

From the Albany Register of Friday.

### GEN. WILKINSON.

The trial of this veteran of the revolution has been closed for some days; but the decision of the court is not yet known. An extract from his defence, has appeared in the *Troy Post* from which we have copied it into our columns of this day. It possesses interest, as the appeal of an old soldier, to the feelings of his judges and his countrymen. The whole defence, we have no doubt, is an able and satisfactory vindication of his conduct; for we never have had but one opinion on the subject, which is that the charges against him originated in the dark mazes of political intrigue; and that it was intended to make him the victim of the most detestable persecution.

From the Troy Post, April 4.

### EXTRACTS FROM GEN. WILKINSON'S DEFENCE.

[The trial of Gen. Wilkinson has excited so much interest during the winter past, that we presume it will be acceptable to our readers to see a part of his defence. It is said the trial will be published as soon as the sentence of the court is made known. The following extracts are made from the exordium and conclusion of the general's defence.]

"Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Court,

"The case before you, however afflicting to the sensibilities of a soldier, has become too common in our own history, as well as that of other nations.

"The conduct of ministers and generals appears to be the necessary consequence of every unsuccessful military expedition; failure produces discontent, discontent murmurs, murmurs recrimination, and recrimination inquiry. It is presumed there has been a fault somewhere; and the public mind becomes restless, and the people must be satisfied, even at the expense of an hundred thousand dollars, without one cent of profit, as in the present case.

This would be well, were good to come of it; but as personal controversy seldom mends the heart or improves the understanding, it never should be suffered on slight grounds.

An upright and able minister would prefer to rest his political standing on his own reputation, sooner than seek to prop it by the persecution of a faithful, zealous, but unfortunate general; such was the conduct of a Chatham, whose example it is impossible an Armstrong could imitate.

But my case is perhaps without an example;—That of a minister of high standing and splendid talents, seducing an officer from an honourable command and the fairest prospects of fame, to put him on the execution of an impracticable project, without competent means; and because of its failure, to save himself from public odium, he descends to tricks, stratagems, and perfidies, to cast the blame he has incurred from his own shoulders upon those of the officer he had deceived; and this officer! a man with whom he had been associated in the most interesting scenes of the revolutionary war; the friend of his juvenile days, to whom he professed to be bound by the sacred ties of personal confidence and attachment.

Mr. President, I disclaim high colourings in a case of such gravity, and should disdain to excite the feelings, or warp the judgment of my judges were I capable; the disclosures about to be made will test the truth, and determine my title to credibility.

From the common anxiety we have felt to conclude the procrastinated investigation with as little delay as possible, I have undertaken to perform in 12 days, a work which required a month. It must not therefore be expected that I should present this defence in that connected, prepared state; with that regularity and complete arrangement, and analysis of the testimony, which it was my desire to submit to the deliberate understanding of this court, and to the sober reflections of my countrymen.

In forming a judgment on the whole or any distinct part of my conduct, I flatter myself the court will be determined by circumstances as they appeared at the time; by the decisions of the moment and the apparent exigencies of the occasion; not by an after knowledge of facts which could not be known at the time.

Before I enter upon the investigation of the testimony, I consider it a matter of propriety towards the court, briefly to state the course I shall pursue: It will be recollected that a report touching the merits of that part of the campaign of 1813 in which I was concerned, at the call of the house of representatives, was made up by that accuser and presented to that honourable body in the session of 1813-14; and it has been admitted by the court that, that report should be taken as "prima facie" evidence on this inquiry: I have availed myself of this permission, to present such parts of that report to the view of the court as tend to throw light upon the inquiry before it, and to explain the principles and motives of my actions in command, from the first order received at the dawn of the late war, to the termination of my command on the northern frontier last April.

I shall then, Mr. President, open the case with a brief narrative of facts and incidents; after which I shall proceed to compute and apply the testimony, and will conclude with a rapid summary of the whole.

### CONCLUSION.

"The artifices of my accuser prevailed; he deprived me of my sword in the dawn of the campaign; threw me out of the path of glory, and the injury is irreparable.

