

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 relieve 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 contentions, 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 then will 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.

COMMITTED to my custody as a runaway, a negro man named CORNELIUS, who says he belongs to WILLIAM BARRY, of Georgia; said fellow appears to be about forty years of age, five feet six inches high, rather of a slender make, has a scar on the left hand, between the first and second fingers, and is very much marked on the back with the whip; his cloathing an ornabrig shirt and trousers black silk under jacket, and old hat; his owner is desired to take him away, or he will be sold for expences, agreeably to law.

JOSEPH M'CENEY, Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.
September 1, 1807.

Calvert County Court,

MAY TERM, 1807.

ON application of WILLIAM M. CARCAUD, of Calvert county, to the judges of the said county court, by petition, in writing, praying the benefit of the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, on the terms mentioned in the said act, a schedule of his property and a list of his creditors, on-oath, as far as he can ascertain them, as directed by the said act, being annexed to his petition, and the said county court being satisfied, by competent testimony, that the said William M. Carcaud has resided the two preceding years prior to the passage of the said act, within the State of Maryland: It is thereupon adjudged and ordered by the said court, that the said William M. Carcaud give notice to his creditors of his intention to apply to the next county court to be held at Prince Frederick-town, in the said county, on the second Monday of October next, for a discharge from his debts, and to warn his said creditors to appear before the said judges on the day and at the place aforesaid, to shew cause, if any they have, why the said William M. Carcaud should not be discharged agreeably to his said petition, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette four successive weeks, and also by causing copies of said order to be put up at the court-house and church doors of said county, two months previous to the setting of the said county court.

Signed by order of court,
WILLIAM S. MORSELL, clk.

Anne-Arundel county, sc.

I HEREBY certify, that Richard Boston of said county, brought before me, as a trespassing stray, a HORSE, twelve or fifteen years old, fifteen hands or upwards high, a star on his forehead, two white rings around each ear, several large saddle spots, and not shod, trots and canters and has been worked in geese. Given under my hand, one of the justices of the peace in and for said county, this 1st day of September, 1807.

R. G. STOCKETT.

The owner of the above property is requested to come, prove the property, pay the charges, and take him away.
RICHARD BOSTON.
September 1, 1807.

For Sale,

A VALUABLE tract of land, formerly the property of Mrs. Anne Pemberton, called Westbury, containing 1464 acres, situated in Anne-Arundel county, state of Maryland, at the head of West-River, 12 miles from Annapolis, and 42 from Baltimore. This land is well calculated to produce what, tobacco and corn; has a large quantity of timber, suitable for ship building, and most excellent meadow. The timber lies near the river, which is navigable for large vessels into the Chesapeake, 6 miles from the landing. It is divided into two handsome farms, the one containing 746 acres, and the other 718 acres, each having a good landing on said river, and will be sold together or separately.

For terms apply to William Cooke, esquire, Baltimore; John Galloway, esquire, West-River; or to Henry Waddell, Philadelphia.

N. B. If not sold at private sale before the 2d November next, it will then be sold at auction on the premises, either separately or together, to suit purchasers.
August 24, 1807.

An Overseer Wanted.

HAVING engaged an overseer, agreeable to a former advertisement in this paper, I now want a single man, or one with a small family, who can come well recommended as a sober honest man, well acquainted with the making and handling of tobacco, as also small grain; such a person will meet with good wages, but as I shall wish him to take the entire management of the farm all my hands, owing to my growing indisposition, I hope none will offer but such as can come sufficiently recommended to be truly worthy.
JONH C. WEEMS.

N. B. The subscriber has a valuable farm of between 300 and 400 acres, which he will rent, it is well adapted to corn, and wheat.
West-River, August 21st. 1807.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to apply to Anne-Arundel county court, or to some one of the judges thereof in the recess of the court, after this notice shall have been published two months, for the benefit of an act of the general assembly of Maryland, passed November session, 1805, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors.
ROBERT WOOD.
August 12, 1807.

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the subscriber intends to apply to Calvert county court, or to some one of the judges thereof in the recess of the court, after this notice shall have been published two months, for the benefit of an act of the general assembly of Maryland, passed at November session, 1805, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, and of the supplement thereto, passed at November session, 1806.
WILLIAM WELLS.
August 1, 1807.

