

POETS CORNER

From a New-York Paper. The patriotic zeal manifested by every description of the citizens of New-York in throwing up works for the defence of the city, has produced the following

SONG: THE PATRIOTIC DIGGERS.

TUNE—"Bar off at Sea." JOHNNY BULL beware, Keep at proper distance, Else we'll make you stare At our firm resistance. Let alone the Lads Who are Freedom tasting, Recall our Dads Gave you once a basting.

CHORUS Pick axe, shovel, spade, Crow bar, hoe and barrow, Better not invade, Yankees have the marrow, To protect our rights, 'Gainst your flints and triggers, See on Brooklyn Heights Our Patriotic Diggers, Men of ev'ry age, Colour, rank, profession, Ardently engage, Labour in succession, Pick axe, &c.

Grandeur leaves her towers, Poverty her hovels, Here to join their powers With the hoe and shovel, Here the Merchant toils With the Patriotic Sawyer, There the Labourer smiles, Near him sweats the Lawyer, Pick axe, &c.

Here the Mason builds Freedom's shrine of glory, While the Painter glids The immortal story, Blacksmiths catch the flame, Grocers feed the spirit, Printers share the fame, And record their merit, Pick axe, &c.

Scholars leave their Schools, With their patriot Teachers; Farmers seize their tools, Headed by their Preachers, How they break the soil, Brewers, Butchers, Bakers, Here the Doctors toil, Theirs the Undertakers, Pick axe, &c.

Bright Apollo's sons Leave their pipe and tabor, 'Mid the roar of guns, Join the martial labour, Round th' embattled plain In sweet concord rally, And in Freedom's strain Sing the Poet's finale, Pick axe, &c.

Plumbers, Founders, Dyers, 'Tinmen, Turners, Shavers, Sweepers, Clerks and Griers, Jewellers, Engravers, Clothiers, Drapers, Players, Cartmen, Hatters, Tailors, Gunners, Sealers, Weighers, Carpenters and Sailors, Pick axe, &c.

Better not invade, Recollect the spirit, Which our Dads displayed, And our sons inherit; If you still advance, Friendly caution slighting, You may get by chance A belly full of fighting, Pick axe, shovel, spade, Crow bar, hoe and barrow, Better not invade, Yankees have the marrow.

From a London paper of Sept. 2. MERMAID. TO THE EDITOR.

Sir, As the existence of Mermaids is a point, that has long been disputed et ad huc sub judice lis est, and as it may contribute in some degree to settle a point of so great importance to the naturalist, I send you the following account, which I received from 2 fishermen residing at Port Gordon, a small fishing village in this parish, whom I believe to be of undoubted veracity, and respectable enough in their station of life. As these men (Thos. Johnson and William Gordon) were returning from their fishing, about 3 or 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, about a quarter of a mile from shore, the sea being perfectly calm, they observed at a small distance from their boat, with its back towards them, and half its body above the water, a creature of a tawny colour, appearing like a man, sitting with his body somewhat bent. Surprised at this, they approached towards him till they came within a few yards, when the noise of the boat occasioned the creature to turn about, giving the men a better opportunity of observing him. His countenance was swarthy, his hair short and curled, of a colour between a green and a grey; he had small eyes, a flat nose, his mouth was large, and his arms of an extraordinary length. Above the waist he was shaped like a man, but, as the

water was clear, my informants could perceive that from the waist downwards his body tapered considerably; or, as they express it, like a large fish without scales, but they could not see the extremity. The men however had not a long time to observe him, for, after looking steadfastly at them for about a quarter of a minute, he suddenly dived, but rose again at some distance from the boat, accompanied by another whom the men supposed a female, as they could perceive she had breasts, and her hair was not curled, but reached to a little below her shoulders; the skin of this last one too was fairer than the other. By this time the men had become considerably alarmed and made to shore as fast as possible, and for some time they could see the Mermaids looking after them. Soon after their arrival they called on me and gave me the above account, without the smallest variation between them.