The troops formed and disciplined in harassments and suffering and perils, under my orders, when fitted for action and prepared to meet the enemy, were destined to gather laurels to decorate the brows of more fortunate men.

But amidst the ills inflicted upon me by this tyrant, the hand of Heaven was outstretched in my behalf; and the disgraceful flight of the Destroyer of the Capital of this country, placed the office he had abused in honourable hands, and secured to me an impartial tribunal to judge my conduct. A tribunal! the first in point of rank and experience, one only excepted, which ever assembled in the United States. But, Mr. President, I possess other sources of consolation, which no earthly power can take from me. I have borne arms and faithfully served my country through three wars! I have more—I have saved her from civil war.—How many toilsome days have I labored for the honor of my country! How many sleepless nights have I watched over her safety!—Thirty-nine years past I marched a company over the very ground on which I now stand arraigned;—then waste, wild and uncultivated; now the scene of industry, of wealth and of talents; the seat of social refinement, of personal charms, and polished society. In October next it will be thirty-eight years since I led the captive Burgoyne from his entrenchments to surrender an army of six thousand veteran troops of Europe, on the plains of Saratoga, under a convention countersigned by the hand, which now presents it to the Honorable Court, with the prayer, that it may be permitted to accompany the records of this day, and find a place in the archives of the war department.

Mr. President, may the war worn veteran, with a ruined constitution, the fruits of the services of his whole life, and staggering under the load of obloquy heaped on him by his accuser, be permitted to produce a more recent instance of his zeal in the public service; to show that if he has not been triumphant; that if he has been deprived of the opportunity to swell his humble fame in torrents of blood, his time has not been uselessly employed to the state?

The testimonials of those meritorious gallant Officers, Com. Macdonough and Major General McComb, (see app. No. 79) seconded by the credential of a respectable eye witness, a citizen of this State, will prove beyond doubt, that my agency contributed essentially to our naval triumph on Lake Champlain, and the preservation of our garrison at Plattsburgh. From the documents it will appear that but for my precaution in establishing a battery at the mouth of Otter Creek, the early movement of the enemy against that point in May last would have blocked up our squadron for the season: The shores of the Lake would have been exposed to his ravages, and Plattsburgh must have yielded to his superior force.

Mr. President and Gentlemen, whatever may be my future destiny, a destiny at this moment wrapt in clouds, I shall bear in grateful recollection the patience with which you have waded through the tedious inquiry. I confide in the justice

of your award, because I am satisfied it will be founded in integrity. Whatever it may be, I am prepared to meet it with complacency, and were it proper for me to express a wish on the awful occasion which interest my feelings closer than life itself, I should say—If Guilty, let my punishment be exemplary—If Innocent, acquit me with honour.—Then I shall not have lived in vain."

\* The court before which the celebrated Maj. Andre was tried.

