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WASHINGTON, March
APPOINTMENTS

By the President of the U. States, with the advice and consent of the Senate,

To be Secretary for the Department of State, John Quincy Adams of Massachusetts.

To be Secretary for the Department of the Treasury, William H. Crawford.

To be Secretary for the Department of War, Isaac Shelby, of Kentucky.

Mr. Crowninshield, it is understood, remains at the head of the Navy Department.

ADDRESS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT TO THE SENATE.

After having taken the oath of office on the Fourth day of March.

Gentlemen of the Senate—

In entering the office of Vice President, I beg leave to offer a public acknowledgment of the honor conferred upon me by the people of the United States, by placing me next in their confidence to that illustrious citizen whose patriotism, virtue and eminent public services receive this day the highest reward that a free people can bestow.

I assume the duties assigned me in the Senate, with the greatest diffidence, arising from a consciousness of my inexperience in the forms of deliberate assemblies—and when, at the same time, I reflect that this chair has hitherto been adorned by men of the first distinction for experience, talents and character, I am oppressed by the magnitude of the responsibility which now devolves upon me.

My heart assures me that I may promise upright intentions, zealous industry and rigid impartiality.—If aught beyond these shall merit approbation, it will be justly ascribed to the wisdom and magnanimity of the members of this dignified body—and upon that wisdom and magnanimity I entirely repose myself for guidance and support.

From the Georgetown Messenger of March 5. 1817.

Yesterday, being the 4th of March Mr. Monroe was installed into the presidency of the United States.—At an early hour every thing appeared to be in motion; crowds were seen flocking towards the capitol from every direction. Soon after 11 o'clock a great number of gentlemen assembled on horseback in the open space in front of Mr. Monroe's house, where they were formed under the direction of two of their fellow citizens, who had been chosen marshals of the day. At the appointed time Mr. Monroe, accompanied by Mr. Tompkins, sat out, in his carriage, for the capitol.—He was followed by a great number of carriages and persons on horseback; forming, in the whole, a considerable procession. On his arrival at the capitol hill he was received with military honors by the marine corps, and some fine corps of volunteers. In front of the capitol a temporary portico had been erected, in which the inauguration was to take place. This was surrounded by several thousands of persons, among whom were great numbers of well-dressed ladies. Mr. Monroe ascended the portico, accompanied by Mr. Tompkins, the committee of senators, and the judges. Mr. Madison was also present, and was placed on the right of Monroe. After the oath had been administered, the new president delivered his *speech*. Although this speech was delivered in the open air, the delivery was so distinct and the silence of the people was so great, that it was perfectly heard a considerable distance. When the speech was concluded, a federal salute was fired from a detachment of artillery in the capitol square. The procession returned in the same order to Mr. Monroe's house. Here, he received the congratulations of the foreign ministers, and other strangers, and of his fellow citizens; among whom was Mr. Madison, now a private individual. In the evening, a splendid ball was given, in honor of the occasion, by the citizens of Washington, which was crowded almost to excess.

This installation seems to have excited more curiosity than any previous event of that kind. Many persons came from a considerable distance to witness it. And certainly the city of Washington never presented so gay & so numerous an assemblage. The weather was peculiarly favourable, it being a delightful spring day.

From the Carlisle (Penn.) Herald.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

The bill for the relief of this institution has been rejected in the House of Representatives by a majority of seventeen.

What opinion will our sister states entertain of the large and wealthy state of Pennsylvania, when they learn that her Legislature has refused the trifling sum of *Fifteen Hundred Dollars* per annum for a few years, to renovate and revive its most celebrated College; when they are informed that a seminary whose literary fame has extended over a great portion of the middle and southern states, is suffered to languish and sink when a small sum from the public treasury would render it an ornament to the State. Will the people of Pennsylvania approve of this mistaken economy in their Legislature when they are aware that the reputation of the State, and the secure enjoyment of their Liberty, is intimately connected with the promotion of science.

The neighbouring states have set an example—New-York has been lavish in endowing her literary institutions.—Her Colleges flourish—men of the first talents are attracted thither. She stands high in her reputation for knowledge, and her prosperity will keep pace with her attainments in science. Massachusetts, Connecticut and Vermont can boast of their Universities. Virginia and the Carolinas have given thousands to establish their Colleges while unfortunate Pennsylvania is come to fall behind her neighbours, and look on with indifference at the progress of the surrounding States, or if we keep pace with them, it is rather to be attributed to individual exertion than to any aid from our enlightened Legislature.

We trust the papers at Harrisburg, will give us, at length, the names of the friends of science, and those who are opposed to it. Perhaps men of eminence and abilities can be found, who will think a spacious edifice, a large library & an extensive philosophical apparatus sufficient inducements to take the college into their own hands and depend on their own exertions for their emoluments. If such men can be found we have the fullest reliance that no trouble will be spared by that honourable body—the Trustees; the sale of the land, not mortgaged to the state, will free the College from debt, and Dickinson may yet flourish, despite the frowns of an adverse House of Representatives.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

John Cotton Smith, Esq.

Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Connecticut.

A PROCLAMATION.

From a review of the dispensations of Divine Providence during the past year, and of the ungrateful returns we have made to that ALMIGHTY BEING who has distinguished us by so many blessings, whose mercies and judgments we have equally disregarded; it becomes us, with one accord, to humble ourselves before our HEAVENLY FATHER, and with penitent hearts to implore the forgiveness of our offences, and the communication of those temporal and spiritual favours, which are alike essential to our happiness as individuals and our prosperity as a people.

With these impressions, and in pursuance of ancient and pious example, I have thought proper to appoint, and I do hereby appoint FRIDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF APRIL next, to be observed as a day of HUMILIATION, FASTING AND PRAYER throughout this State, and I earnestly request all ministers and people to convene on that day, in their several places of religious worship; that, in our solemn assemblies we may offer to the MOST HIGH, through the mediation of HIS SON, the sacrifice of an humble and contrite spirit for our abuse of His mercies, our repeated violations of His law, and our inattention to the gracious invitations of the gospel. And whilst we recount the afflictive visitations of a KIND HEAVEN in the adverse events of the year—in depriving us of those who were endeared to us by their private worth, or who were eminent for their extensive usefulness—in withholding from us the usual supply of the fruits of the earth, and in the various embarrassments which have attended us in our lawful pursuits; let us at the same time devoutly recognize His righteous government of the world, and adore Him for every display, whether of His justice or of His mercy.

And I recommend that we unite in fervent prayers to ALMIGHTY GOD, for His blessing upon the People of the United States, and upon the President and subordinate officers in our national government; particularly that it would please Him to shed His choicest favours upon this commonwealth; to inspire all in authority with zeal and fidelity in their respective stations; to impress our citizens with a grateful sense of their high privileges, with reverence for their laws, and with sentiments of charity and good-will for each other, to smile on the institutions of religion and of learning, on Christian Ministers and churches of every denomination, on our colleges, academies and schools; and on all attempts to relieve human suffering and to promote the intellectual and religious improvement of our fellow-men: That it would please him to prosper us in our commerce and navigation, in our agriculture and manufactures, and in all our laudable undertakings, to reward the husbandman with an abundant harvest, and to crown the ensuing year with the bounties of his Providence and the blessings of his grace: That it would please Him to extend His paternal care to the whole family of mankind, and to put an end to the ignorance, infidelity and delusion which overspread large portions of the earth, by diffusing universally the knowledge & the belief of our holy religion; above all, that he would deeply imprint its sacred truths, upon our own hearts, and enable us so to exemplify its divine principles, as that we may finally meet with its everlasting rewards.

All servile labour and vain recreation on said day are by law forbidden.

Given under my hand, at Sharon, the twentieth day of February, in the year of Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and in the forty-first year of the Independence of the United States of America.

JOHN COTTON SMITH.

By His Excellency's Command,
Thomas Day, Secretary.

Baltimore, March 7.

THE PENITENTIARY.

We can now state with regard to the conflagration of the penitentiary on Wednesday night last, the extent of the damage. The roof of the wing is entirely consumed, the centre building is untouched by the flame, the cells and the lower floor remain uninjured, but the upper floor is consumed. That part of the building denominated the church, & the kitchen likewise, is totally destroyed. Not a single criminal escaped, notwithstanding the fire was evidently kindled for that purpose. A large quantity of oakum picked by the prisoners, was deposited in the garret, and as the flames originated in that part of the building, very little doubt remains but that a coal was placed in one of the bundles. There was a difficulty in obtaining a sufficient supply of water, as the gates were shut during all the time of the fire, to prevent the escape of the convicts. A number of citizens resorted to the fire, armed with muskets, to prevent the escape of the criminals, commanded by col. Moore. The pumps enclosed by the wall of the penitentiary were drained, and this may suggest the propriety of having a suction, as well as a common engine in future in some convenient place, and fire plugs to be supplied with water from the works of the water company, to prevent the return of a similar casualty. One of the attendant citizens died, and the verdict of the jury was, natural death.

From the Federal Republican.

COMMUNICATION.