I am, sir, yours, &c. GEO. M'KENZIE, School Master, School-house of Paffan, August 16, 1814.

MUNGO PARK. To the Editor of the (London) Morning Chronicle. Sir, When Mr. James Gray Jackson, (who has published his travels in Africa) returned to this country from Morocco, some six or seven years since, he reported to the Earl of Moira and to Sir Joseph Banks, on the authority of an Arabic letter (which he himself had read, and which was written from Kabra the report of Timbuctoo, by a liberated negro, to his former master a Moorish merchant then residing at Mogadore) that a small vessel or boat had anchored before Kabra in the river, (the Nile of the negroes) and that his vessel or boat had hoisted a white flag—that there were seen in the boat by the inhabitants of Kabra, three Christians, one of whom was described as a very tall man, who stood up in the boat, which remained before the port of Kabra until night, but the next morning nothing more was seen of it. The boat had no communication with the shore, but it was presumed that it had passed on the eastward towards Houssa.

There appears, Mr. Editor, a remarkable coincidence in this report of Mr. Jackson, when compared with the account lately received from Mr. Court, of Mogadore, viz. That a native of Africa had arrived at Mogadore in the month of May, bringing an account that he had left Houssa about March last, and that belonging to the akkaba or great caravan of the interior, there were three Christians, whom some king of Soudan, (probably that of Houssa) had placed under the protection of some she-roaf, (or prince) with a positive injunction to convey them across the great desert to the northern confines of Africa, probably to Algiers or Tunis.

From this remarkable corroboration, after such a lapse of time, there is reason to conclude that the three Christians mentioned in the report now arrived from Mogadore, are the same with those mentioned in Mr. Jackson's report, and that they are no other than the remains of the party of that enterprising and indefatigable traveller, Mr. Mungo Park, viz. Mr. Park himself, and two of his surviving companions. If you think these observations sufficiently interesting to the public, to deserve a place in your excellent paper, they are at your service. VASCO DE GAMA. Eton, Aug. 14, 1814.

John Thompson, TAILOR. Nearly opposite the City Tavern. Returns his thanks for the patronage which has been afforded him, and respectfully solicits a continuance of the same. He has lately provided himself with a good selection of Broad and Narrow Cloths, and a handsome assortment of Waistcoatings; which he will make up in the most fashionable manner, and on accommodating terms. September 10. 1814.

Basil Shephard, MERCHANT TAILOR. Respectfully acquaints his friends and customers, that he has received a neat supply of Cloths, Cassimeres and Vestings, of superior quality, which he offers for sale, or will make up in the most faithful and fashionable manner, and upon the best terms. He solicits a share of public patronage and will endeavour to deserve encouragement. November 3. 1814.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY LEVIN WINDER, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND. A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the General Assembly of Maryland, did, by an act passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, entitled, "An act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections," direct that the governor and council after having received the returns of elections of the members to represent this state in the congress of the United States, should enumerate and ascertain the number of votes given for each and every person voted for as a member for congress aforesaid respectively, and shall thereupon declare, by proclamation, signed by the governor, the name of the person or persons duly elected in each respective district:— We in pursuance of the directions of the said act, do by this our proclamation declare, that by the returns made to us, it appears, that Philip Stuart, esq. was elected for the first district; John C. Herbert, esq. was elected for the second district; Alexander C. Hanson, esq. was elected for the third district; George Baer, esq. was elected for the fourth district; William Pinkney and Nicholas R. Moore, esqrs. were elected for the fifth district; Stevenson Archer, esq. was elected for the sixth district; Robert Wright, esq. was elected for the seventh district; and Charles Goldborough, esq. was elected for the eighth district.

Given in council at the city of Annapolis, under the great seal of the state of Maryland, this ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen. LEVIN WINDER. By the Governor, NICHOLAS PINKNEY, Clerk of the Council.

Ordered, That the foregoing proclamation be published for five weeks in the Maryland Gazette, Federal Republican, Spirit of '76, Frederick-Town Herald, Plain Dealer, Federal Gazette, Telegraph, Hogar's-Town Gazette, People's Monitor, and Brown's Paper-Cum-Berland. By order, Ninian Pinkney, Clk. of the Council.