### List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office, Annapolis, March 31st, 1815.

Thomas G. Addison, Julier Anderson, Clothier Allen, Ruth Bangs, Basil Brown, Robert Walker, David Barnour, Richard Battee, George W. Boerster, John Brewer, Henry Binnet, Charles Camden, John S. Camden, John Clavell, Sophia Culmon, Isabella Collins, Nathaniel Collon, Hannah Conn, Benjamin G. Cole, John Casson, Robert Creek, John Cavins, Samuel Chester, J. G. Chappell, Henry Davall, Mary Disney, Henry Dickenson, Pompey Davis, Philip Darnell, Daniel Dotsey, John Day, Thomas H. Dorsey, Elizabeth Daves, Samuel Dawson, Doctor Wm. Dorsey, Joseph Evans, D. Fitzhugh, Elizabeth Fleightwood, Fisher Colbert, John Feller, John Gwanner, John Goldner, John Gibson, John Green, Joseph Green, Augustin G. Imbrill, James P. Heath, William Hall, Jeremiah Hess, Wm Harwood, William Hide, Solomon Hall, John Hall, James Holland, Johnstnan Camp, Edward Journey, Captain Dumerson, William Clemsted, Joseph Jarboe, Charles McCarty, William Young, Captain Kent, Captain Kenney, Eleanor King, Wm. Kerns, The Honorable Chancellor of Maryland, Henry Ledy, James Larrimore, Ann E. Ledy, Nathan Lewis, George J. Garra, Henley Martin, Levi Meyers, John Malone, Joshua Malone, Joshua Murry, Samuel Mackubin, Joseph McKistry, Samuel Norris, Joseph J. Oden, Thomas O'Kounk, Thomas Oles, Charles Poulton, Samuel Peace, Capt Paul, John Ragan, James Reid, Henry Ridgely, Recruiting Officer Annapolis, Ann Rawlings, Thomas Rawlin, J. Riggs, W. Ringgold, Mary Rawlings, Ezekiel Richardson, John S. Richardson, Joseph Spurrer, William Simkins, Arthur Shan, Ann Sellman, James Steel, Kitty Smith, Anne a. Sellman, Caleb Sears, Alexander Stewart, Henry Scheider, Ann Stevenson, Sally Stewart, John Sewell, Joseph N. Stockett, Frederick Snyder, P. Southcomb, Adam Shack, Peter Startzman, Anthony Sevy Keller, William G. Stephens, Jacob Stainer, William Stephens, John Sawyer, Abraham Ferree, James N. Thompson, Fanny Tidings, John Tighman, George Frost, Nancy Thomas, Philip W. Thomas, Sally Thomas, James Tumble, John S. Thomas, Solomon Tomlin, Hugh Thomas, Benjamin Thomas, Samuel B. Whittington, Solomon Ward, Ann Warthen, George A. Wells, Joseph Williams, Lucy Pierce, John Nelson Watkins, Benj Weeks, Osborn Williams, Theodore M. Williams, William Wees, Benjamin Wells, Line General Willson, Pelegone Warfield, Thomas Wilkinson, Robert Wilson, John Weston, Samuel C. Watkins, William Weston, John Walez, Greenbury Wilson.

John Munroe, P. M.

### Public Sale.

In pursuance of an order from the orphans court, the subscriber will offer at public sale, on Tuesday, the 25th day of April, 1815, the House and Lot, part of the estate of the late Allen Quynn, in the city of Annapolis, fronting on West-street, lately in the occupation of John Stephen, esq.

This property is held on lease, renewable forever, on a small ground rent from the vestry of St. Anne's Parish, on terms which will be shewn on the day of sale.

The House is large and commodious with cellars, a brick kitchen, wash house, meet house, stable and other improvements, and there is a yard and garden attached to it.

It is suitable for a private family, a tavern, a boarding house, or professional character, having a convenient office detached from the dwelling, and being in one of the best situations for business.

The terms of sale will be a credit of six months, the purchaser giving bond with sufficient security to pay the purchase money, with interest, from the day of sale. Possession to be given on the execution of the bond.

The sale to be on the premises, and to commence at 5 P. M. At the same time and place will be sold on same terms, a Lot adjoining the house, 60 feet front by 120 feet, unimproved.

John Randall, Adm. de bonis non of Allen Quynn.

### To be Rented,

And possession given immediately, A SNUG HOUSE, Opposite the Ball Room, formerly occupied by Dr. Ridgely, and lately by Upton S. Reid as a Lawyer's Office, and has been occupied as such for many years. For further particulars inquire of

Henry Magnadier, 3w. April 6, 1815.

### City Tavern & Hotel.

The subscriber having taken that well known establishment in this city, lately occupied by Mr. Isaac Parker, and originally by Mr. George Mann, deceased, announces to the public, and more especially to those who may be disposed to patronize and encourage him, that it is his fixed determination to render it equal to any establishment in the state. Its conveniences perhaps are unequalled, and the opportunities offered by its proximity to the bay, of furnishing his table with wild fowl and oysters, will enable him to supply those who may favour him with their custom with those dishes in their proper season. He assures those who have been in the habit of patronizing this establishment, that they may calculate hereafter on meeting with accommodations at least equal to any which have been afforded by his predecessors; and so far as his own personal attendance, together with that of those in his employ, can contribute to the comfort and satisfaction of his guests, he pledges himself no exertion shall be wanting. He has a good supply of liquors, and for the amusements of the stranger and the traveler, he has provided a Coffee Room, furnished with news papers, from every principal seat in the United States. Private rooms are always ready, and private or public suppers can be had at the shortest notice.

