

MARYLAND GAZETTE, AND POLITICAL INTELLIGENCER.

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For Sale, A TRACT OF LAND, called Snowden's Reputation...

Notice is Hereby Given, That the subscribers intend to petition the judges of Calvert county court...

PROPOSALS For publishing in the City of Baltimore, A NEWSPAPER, TO BE ENTITLED, THE Baltimore Correspondent...

BY THOMAS HOWARD HILL, PRINTER. The proposed paper will be published daily (at noon) in order to circulate the earliest intelligence...

It is proper that the intended editor should declare his intentions in the manner in which he means to conduct the publication of "The Baltimore Correspondent."

That all the vicissitudes of human affairs are ordered and controlled by the Almighty Governor of the world—who means, in all his dispensations, mercy to man...

TERMS. The Baltimore Correspondent will be printed on a half sheet super royal, at five dollars per annum...

20 Dollars Reward. Runaway from the subscriber, on Tuesday the 4th inst. a negro man by the name of CHARLES...

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SAMUEL McCUBBIN, Anne Arundel county, 5/11

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AN ORATION BY FRANCIS S. KEY, ESQ. Delivered at a meeting of the Washington Society of Alexandria, on Tuesday 22d inst.

ORATION. The return of this day, in times like these, presents us with a new and affecting proof of the uncertainty of all human expectations...

In the gloom of present distress, in the still more awful anticipation of approaching calamity, the usual exhibition of national rejoicing would be impossible.

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I have thought that he who speaks to you at such a time, under such a situation, should not be emulous of this distinction which is to be obtained by sounding the praises of

one set of politicians and denouncing another—that the speaker of a society bearing the name of your Washington—a society loving that name so enthusiastically...

To give due honour to the illustrious object of our regard—to call up his image before you—to awaken your recollections of his worth, of his zeal and devotion to your service—to select, from the innumerable proofs of his affection, some signal and useful token of his love—and to make the memory of what he was, even now that he is no more...

To do honour to the name of Washington—to awaken the glowing recollections of his countrymen—to warm, with those recollections, the hearts of those who were not only his countrymen, but his neighbours and associates—Is this the task I have undertaken?

Is his worth to be thus sought after, and his services to be thus enumerated? No my friends! the excellence of your Washington is of no common character.

This part of my duty is done—I call the feelings that are now glowing in your bosoms, to witness that it is done, and bid them speak for me. They have paid a ready tribute of affection and of reverence that I should be ashamed to attempt to express.

In the midst of these contemplations, I trust, we shall all remember the high and solemn duty they so obviously suggest to us. That in a time of great national calamity, a deliverer was appointed to us...

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What should be his exultation who remembers that, in the name of American, he bears a title ennobled by the deeds of Washington?

Nor has he left us only his name; I trust, he never felt the chilling thought that that name would be forgotten or disregarded; but he well knew that even those who might feel the sincerest veneration for it, would be frail and fallible...

I allude to that last and most interesting act of his official life, when on his retirement from the government, to the humbler duties of a private station, he made his parting address to his lamenting countrymen.

In this address we have every thing to excite our veneration and affection. It evinces a disinterested devotion to our good, which no folly can be preposterous enough to deny, no wickedness base enough to question...

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cepts—and if the day shall ever come (which may Heaven be propitiated to avert)—that shall cast us down from our greatness, when civil discord, corruption or usurpation shall bend the necks of freemen to a miserable and hopeless bondage...

The feelings which prompted him to endeavor to perpetuate our blessings are thus affectingly displayed in his own words in the conclusion of this address: "In offering to you, my countrymen, these counsels of an old and affectionate friend, I dare not hope that they will make the strong and lasting impression I could wish; that they will control the usual current of the passions...

To do justice to this inestimable warning, to point out to your view the various excellencies that distinguished it, is a task far too great for the present occasion. I intend therefore only to offer to your consideration its most essential and solemn injunction: one, of which no individual of any nation should ever be unmindful...

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who would labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness...

I cannot avoid remarking that there is scarcely a memorable incident or official act of his life in which the strong and just impressions of his mind upon this subject were not manifested. In all our national deliverances, we see him ascribing all the glory to their true and Almighty Cause...

I hope I shall be pardoned for presuming to address you on such a subject. I have felt how little I was qualified for such an office, and I have undertaken it, relying for all claim to your attention, upon the influence of that name in which we are assembled; and believing that nothing could be presented to you more worthy of your thoughts...

how grasping in unutterable watchfulness, gives an awful warning of the fate that may await us.

It has been said that the exalted virtue of patriotism finds no place in this religion, and is incompatible with its tenets. So strangely erroneous is this opinion, that a just and disinterested love of country springs from religion as from its natural and proper source...

A man may wear out his life in the toils of the cabinet, or hazard it by his darning in the field, yet if he is prompted to this from the love of power, the dream of ambition...

A man may offer himself to death—may fall exulting in the trappings and decorations with which honor adorns its victim; but if unimpelled by that love to God and man, which is the only incentive that can sanctify such an offering...

Look at the efficacy of these principles in the day of trial. Let temptation come upon him; let his evil passions solicit indulgence; let the pomp and glory of the world spread their allurements before him...

He who submits to be guided by the divine light of revelation has learned the nature and condition of man, the engagements, to which he is called, and the dangers that oppose him...

When a people are suffering under divine correction, when the arm of the almighty is raised in wrath against them, surely it is not unreasonable to expect that they will call their ways to remembrance, and endeavor to ascertain the iniquity that has provoked chastisement.

While therefore it is his endeavor to cherish the kindest affection towards the whole human family...