Basil Bowling. Begs leave to return his grateful acknowledgments to his friends and the public generally, for the very liberal support he has experienced at Piscataway, (his former residence) and now informs them that he has taken and opened that well known and long established INN, at Upper Marlboro' lately occupied by Mr. John S. Brooks, where he hopes to receive a continuance of their favors—assuring all who may please to honor him with their custom that every possible attention will be paid to make them comfortable. Nov. 24, 1814.

Thomas McNier, BOOT AND SHOE-MAKER. Informs his friends and the public, that he has commenced business one door above Mr. Basil Shephard's, and nearly opposite Mr. Jeremiah Hughes', in Church-street, where he intends carrying on the above business in the most fashionable style. He has laid in a stock of good materials and employed the best workmen, which will enable him, he trusts, to give satisfaction to those who may honor him with their custom. Annapolis, Nov. 3. 1814.

Land for Sale. By virtue of a decree of the honourable the Chancellor of Maryland, the subscriber will expose to public sale, on Friday the 23d day of December next, on the premises, Part of a tract of land called Sarah's Allotment, late the property of Richard Marriott, deceased, containing 958 3/4 acres, more or less. This tract of land is situate near Gambrell's tavern, on the road leading from Annapolis to Baltimore. A large proportion of this tract is heavily timbered, and the soil well adapted to the cultivation of small grain. The improvements consist of a dwelling-house and every necessary out house. The subscriber deems it unnecessary to give a more particular description, presuming that persons inclined to purchase, will view the premises previous to the day of sale. Mr. George Watson, who resides on the premises, will show the same to any person inclined to purchase. Should any person be inclined to purchase previous to the day appointed for public sale, they can know the terms by applying to B. Welch, of Ben. who is duly authorized by me to contract and dispose of the same. Terms of Sale. The purchaser or purchasers to give bond to the subscriber, with approved security for the payment of the purchase money, with interest thereon, within twelve months from the day of sale, and on payment of the purchase money with interest, the subscriber is authorized to execute a deed of conveyance to the purchaser. Wm. H. Marriott, Trustee. December 1. 1814.

Nicholas J. Watkins, TAILOR. Nearly opposite the City Tavern, Respectfully informs his friends, and the public in general, that he has just received a fresh supply of elegant Cloths, Cassimeres, Corps, and a choice selection of Vestings, which he is ready to make up in the most fashionable manner, at the shortest notice, and on the most accommodating terms, that the times will admit of. He returns thanks to his old patrons for their custom, and solicits a continuation of the same. Annapolis, Dec. 1, 1814.

50 Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber on the 2d of October, 1814, a negro man named DICK: he is a short, yellowish complected fellow, about 35 years of age, 6 feet 6 or 7 inches high, and very polite when spoken to. He took with him a pair of cotton country cloth trousers, with a broad blue stripe, & a round white country cloth jacket and waistcoat. He is a rough shoemaker and took away with him his tools. Whoever brings home the said negro or secures him so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward with all reasonable charges. Benjamin Harwood, of Rd. A County, South River Neck, near Annapolis.

N. B. It is supposed the above negro man may have gone to Montgomery county, where his mother lives with a Mrs Murray, near Montgomery Court House, and may have a pass. B. H. December 1.

Public Sale. By virtue of an order from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, will be offered at public sale, at the farm of David Stuart, deceased, within one mile of Red Miles's tavern, on Monday the 12th of December next, About Fifty Negroes, Consisting of men, women and children. A number of Cattle, Horses & Mules; amongst the Cattle there is a number of valuable Work Oxen and Fat Cattle. Also implements of husbandry of every description. The terms of sale will be made known on the day of sale. Wm. Stewart, Jas. Stewart, Frisby Tilghman, Adms. Nov. 10.

