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J. S. SKINNER,
Master of Baltimore.

...principal subjects treated of in
...the American Farmer
...payable half yearly in
...to be admitted to the Editor
...at his risk.

AUTHORITY
OF MARYLAND.
To establish a new Election
in Baltimore county.
Passed Feb 8, 1819.

BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTORY
...subscriber takes great pleasure
...publishing his friends and the public,
...that he has opened a boot
...manufactory, next door to
...Grammer's, and opposite to
...Jamson's Hotel, where all por-
...posed to encourage him, are
...to call or direct their orders,
...by his assiduity and attent-
...ness to deserve, and will be
...to receive a share of public en-
...ment; and pledges that his
...ll be executed on the shortest
...ter the first fashions, on the
...urable terms, of materials of
...quality, and in the most elab-
...orable manner.

LANDS FOR SALE
...the following...
...the following...
...the following...

FOR SALE
The Houses, now occupied by
Robinson as a Boarding House,
the Farmers Bank. They will be
together, or separate, to suit
ers. Apply to
WILLIAM BREWER
Annapolis, Feb. 11.

HARRIS & M'HENRY
REPORTS,
THE FOURTH VOLUME,
Just Published and for Sale
GEORGE SHAW'S STORE
Annapolis, Dec. 10.

JOHN THOMPSON
MERCHANT TAILOR
Returns his thanks for past favors,
and informs his friends and the public
that he has laid in an assortment of
SEASONABLE
GOODS,
Which he will be happy to make
for them in the most fashionable
and on the best terms.
May 20.

300 Dollars Reward
Ranaway from the subscriber,
on South River, in Anne Arundel
county, Maryland, on Tuesday night
last inst. three young Negro Men,
MOSES,
Alias Moses Johnson, aged about
years, about 5 feet, 2 or 3 inches
very black and well set, round
sant countenance when spoken to,
particular marks recollected; his
ing when he eloped, was a round
coloured overjacket, trousers of
brown cloth, shirt of common
and felt hat.

DAVY BOSTON
Very nearly of the same descrip-
Moses, (aged about 20 years), ex-
complexion, which is rather of a
low cast, has a mark on the left
his mouth, or rather on the
which is about one inch long, and
ed the thickness of a large kni-
needle; this mark cannot be
perceived if examined, by
cannot be mistaken—his clothes
deemed unnecessary to describe.
has no doubt changed them.

DICK BOSTON
Aged about 18 years, brother to
rather slender, and of a dark
ion, approaching to black; his
feet 8 inches high, has a
teeth, thick lips, and rather
countenance; his clothing consist-
short blue coat and pantaloons,
burg shirt, and a wool hat.
they were in possession of a
strong shoes well nailed.
I will give for the apprehension
the above described negroes, if
in any goal in the state of Mary-
land, that I get them again, 180 dollars
50 dollars for either of them, and
taken out of the state, and
any goal so that I get them
will give 300 dollars, and in
for either of them.

FOR SALE
Office and St. Shaws Store,
Law printing and binding
Charter of this City,
IN PAMPHLET FORM
Price—12 1/2 Cents.

J. Watkins,
MERCHANT TAILOR,
his thanks to the public for
the assistance afforded him, and
himself of the opportunity of
serving them that he has just
received and opened an as-
ortment of
GOODS
suitable for the present and ap-
proaching seasons, viz.
French and English blue
Cloths,
brown, mixed, and other col-
ours,
blue, mixed, light and buff Cas-
simeres,
Bombazettes, and other
goods for Summer wear,
will be made up to suit his pat-
rons in the most fashionable style, on
shortest notice and best terms.

B. Bowie,
In Prince-
George's
county court,
sitting as a
Court of
Chancery.

...the object of the bill filed in this
...to obtain an order from the
...directing John McGill, of Prince-
...county, Trustee for the sale
...of real estate of Brock Mockbee,
...of said county, deceased, to credit
...of William Bowie, late of
...county, also deceased, with the di-
...of the defendants heirs at law
...said Brock Mockbee. The bill
...that the said William Bowie in
...time, purchased and paid for
...of said heirs, in and to a tract
...of land called Brock Hall,
...in said county, the land sold by
...to pay the debts of said
...Mockbee; it is thereupon, on
...of the complainants ordered,
...they cause a copy of this order to
...in some newspaper publish-
...the city of Washington or An-
...once a week for the space of three
...to the intent that the said de-
...debtors may have notice of this appli-
...and show cause in person, or
...or by their prayer of the peti-
...before the next Prince George's
...county court, to be held on the
...Monday of September next.