N. B. Boarders taken by the day, week, month or year, and horses taken at liberty.

WILLIAM CATON, A Bar-Keeper & Cook, Are wanted immediately at the City Tavern, Annapolis March 23.

### NOTICE.

The subscriber having obtained from the orphans court of Calvert county, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Thomas Parran, late of Calvert county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, properly authenticated, within six months from the date hereof, they may otherwise be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 23d day of March, 1815.

Richard Graham, Adm'r.

### Public Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the chancery court, the subscriber will offer to public sale, on the premises, on Friday, the 21st April next,

A part of a Tract of Land, lying in Anne Arundel county, and in the neighbourhood of Queen-Anne, called Holliday's Purchase, being the real estate of Thomas Holliday, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased. This land is of a soil well adapted to the cultivation of rice and corn; it is situated in a fine healthy country, and in the midst of a very respectable society. From its vicinity to the Patuxent, the produce of the farm can at all times be conveniently and cheaply transported to a good market. As this land is so well and so generally known, it is deemed inexpedient to give a more minute description. Those persons who may be disposed to purchase, can obtain all necessary information by applying to Mr. John Pummer, who lives on an adjoining tract. The subscriber being also authorized by the decree to sell the same at private sale, will receive any proposals which may be made previous to the 21st April next. The terms of sale are, that the purchaser shall give bond with approved security, for the payment of the purchase money, with interest, within twelve months from the day of sale, on the receipt of which the trustee will convey the title.

William Warfield, Trustee.

### For Sale.

The subscribers offer for sale a valuable farm situated on West River, containing 400 acres of land, inferior to none in the county, a part of which is now in clover, it has the advantage of fine meadows and meadow land; it is well timbered, and enclosed. The improvements consist of two comfortable dwelling-houses, with the necessary outbuildings, which with other improvements it is deemed unnecessary to particularize, as every person inclined to purchase is invited to view the property. Springfield the late residence of Joseph Court, is included in this tract, and within 60 yards of the dwelling-house is one of the finest springs in the county. The well known healthfulness of the situation, with the excellence of the neighbourhood, renders it well worthy the attention of any gentleman who may wish to settle in the country. Springfield, with 200 acres, may be had possession of immediately, and the other 200 in the ensuing autumn, with liberty to seed as early as they please. One half of the purchase money must be paid in hand, for the other half 12 months credit will be given, on approved negotiable notes or bank stock. The tract will be divided in two lots, if required, to suit purchasers. Stock, plantation utensils, and some valuable hands, may be had with the land. Apply to either of the subscribers living at West River,

Henry Hall, Henry A. Hall. 3w. March 6.

### Public Sale.

The subscriber will sell at public sale on Wednesday the 3d day of May next, at Mr. Edelin's tavern, in the city of Annapolis, all the personal property of the late William Tack, Consisting of several valuable Negroes, and a variety of Household and Tavern Furniture, too tedious to enumerate. Terms of sale—for all sums above 20 dollars notes to be given, with approved security, payable in six months from the day of sale, with interest from the date of the notes; for all sums under 20 dollars the cash to be paid. Sales to commence at ten o'clock.

Ramsay Waters, Adm. Sw.

### Partnership.

WILL stand to cover Mares this season, at Mr. Mary Stockett's, at the low price of six dollars each Mare, and twenty-five cents to the groom. Should the above sum of six dollars not be paid by the first day of October, eight dollars will be charged for every Mare Partnership is well made, and as high bred as any Horse in America. Season to commence the first of April, and end on the 15th of July.

Jos. N. Stockett.