Valuable lands for Sale IN ANNE-ARUNDEL COUNTY. The subscriber will sell at private sale, a valuable Farm, containing 250 acres, adjoining the plantation he now lives on. Said land is not inferior to any in the county for the growth of tobacco, corn and the smaller grains; is in a remarkable healthy neighbourhood, within 11 miles of the city of Annapolis, and 22 from the cities of Baltimore and Washington; with a sufficiency of wood land, and an abundance of excellent meadow land, and well watered. The improvements are two large tobacco-houses almost new, and a negro quarter, an excellent apple orchard, and fruit of many kinds. The terms will be made easy to the purchaser, and can be shown by applying to Osborn Williams.

Private Sale. I will sell, at private sale, a Lot in Queen-Anne, Prince-George's county, conveniently situated, and an excellent stand for a person wishing to enter into the mercantile business, or to a person who wishes a stand for a tavern; and perhaps no village in the state can be found, at which a decent tavern is more wanted. On the lot is a large store house, with counter, shelves, &c. ready for the reception of a quantity of dry goods, and groceries also a two story dwelling-house, with two rooms above, and one below; a paved garden and yard, and an old building out of repair, with two rooms below and two above, for several years rented as a tavern. Terms may be known by application to Wm. Brogden. June 23, 1814.

50 Dollars Reward. Ran away yesterday, from the subscriber, living near Annapolis, a Mulatto Woman named MINTA, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high, a likely well made woman, stammers when spoken to, her nostrils pretty wide; had on when she went away, a white country cloth petticoat of cotton and yarn wove kersey, with a jacket of the same, one white jacket, black cambric frock, pink calico petticoat, one white ditto, and may have other cloaths with her. Whoever takes up said woman and secures her so that her master gets her again, shall receive ten dollars reward; if taken fifteen miles from home fifteen dollars; if twenty miles, twenty dollars; if thirty miles, thirty dollars, and if out of the state, the above reward, including what the law allows, paid by Wm. Worthington. November.

20 Dollars Reward. Ran away on the 2d of May, a Negro Man called Ned, who with several others, added that of Jones, brought suit in Anne-Arundel county, John Golder, for their right to freedom, which suit, at the last term of the court, was dismissed for the want of proof. He is a straight, likely black fellow, 22 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, and has under one of his eyes, a scar about an inch long and broad. No descriptive information can be given as to his cloaths; he went off with a straw hat, a country roundabout striped jacket and trousers, and good shoes and stockings. It is probable he may endeavour to get to Baltimore, or to the City of Washington. I will pay a dollar a mile on the distance he may be taken, if committed to goal, so that I get him again, fifteen dollars if taken at Annapolis and committed; ten dollars if taken in the neighbourhood; or twenty if taken in Calvert county. I am informed that an old yellow woman resides in Calvert who calls herself Hannah Jones, and who my Negroes, who claimed their freedom, call aunt—she is wife to a miller who attends or did attend a mill, on the property of a Mr. Smith, and purchased by Capt. David Carcaud. Wm. Brogden. Dec. 23, 1814.

NOTICE. The subscriber having obtained from the orphans court of Anne Arundel county, letters of administration D. R. N. on the personal estate of Samuel Green, late of Anne Arundel county deceased, all persons having claims against said deceased are hereby requested to bring them in, legally proved, and those who are indebted to the same to make immediate payment, more especially those who are indebted for postage on letters, &c. Richard H. Harwood, Admr. D. B. N. Feb. 24.

Anne-Arundel County, &c. On application to me the subscriber, chief judge of the third judicial district, in the recess of Anne-Arundel county court, by petition, in writing, of Philip Clayton, of said county, praying the benefit of the act for the relief of sundry Insolvent debtors, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, and of the several supplements thereto, 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 being satisfied that the said Philip Clayton has resided the two preceding years prior to his said application within the state of Maryland, and the said Philip Clayton, having stated in his petition, that he is in actual custody, and praying to be discharged therefrom; I do therefore order, and adjudge that the said Philip Clayton be discharged from his confinement; and by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette or Maryland Republican once a week, for three successive months, before the first Monday of February next, give notice to his creditors to appear before the said county court, to be held at the city of Annapolis, on the first Monday of February next, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, and to shew cause, if any they have, why the said Philip Clayton should not have the benefit of the said act and the supplements, as prayed. JEREMIAH T. CHASE. Test. Wm. S. Green, Clk.