JOHN JOHNSON
Copy, Test.
AQUILA BALL, Clk.
3m.

Notice is hereby given,
...the subscriber of Anne Arundel
...back obtained from the or-
...ward of Anne Arundel county,
...land, whereof administration
...person estate of John J.
...of Anne Arundel county, deceased,
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TO THE EDITOR OF THE FEDERAL OBSERVER,
Dear Sir,
In conformity with the wishes
of the gentlemen who composed an
assembly, held a few days ago over
the body of a steaming found upon
the Swamp Beach, I have hastily
thrown together the circumstances,
and taken the liberty of addressing
the communication to you. As
however, no facts were developed
during the investigation, which af-
forded even the most vague suspi-
cion of the identity of the person,
some explanation may be necessary
of our motive in offering to the
the public a record so disgusting. It
is generally understood, that num-
berless instances have recently oc-
curred of the most flagrant enormi-
ties being committed by the crews
of vessels fitted out in the waters of
the Chesapeake—the frightful list
of indictments found by the Grand
Jury at the last Circuit Court in
Baltimore, has attested and record-
ed it, and every man who has not
renounced his allegiance to the laws,
both of God and his country, is im-
periously called upon to vindicate
their authority. It being under-
stood in the neighbourhood, that a
number of bodies had, within a short
period, been found upon the Bay
shore, and owing to their extreme
putrescence and offensiveness, had
been buried without examination
and scarcely beyond the reach of the
hogs and birds of prey, an inquest
was thought proper and accordingly
summoned, in order to ascertain as
far as was then practicable, their
number and the probable causes of
their deaths. We proceeded to the
spot where the two last found had
been deposited in the ground, and
although our enquiries from those
who had buried them, afforded but
little hopes of learning any thing
from an inspection of the bodies,
we resolved upon raising the one
most recently found. This unplea-
sant operation, however, was but illy
requited by the result, those parts
which had been exposed, no longer
possessed any of the distinctive
traits of humanity, and those which
had been protected from laceration
by the cloathes, were too much dis-
coloured by the progress of decay,
to distinguish any marks of vio-
lence, if any had been committed.
In the pockets were found a few
pieces of silver of the common cur-
rency of the country, a crucifix, two
rosaries, and a card with a dozen
pair of small gold ear-rings attach-
ed to the face of it, precisely as they
are imported and exposed to sale,
but not as they would have been
obtained by purchasers, being all
alike. A further inspection of the
bodies in order to ascertain the
mode of their deaths was deemed
unnecessary by the surgeon attend-
ing. They cannot however avoid
entertaining the persuasion that
there has been some most foul ag-
ency in the affair—which may be bro't
to light by a sincere and rigid pro-
secution of those offenders who
are confined to trial.

MOST UNNATURAL CRIME
The following extract from the
Baltimore and Annapolis Observer
of the 17th inst. is a full and
correct account of a most horrid
crime, which was committed at
Buffalo, N.Y. on the 4th
of April last, for the murder of his
wife, six children, and two servants,
cannot be read without exciting sen-
timents of the greatest horror and
astonishment at the commission of
so unnatural and demoralizing a crime.
We insert it as a solemn warning
to those who indulge in similar prac-
tices.

On the night of the 24th March
last, I was at the Buffalo Tavern,
until it was about one o'clock, play-
ing cards, drinking, swearing, and
committing all the sin and wicked-
ness which this kind of company
are in the habit of doing. By this
time my head began to swim with
the effects of ardent liquors; so
much so, that I could scarcely make
my way home. I was just entering
the gate of my house, when I re-
ceived a blow on the head with a
billet of wood, from the force of
which I fell prostrate on the ground,
and lay almost senseless for some
minutes; when I awoke from my
delirium I began to consider and
thought that such conduct from a
wife, was too much to let pass un-
noticed, I therefore was determined
to have revenge upon her, and in
the space of half an hour, as near
as I can recollect, I endeavoured
with the stun of my wound to crawl
towards the house, and more is the
pity, for the first thing that present-
ed itself to my view was the WOOD
AXE! and now being prepared like
a butcher going to slaughter, I start-
ed and came to the bed where my
wife and three children were lying;
I did not hesitate a moment, be-
gan to cut and slash among these
four, while they lay sleeping, the
first was my wife, she was bur-
ied in her bosom! the children
clung so close to her that they were
cut to pieces, and by this time the
bed was overflowed with human gore.
The sound of these distressed suf-
ferers alarmed my other three chil-
dren—alas! what must have been
my feelings at this time! they began
to be much confused, but I still pur-
sued my slaughtering until my wife
and six children lay floating in their
BLOOD.