Died yesterday, after a short illness, the Hon. JOSEPH HOPPER NICHOLSON, (aged 47 years) Chief Judge of the 6th. Judicial District, and a Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

In the death of this gentleman the public has to deplore the loss of one of its wisest and most virtuous citizens—and his family and friends to mourn the departure of the best and kindest of men. Remarkable from early life for his great moral excellence and elevation of character, and possessing fine talents, invigorated and adorned by cultivation he soon became distinguished in his professional and public career; and way for many years a conspicuous member of Congress. His legal attainments led to his elevation to a high judicial station in 1805, from which the offer of great appointments by the General Government could not draw him, and the duties which he discharged until his death, with so much dignity, integrity, and ability as to command the universal esteem and approbation of all who witnessed his administration of justice—His character and not his fortune, placed him at the head of a prosperous monied institution of this city. But it was in his private and domestic relations that Judge Nicholson manifested his most engaging and most ennobling qualities; and that his loss will be most severely felt—His amiable manners and refined conversation endeared him to his numerous friends; while a large family connexion to which he was a head, a parent, and a support, and an affectionate wife and fatherless children, must bewail this bereavement as a desolating and irreparable calamity.

— At his seat in Prince George's county, ARCHIBALD VANHORN, esq. a member of the Senate of this State, and formerly representative in Congress from the second district.

Public Sale.

Agreeable to an order of the honorable the orphans court of Anne Arundel, the subscribers will expose at public sale on Friday, 4th day of April, all the personal property of Zachariah Cormwell, late of said county, deceased, at his late dwelling, consisting of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, corn, rye, plantation utensils, and several negroes, and other articles too tedious to mention. The terms of sale are, all sums of twenty dollars and over, the purchaser or purchasers are to give bond or note, with security, to be approved of by the subscribers, with legal interest, and all sums under 20 dollars, the cash to be paid on delivery of the goods. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock in the morning.

J. Williams, Francis Hancock, } Executors of Zachariah Cromwell.
March 13. ts

NOTICE.

By virtue of a decree of the court of chancery of the state of Maryland, will be sold on Saturday, the fifth day of April next, at William Brewer's tavern, in the city of Annapolis, at 12 o'clock, part of the real estate of Charles Wallace, deceased, to wit: A large Brick House on the south side of the city of Annapolis, on the bank of the Creek above the residence of Mr. Charles Carroll of Carrolton & col. Maynadier, together with about four acres of ground. This house is in one of the most beautiful and healthy situations in the city, and would be a very desirable situation for any individual who would wish to live in a city and enjoy the retirement of the country. The house is not in good repair, but may be made a very desirable residence at a small expense. Also, two Houses and Lots, on the south side of Corn Hill-street, near the Dock. One of them, at present occupied by William Bishop, and the other by Christopher Hohne as a work-shop, with the back buildings belonging to them. The houses are of wood and have suffered considerable injury from being untenanted, but may be easily repaired and made comfortable dwellings. Also about fourteen acres of land, within half a mile of the city of Annapolis, on the Baltimore road, adjoining the farms of Mr. George Wells and Mr. Rezin Spurrier. Upon this land is a framed house, which at a small expense may be converted into a comfortable dwelling house; and the land is not inferior to any in the neighborhood, and would be an eligible situation for a person disposed to turn his attention to marketing. At the same time and place will be sold the large brick-house, the north building of the range of buildings fronting the market-house. This is one of the most eligible situations for business in the city, and extremely well calculated for the accommodation of a family. The terms of sale are that bonds with approved security shall be given, for paying the purchase money with interest within twelve months from the time of sale.

Nicholas Brewer, Trustee.
March 13. 5w

Notice is hereby given,

That the subscriber has obtained from the orphans court of Calvert county, letters testamentary on the personal estate of William Weems, late of Calvert county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, near Tracey's Landing, on or before the 27th August next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate, and those indebted to make immediate payment, otherwise the law will be enforced against them. Given under my hand this 27th February, 1817.

Elijah Weems,
Executor.

PUBLIC SALE.

By virtue of an order from the orphans court of Anne Arundel county, the subscribers will expose to public sale, on Saturday the 29th instant, at ten o'clock in the morning, at her late residence in the city of Annapolis,

All the undivided part of the personal estate of the late Mrs. Margaret Shepherd, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, &c. The terms of sale will be, six months credit for all sums over twenty dollars, on the purchaser or purchasers giving bond, with approved security, for the payment of the purchase money, with interest from the day of sale, and for all sums under the above, the cash to be paid,

John Miller, Peter Miller, } Executors.
March 13. 3w

LAND FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale his Farm on South River, known by the name of Aberdeen, containing three hundred, sixty-three and a quarter acres of land. The fertility of the soil is excellent, admirably adapted to the growth of Indian corn, wheat and tobacco; Plaister of Paris can be used to great advantage. The improvements are a dwelling house in an unfinished state, which may be finished at a small expense so as to make it a complete dwelling, a number of other buildings in tolerable repair, such as corn-house, smoke-house, stable, tobacco house, &c. a valuable young apple orchard, of choice fruit, producing abundantly, a great sufficiency of wood of all descriptions. Persons inclined to purchase are invited to view the premises, which will be shewn them by Mr. John B. Nicholls, manager on the place. For terms, which will be accommodating, application will be made to

George C. Steuart,
or William Steuart, Mount Steuart

N. B. If this property is not sold at private sale before the 21st day of March, inst. it will be offered at public sale to the highest bidder, on the premises.

