came from Binyard county, state of North-Carolina, he is black and spare made, about five feet 6 inches high, a small scar on his forehead, limps as he walks, occasioned by a fall from a horse; his cloathing is a dark coloured round jacket, gray cloth pantaloons, coarse hat and shirt, old shoes. The owner is desired to take him away or he will be sold agreeably to law.

JOHN M'WILLIAMS, Sheriff of St. Mary's county.

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber hath obtained letters of administration de bonis non on the estate of THOMAS ROCKHOLD, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, therefore all persons having claims against said estate are requested to bring them in, legally authenticated, to JOSEPH EVANS, merchant, in Annapolis, whom I have authorized to receive the same; and I do hereby further authorize the said JOSEPH EVANS to receive all monies that may be due from persons who purchased property at the sale of the said Thomas Rockhold, made by George Conaway, the late administrator, and that unless the money is paid before the middle of August next, suits will be commenced.

AREA ROCKHOLD, (now CROSS,) July 22, 1807. Administratrix, D. B. N.

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 raking any wood off the shores, without a written order from major Philip Hammond, from whom I lease.
HENRY JOHNSON.
August 3, 1807.

Wanted,

AN assistant in an English school. Any person who has been in the habit of teaching, can write a good hand, and come well recommended for sobriety, care and attention to business, will hear of a place, by applying at this office, where he will meet with encouragement.
Annapolis, August 6, 1807.

* * * Cash given for clean linen and cotton RAGS.