The savage heart is never satis-
fied; after committing this horrid
act upon my own flesh and blood,
my two servants become the objects
of my butchering heart; they had
some suspicion of my intention, and
therefore endeavoured to make their
escape through a back window in
the lower part of the house—the
old black woman being half in and
half out, I ran with my axe and cut
her legs off as she was going out of
the window; her daughter, who had
a tender feeling for her mother,
came to me and implored mercy from
my hand, but no, the Devil would
not let my savage soul stop here,
but I immediately put an end to
their existence; this being done,
there then lay nine innocent souls
floating in their own crimson gore.

Still not being satisfied with what
I had already done, I first took the
two servants and built a fire in the
kitchen fire place, which was large
enough to hold half a quarter of
wood, then placing the old woman
on the back part of the fire, and the
daughter on the front, I then went
up stairs and brought down the bod-
ies of my wife and children and
burnt them likewise!

After committing these most
dreadful crimes, I felt low and dull
in spirits, and much concerned about
my misconduct. I expect the Inhu-
man acts which I have been guilty
of will stand before me in my last
days, which will now be very soon I
expect.

From the Salem Gazette, June 11.
**THE SEA SERPENT STILL IN
OUR BAY.**
Our southern Brethren have made
themselves merry at the credulity of
the Yankees in the case of the Sea
Serpent which so frequently pre-
sented himself to the view of thou-
sands, the summer before last; and
the "corruptions" of dramatic wit,
under the title of "The Sea Serpent
or Gloucester Hoax" have drawn
thundering applause from crowded
theatres. Still people are not to
be entirely laughed out of their
senses, and if human testimony is
ever to be admitted on the subject

of any phenomenon to nature, we
scarcely know of one in which it
has been more ample than in that re-
corded in the Journal of the day,
when the occasion arose. We have
now further evidence to add to the
mass already before the public in re-
gard to the existence of this
strange creature. It will be recol-
lected that his reappearance in our
bay was announced last week in the
Boston Gazette, and repeated by us;
he has been seen again, & more
leisurely surveyed from another ves-
sel, the master and mate of which
have given their respective accounts
under the solemn sanction of their
oaths—as follows:

I, Hawkins Wheeler, of Fairfield,
in the county of Fairfield and state
of Connecticut, mariner, command-
er of the sloop Concord, of said
Fairfield, in her late passage from
New York to Salem, in the County
of Essex and Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, on oath declare, that
during the said passage from New
York to Salem, to wit: on Monday,
the 6th day of June inst. at about 5
o'clock in the morning, the sloop
being as near as I could judge, 15
miles NW. of Race Point, & with-
in sight of Cape Ann, I was at the
helm of the sloop, and saw, direct-
ly ahead, (the course of the vessel
being NW.) something that resem-
bled a snake, about 100 yards dis-
tant from the sloop, moving in a
SW. direction. The animal moved
in that direction till he had passed
athwart the course of the sloop, and
appeared directly over the weather
bow, when he altered his course to
SE. At this time he had been vi-
sible about 5 minutes, when he sunk,
and in about 6 or 8 minutes after
appeared again directly over the
weather quarter, about the same
distance from the sloop—he contin-
ued in that course about 5 or 6
minutes, when he sunk again, and I
saw him no more. His motion was
at the rate of about 4 miles an hour
when he passed ahead; but after he
appeared again on the quarter, his
motion was not so rapid. To the
best of my judgment he was not
more than 100 yards from the ves-
sel—the weather was good and
clear—it was almost calm, with a
light air of wind from the S. the
vessel was going about 2 knots—I
had a fair and distinct view of the
creature, and from his appearance
am satisfied that it was of the ser-
pent kind. The creature was en-
tirely black; the head, which per-
fectly resembled a snake's, was ele-
vated from 4 to 7 feet above the
surface of the water, and his back
appeared to be composed of bunches
or humps, apparently about as large
or a little larger than a half barrel;
I think I saw as many as ten or
twelve, but did not count them; I
considered them to be capped by
the undulatory motion of the ani-
mal—the tail was not visible, but
from the head to the last hump that
could be seen, was, I should judge,
50 feet. The first view I had of
him appeared like a string of empty
barrels tied together, rising over
what little swell of the sea; there
was. What motion I could discern
in the body of the animal was undu-
latory, but he evidently moved his
tail under water, and the ripples
produced by it indicated a sweeping
motion, making a wake as large as
that made by the sloop.