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

Anne-Arundel county, sc.

WHEREAS Zachruah Duvall, collector of the tax for Anne-Arundel county, hath this day returned to the commissioners of the tax for said county, the following list of lands in said county, on which there is no personal property to pay the said taxes; to wit:

Names of land, names of persons, and amount of tax.
L. S. D.

Lots in the city of Annapolis, George and Edward Calvert,	0 11 7
House and lot in ditto, Hanson and Latimer,	4 15 0
House and lot in do. Elizabeth Middleton,	0 15 11
House and lot in do. Margaret Pryce,	0 18 3
House and lot in do. John Ross adm'r. of John Welch,	5 14 3
House and lot in do. Doctor Richard Tootell's heirs,	1 5 2
House and lot in do. John Wells's executors,	2 16 1
Farmers Field, John Gillis,	3 14 10
Part Gibson's Folly, and Bear Neck, Captain Pherfon,	1 12 8
Part Mansell's United Friendship and Blooming Plains, Samuel Chase,	3 5 3
Part Chestnut Hill, John Hammond,	1 14 2
Blooming Plains, Isaac Pollock,	5 3 7
Part Prestage's Folly, Thomas All,	0 10 7
Part Alias or Howard's Resolution, William Russell's trustee,	0 13 4
Lot No. 6, Elkridge Landing, John Dorsey, of Caleb,	0 9 10
Part Lot No. 37, in ditto, Robert Long,	0 2 15
Lot No. 8, in do. Charles Ridgely, of James' heirs,	0 2 15
Part Lot No. 28, in do. William Townsend's heirs,	0 15 5
Cambell's Chance, John Ashton,	0 18 11
Part Pascal's Chance, Mary Diney,	2 2 0
Part Beaver Dam, Thomas Coale's heirs,	0 1 8
Part Brownsley Hall, Barbara Lane,	3 5 10
Birkhead's Lot, Benjamin Burgess's heirs,	1 1 0
Lot at Pig-Point, Thomas John Claggett, Clement Hill's Purchase, John Griffith's heirs,	0 1 8

Lot at Pig-Point, Clement Hill,	0 1 3
Owen's Purchase, Anne Owens,	0 18 0
Lot at Pig-Point, George Reypold,	0 1 5
Part Grammer's Parrot, Nathan Smith's heirs,	1 4 3
Pleasant Prospect, Gilbert Smith, Smithfield, Cephas Childs, the 3d,	1 7 8
Broughton Ashley and Hunt's Chance, Elizabeth Griffith,	0 13 11
Maidstone, Thomas Whittington,	2 15 2
South Canton, James Heath,	1 11 10
Burgess's Prospect, Ruth Burgess,	0 1 3
Part Sappington's Addition, Rachel Clarke,	0 18 3
Sappington's Addition, Anne Sappington,	0 12 1
Land, name unknown, John Woodward,	1 8 1
Part Harry's Lot, Sarah Cook,	2 4 0
Samplon's Beginning, Part Walker's Inheritance, Part Meadows, Godman's Search, Timber Levil, and Addition to Something or other, Samuel Godman's heirs,	2 7 8
Part Howard's Patapsco Range, Priscilla Plummer,	2 18 1
Part Walker's Inheritance, Stephen Price,	1 2 2
Part Locust Thicket, Joshua Dorley's heirs,	0 10 0
Part Stamp Act Repeated, William Rolls, jun.	2 15 7
Gray's Bower, Araninta and Mary Dorsey,	0 11 1
Gray's Enlargement, or Cummings Farm, Araninta Dorsey,	0 8 11
	3 1 1

Notice is hereby given, that unless the charges aforesaid are paid within thirty days after the publication of this notice, that the said lands, or parts thereof as will be sufficient to pay the tax and costs thereon, will be sold to the highest bidder agreeably to the directions of the act of assembly, entitled, An act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in the several counties of this State.
By order, NICHOLAS HARWOOD, Clk.
August 21, 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 an 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.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to apply to the judges of Anne-Arundel county court, at the next term, to release him from debts he is unable to pay.
EDWARD STUART.
August 24, 1807.

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