March 13.

State of Maryland, sct.

Anne-Arundel County, Orphans court, March 11, 1817.

On application by petition of Jacob Williams and Francis Hancock, administrators de bonis non, with the will annexed, of Francis Cromwell, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered that they 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 & Political Intelligencer.

John Gassaway, Reg. Wills,
for A. A. County.

This is to give Notice,

That the subscribers of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration de bonis non with the will annexed, on the personal estate of Francis Cromwell, 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 subscribers, at or before the eleventh day of September next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under our hands, this 11th day of March, 1817.

Jacob Williams, Francis Hancock, } adm'rs. D. B. N. W. A.
March 13.

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel County, Orphans Court, March 11, 1817.

On application by petition of Jacob Williams and Francis Hancock, administrators de bonis non with the will annexed, of Joshua Powell, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered, that they 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 succesaive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette and Political Intelligencer.

John Gassaway, Reg. Wills,
A. A. County.

This is to give Notice,

That the subscribers of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the Orphans Court of Anne-Arundel County, in Maryland, letters of administration de bonis non with the will annexed, on the personal estate of Joshua Powell, 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 subscribers, at or before the first day of May next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under our hands this 11th day of March, 1817.

Jacob Williams, Francis Hancock, } adm'rs. D. B. N. W. A.
March 13.

To be Rented

For three years, either for a certain sum, or a share, at the option of the tenant, Mr. Kent's farm on the north side of Severn, opposite to Annapolis. For terms apply to

Henry L. Davis.
January 30. tf.

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the estate of Nicholas Baldwin, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are requested to exhibit the same to the subscriber, legally authenticated, and all persons indebted to him are requested to make immediate payment.

It is hoped that due attention will be paid to this notice, as legal measures will be resorted to against all those who disregard it.

Rezin D. Baldwin,
Administrator.
March 6. 3w

Taken up as a Stray,

By the subscriber, living near Bladensburgh, in Prince George's county, a BLACK HORSE, with a sore back, both hind feet white, a white spot on his shoulder, fourteen hands high, supposed to be eleven or twelve years old. The owner is requested to apply, prove property, pay charges and take away the said horse.

Wm. Magruder.
Prince George's County, March 6, 1816. 3w

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne Arundel county, Orphans Court, March 4, 1817.

On application by petition of Mary Armiger & Ricaud G. Hutton, administrators with the will annexed, of Jno Armiger, 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 Political Intelligencer.

John Gassaway, Reg. Wills,
for A. A. County.

Notice is hereby given,

That the subscribers of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration with the will annexed, on the personal estate of John Armiger, 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 10th day of April next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 4th day of March, 1817.

Mary Armiger, Richard G Hutton, } Adm'rs. W. A.
March 6.

A Teacher Wanted,

At the Anne-Arundel county Free School, on the Head of South River, by the first day of April. The situation will be an eligible one to a person who can produce testimonials of his good character and capability. Application to be made to either

Brice J. Worthington,
Thomas Snowden,
Nicholas Watkins of Thos.
Stephen Beard,
Charles Watson,
Thomas Hodges.

March 6.

Public Sale.

By virtue of an act of the late legislature, & of an order thereupon of the Chancery court of Maryland; will be exposed to sale to the highest bidder, on Monday, the 17th day of March next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises, (this property being formerly occupied by Mary Pearson;) those two tracts, parts of tracts, or parcels of land, bounding on Glebe Creek of South River, in Anne-Arundel county, called Bessonden, and Gassaway's Meadows, containing about one hundred and forty acres, adjoining the property, late the dwelling plantation of Doct. John Gassaway deceased, and now the property of Mr. Edward Collinson. The terms are, that the purchaser shall give bond with security to be approved by the subscriber, for the payment of the purchase money with interest from the day of sale within twelve months, and on payment of the purchase money a good title will be given thereto, by

Isaac Mayo, Trustee.

N. B. It has been reduced to a certainty that this place will support more stock than many others of double the number of acres.

Feb. 27 ts.

Public Sale.

By virtue of an order from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, the subscriber will expose to public sale, on Tuesday the 18th day of March next, if fair, if not the next fair day thereafter, on the premises, all the the personal estate of Nicholas Baldwin, of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, consisting of horses, cows, sheep, hogs, bacon, thirty barrels of corn, & fodder, household and kitchen furniture, with a variety of farming utensils, too tedious to enumerate. Terms of sale, for all sums above twenty dollars a credit of six months will be given, the purchaser or purchasers giving bond, with approved security, and for all sums of twenty dollars, and under, the cash to be paid on the day of sale.

Rezin D. Baldwin, Admr.
Feb. 27. ts.