April 6. 3

### This is to give notice,

That the subscriber hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne Arundel county, letters of administration on the personal estate of John Watkins, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are requested to bring them in legally authenticated, and all claims in any manner indebted to the estate, to make immediate payment, to

Nicholas Watlins of Thos.

April 6. 3X

### Property for Sale.

The subscriber will sell at private sale the plantation whereon she at present resides, in Anne Arundel county, five miles below McCoy's tavern, on the road leading to Annapolis, of sixteen miles from Baltimore. The tract contains 312 acres of good quality, and produces well Indian corn, tobacco, small grain, particularly rice, its distance from the market of Baltimore makes it valuable to any person inclined to go into that line of cultivation. The soil is adapted to early crops of vegetables of all kinds; nearly half of the tract is in wood, of very thriving timber. The improvements are comfortable and in good repair, a dwelling house roomy and sufficient for a large family; every convenient house, for stock and poultry; an excellent garden newly built, rich, and set with herbs of almost every kind; a pump of good water in the yard, and fruit of every kind. There is some meadow and more can be made with little labour. Any person inclined to purchase, may know the terms by applying to Mr. Richard Gambrell, Dr. Anderson Warfield, in Anne Arundel county, or Mr. Eli Hewitt in the city of Baltimore. If the property is not sold at private sale by the 20th day of June next, it will be that day be exposed to public sale, at the premises, to the highest bidder.

Rachel Warfield.

### 50 Dollars Reward.

Ran away from the subscriber on the 2d of October, 1814, a negro man named DICK: he is a short, yellow complexioned fellow, about 35 years of age, 5 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 rough white country cloth jacket and waist coat. 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, will receive the above reward with all reasonable charges.

Benjamin Harwood, of A. A. County, South Line Neck, near Annapolis.

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

### NOTICE.

Mr. Isaac Parker having assigned the subscriber all the debts due him on his books, which have accrued since the establishment in the Union Tavern, those indebted on said books, are notified to make payment to the subscriber only. Indulgence cannot be given, no discrimination can be made in mode of collection, &c. James Slane, March 2.

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### FUEL WANTED

PROPOSALS will be received until the 1st day of June next, for supplying the next stated session of the General Assembly, with 150 cords of good seasoned, eight cords of which to be delivered, (on 20th) packed and secured as the expense of cartage, in stacks or wood piles, to be delivered at the Capital of the U. S. in the city of Washington. One third to be delivered on or before the 1st of September, and the other two thirds on or before the 30th of November. The bids must be accompanied with the names of the security or securities, to be required to secure a faithful execution of the contract. The proposals, with terms and securities, are accepted, and a deposit of such acceptance by the contractor, upon executing the proper bonds, one third of the money will be paid.

2—Thos. Daugherly

April 6.

### Three Farms For Sale

THE above Farms are situated in Anne Arundel county, and were the property of David Stewart, Esq. late of that county, deceased.

One Farm, called "Parr of Otter Creek" lying between Rawling's Tavern and the town of Queen Anne, containing about 450 acres of land, a large portion of which is heavily timbered, and the balance consisting of improved meadows and arable land, cultivated with clover and planted with tobacco and other crops. This estate is inclosed with good fence, and the farm and tobacco houses in excellent condition.

Also, two other Farms on Annapolis Manor, adjoining to the James Murray, Esq. and the other 200 acres of highly improved land, and having every improvement of farm and tobacco houses. These two Farms will be sold separately or together, as may be desired by purchasers.

The whole property has been improved for many years past, in the most prudent and improving modes of culture, and is as productive as any in this county in tobacco and other crops.

Not sold at private sale before the 2d of May, the above property will be exposed to public sale, on Friday the 5th day of May, at the residence of the subscriber, called Rawling's Tavern, in the neighbourhood of the Eastern Neck, in view of the lands of Wm. A. Stewart, near South Line Neck, near Annapolis, managed by James C. Stewart, of Dandridge, or Umhart, manager of the James Arundel Manor. Purchasers being to know the terms, will apply to William Stewart, Esq. near Hagarstown, District of Maryland, or to the subscriber, Baltimore, on the 2d of May.

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Henry Jones, Adm'r.

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