HAWKINS WHEELER.
Essex, ss. June 9th, 1819.

Then Hawkins Wheeler person-
ally appeared and made oath that
the foregoing affidavit by him sub-
scribed contains the truth, the whole
truth, and nothing but the truth.—
Before me.

THEODORE EAMES,
Justice Peace.

I, Gersham Bennett, of Fairfield,
in the County of Fairfield, & State
of Connecticut, mariner, on oath
declare, that I was mate of the sloop
Concord, Hawkins Wheeler, master,
in her late passage from New York
to Salem, Mass. that on Monday,
the 6th day of June inst. at 7 o'clock
in the morning, I was on the deck
of the sloop, sitting on the hatches
—the vessel was steering NW. and
was then about 18 miles from Race
Point. The man at the helm made
an outcry, and said there was some-
thing alongside that he wanted me
to look at; I looked, and saw some-
thing on the larboard side of the
vessel, about 15 rods, certainly not
exceeding 14, from the vessel, that

resembled a serpent or snake,
I immediately arose and went to the
side of the vessel, and took a look
on the hatches, holding on by
the shrouds; there I saw a serpent
of an enormous size and uncom-
mon appearance, upon the water his
head was about the length of the
anchor-stock above the surface of
the water, viz. about 7 feet. I look-
ed at the anchor stock at the time
and formed my opinion by compar-
ing the two objects.—The weather
was very clear and good, and the
water almost calm, and I had, I
think, as good a view of the animal
as if I had been within two rods of
him. The colour of the animal
throughout, as far as could be seen,
was black, and the surface appeared
to be smooth, without scales—his
head was about as long as a horse's,
and was a proper snake's head—
there was a degree of flatness with
a slight hollow on the top of his
head—the eyes were prominent, and
stood out considerably from the sur-
face, resembling in that respect the
eyes of a toad, and were nearer to
the mouth of the animal, than to
the back of the head. I had a full
view of him for 7 or 8 minutes. He
was moving in the same direction
with the sloop, and about 5 feet
The back was composed of bunches
about the size of a flour barrel, and
were apparently about 3 feet apart
—they appeared to be fixed, but
might be occasioned by the motion
of the animal, and looked like a
string of casks or barrels tied to-
gether—the tail was not visible,
but the part which could be seen
was, I should judge, 50 feet in
length—the motion of the bunches
was undulatory; but the wake of his
tail, which he evidently moved un-
der water, showed a horizontal or
sweeping motion, producing a wake
as large as the vessel made. He
turned his head two or three times
slowly round toward and from the
vessel, as if taking a view of some
object on board. I went up on the
rigging, for the purpose of taking a
view of him from above; but before
I had reached my station, he sunk
below the surface of the water, and
did not appear again.

GERSHAM BENNETT.
Essex, ss. June 9th, 1819.

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the foregoing affidavit by him subscrib-
ed contains the truth, the whole
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THEODORE EAMES,
Justice Peace.

From the Boston Centinel.
A few days since we were inform-
ed by a respectable and intelligent
master of a vessel, that on the 1st
May last, he and others, saw off the
Table Land of Cape Cod, an aquatic
Animal, which exhibited an appear-
ance different from any thing which
he and they had ever before seen,
although our informant has spent
most of his life at sea, and in the
whaling service. When the head
of the animal was first seen, at a
distance, it had, says our informant,
the appearance of a man standing
in a boat—that soon after it ap-
proached in the direction of the ves-
sel, the head immersing in the water
as it advanced, and passed the ves-
sel, within 30 feet, then exhibiting
the appearance of a large Horse
swimming its nose projected, and
leaving a wake as large as that of a
vessel of 120 tons, under quick
way. That the colour of the ani-
mal was brownish, that no fins were
visible, excepting one like a flapper
near the tail, which appeared under
water somewhat indented. Our in-
formant did not wish to appear be-
fore the public as a narrator, but
communicated the above facts for our
information; and which were fully
confirmed by a gentleman who was
a passenger with him.

FOR SALE,
A NEGRO WOMAN, who is well
acquainted with house work of every
description, and her two children, one
Girl, of about 14 years of age, and a
boy about 18 months old.—
These Negroes will be sold for life to
any purchaser who will not carry them
out of the state. They are not offer-
ed for sale for any fault committed by
them. A credit of 12 months will be
given on the purchase, giving bond
with good security, conditioned for the
payment of the purchase money. In-
quiries of the Printer.

June 5.

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