This is to give notice, That the subscribers have obtained letters testamentary on the personal estate of Benjamin Allen, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same legally authenticated, and those in any manner indebted to make immediate payment. Elizabeth Allen, Ex'ra. Thomas Tongue, jun. Ex'r. Nov. 22.

Notice is hereby given, That a petition will be presented to the General Assembly, at its next session, for a law to change the place of holding the Election in Election District No. 2, of Anne Arundel County. Oct. 27.

A LIST OF THE American NAVY, WITH STEEL'S LIST OF THE British NAVY. For Sale at GEORGE SHAW'S Store, and at this Office. Price 12 1/2 Cents. Blank Bonds, Declarations on Bond, Appeal Bonds, & Common Warrants—For sale at this Office. November.

M VOL. LXXII. PAINTED AND PUBLISHED BY JONAS GREEN, CHURCH-STREET, ANNAPOLIS. Price—Three Dollars per Annum. FOREIGN. Continuation of Foreign Intelligence received by the Cartel Schooner Chauncey. BRITISH OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF THE CAPTURE OF WASHINGTON. London Gazette Extraordinary, Sept. 27. COLONIAL DEPARTMENT. Downing-street, Sept. 27. Captain Smith, Assistant Adjutant General to the troops under the command of Major Gen. Ross, arrived this morning with a dispatch from that officer, addressed to Earl Bathurst, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, of which the following is a copy: Tonnant, in the Patuxent, Aug. 30. My Lord, I have the honour to communicate to your Lordship, that on the night of the 24th instant, after defeating the army of the United States on that day, the troops under my command entered and took possession of the city of Washington. It was determined between Sir A. Cochrane and myself, to disembark the army at the village of Benedict on the right bank of the Patuxent, with the intention of co-operating with Rear Ad. Cockburn, in an attack upon a flotilla of the enemy's gun-boats, under the command of Com. Barney. On the 20th inst. the army commenced its march having landed the previous day without opposition; on the 21st it reached Nottingham, on the 22d moved up to Upper Marlborough, a few miles distant from Pig Point, on the Patuxent, where Ad. Cockburn fell in with and defeated the flotilla, taking and destroying the whole. Having advanced to within sixteen miles of Washington, and ascertained the force of the enemy to be such as might authorise an attempt at capturing his Capitol, I determined to take it, and accordingly put the troops in movement on the evening of the 23d. A corps of about 12 men appeared to oppose us, but retired after firing a few shots. On the 24th, the troops resumed their march, and reached Bladensburg village situated on the left bank of the eastern branch of the Potomac about five miles from Washington. On the opposite side of that river the enemy was discovered strongly posted on very commanding heights formed in lines, his advance occupying a fortified house, which with artillery, covered the bridge over the eastern branch, across which the British troops had to pass. A broad and straight road, leading from the bridge to Washington, through the position which was carefully defended by artillery riflemen. The disposition for the attack being made, it was commenced so much impetuously by the brigade, consisting of the 85th, infantry and the light infantry panics of the army, under the command of Col. Thornton, that the fortified house was shortly captured the enemy retiring to the high grounds. In support of the light brigade ordered up a brigade under the command of Col. Brooke, who, the 14th regt. attacked the enemy, the 4th regt. pressing it with such effect as to cause him to abandon his guns—His first giving way, was driven on the second yielding, to the irreparable attack of the bayonet, and well directed discharge of rockets into confusion and fled, leaving the British masters of the field. The rapid flight of the enemy, his knowledge of the country, and the possibility of many soldiers being taken, more particularly as the troops had, during the day, undergone considerable fatigue. The enemy's army, amounting to 8 or 9000 men, with 3 or 4000 guns, was under the command of Gen. Winder, being formed of