DISTRICT OF MARYLAND—to wit:

BE it Remembered, That on the eleventh day of February, in the twenty-ninth year of the independence of the United States of America, John B. Colvin, of the said district, hath deposited in this office the title of a book, the right whereof he claims as author, in the following words, to wit:

A Magistrate's Guide,
AND CITIZEN's COUNSELLOR;
BEING

A Digested Abstract of those Laws of the state of Maryland most necessary to be known, and most useful in common transactions of life.

Interspersed with a variety of

Practical Forms & Precedents,
For the use of Justices of the Peace and others,

BY JOHN B. COLVIN.

In conformity to the act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of Maps, Charts and Books, to the authors or proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned."

PHILIP MOORE, Clk. D. C.

To the Citizens of Maryland.

THE above work has been for some time past in the press, and is in considerable forwardness, and will be published with all possible expedition.

It is a maxim which has been long established, that "*ignorance of the law excuseth no man*;" and the reason of it is obvious: For if *ignorance of the law* were admitted as a just plea, laws would be without force, and consequently useless. As it is out of the power of our government to promulgate its laws in such a way as to communicate them to every individual of the community, it is necessary for every man to furnish himself with the means of information to a degree sufficient to enable him to discharge the duties of his station as a citizen of a free state.—This is what he owes to his country. To himself he owes more. It is every man's *interest* to be acquainted with the laws of his own government sufficiently to enable him to avoid the shoals and quicksands of legal controversy, on which ignorance of the law might throw him, and occasion the wreck of his fortune, and, perhaps, of his happiness likewise. It is not only every man's *interest*, but it is every man's *duty to his family* to endeavor to understand enough of the acts of assembly and of the forms and proceedings in the administration of justice, to enable him to preserve his estate in a legal way, transact in a proper manner the business of life according to rule, to be able to recover his debts; and he ought to know the relative duties of one citizen to another.

The above work is an attempt to convey to the people of Maryland in as concise a manner as possible, correct knowledge of the provisions of those acts of assembly which are most necessary to be known and understood by the citizens of the state at large, together with some common law principles which are in force in Maryland. Matters that relate to accounts, and the evidence of debts, to administration of the estates of deceased persons, apprentices, articles of agreement, assignments, attachments, arrests, bonds, bails, bills, bastardy, conveyancing, constables, contracts, dowers, deeds, distress, executions, escape, evidence, felony, forgery, gaming, goal, goaler, guardians, homicide indictment, information, judgment, jurors, (and their duties,) justices of the peace, larceny, lewdness, libel, misdemeanor, nuisance, oaths, pardon, perjury, poligamy, the poor, presentment, prison-breaking, rape, recognizance, rescue, riot, robbery, search-warrants, sheriff, (his duties) slander, surety for the peace, slaves, treason, vagrants, warrants, wills, and a variety of other things, which it would be extremely tedious to describe at large, will be contained in this work. Besides laying down the law under each head, *forms* and *precedents* will be introduced for the information of magistrates and others. These will consist of precepts used by justices of the peace in the discharge of the duties of their station, and copies of all manner of instruments of writing used in bargaining, selling, and conveying every species of property, agreeably to the laws of Maryland. Under the head of accounts particular care has been taken to arrange all the evidence of debts, the manner and form of proof; and under the head of administration, the compiler has been careful to insert every thing that can be serviceable to executors and administrators. A very correct copy of a will is laid down, and the number of witnesses and manner of proving it explained, with respect to real and personal property. Marking and bounding land has occupied much attention, and the law and method of proceeding, together with the returns of commissioners are correctly stated. In short, whatever can be of service to the magistrate or to the citizen, has been carefully considered, and inserted in the book. To justices of the peace the work will be extremely valuable, and to the people at large of great benefit.

It has often been contended that in a free government every citizen has a *right* to participate equally in the offices of the state. To this proposition I have always assented; but at the same time I have uniformly thought there was another *right* not altogether unimportant; which is, that the community have a *right to expect that every citizen should be qualified for the office which he fills.* These two *rights* should go hand in hand. There is no office in the gift of our state executive of more importance or which may be more easily abused than that of a justice of the peace; and it not only requires a man of strong and good sense to fill it properly, but one somewhat acquainted with the fundamental principles of law in general, and with our local laws in particular: A knowledge of the latter in some degree, is, in fact, indispensably requisite: But as justices of the peace are generally and very properly appointed from among the honest and independent part of the citizens of the several counties, whose thoughts have been turned to other pursuits in common, but who, nevertheless, have found understandings, it is not to be expected that they can at once dive into the huge quarto volumes of Kilty's compilation and drag thence the pith and marrow of the acts of assembly, and at the same time learn the form and manner of issuing innumerable precepts required by their official duty. Hence the great necessity for a work embracing all these particulars in a small compass, so as to form a complete *Guide* and *Counsellor*.

The duties of jurors have been stated with precision; and as every man is liable to serve the public in that capacity, that topic alone will render the book of general utility.

Although I have thus copiously dwelt upon the advantages and merits of this work, I by no means conceive that it will be free from some few imperfections; nor do I arrogate to myself the sole merit of collecting the *forms* and *precedents* together. I am by no means desirous to sacrifice truth in this particular to my vanity, I have had very able assistance from a few well informed friends, whose disinterested services have been of incalculable use to me; and without which, indeed, I should have found myself at a great loss for those numerous practical forms which the work will contain, amounting in the whole to more than two hundred. It would take an individual years, perhaps, to gather so large a collection, and they might at last be incorrect: Whereas the above book will furnish the whole at once, and in a proper form.

The following letter from judge Duvall, (to whom the first eighty pages of the work had been submitted after coming from the press) will convey some idea of the merits of the book—

"*Washington, December 27, 1804.*

SIR,

I have received your letter inclosing eighty pages of a work prepared by you, in which you have begun a digest of those parts of the laws of Maryland which more frequently occur in the common transactions of life, and which are therefore deemed the most useful.

I have perused it and have no hesitation in pronouncing the utility of such a work. The law appears to be carefully abstracted, and the forms well chosen. It will be found useful to magistrates and to the people in general, and merits their patronage. It is adapted more particularly to the information of those who have not the means of purchasing, and the leisure to examine our laws at large. In a free government, the laws cannot be too extensively circulated; and he who adds to the diffusion of a knowledge of them, contributes to increase the comforts and happiness of society, and deserves their encouragement and support.

I am, with respect and esteem,
Your obedient servant,
G. DUVALL.

Mr. John B. Colvin."

Wishing to make the book cheap, the terms will be as follow, to wit:

I. It will be printed with a good type on good paper, and contain above 300 pages Octavo—perhaps 400.

II. It will be neatly bound and lettered.

III. The price will be 2 dollars to subscribers, and 2 dollars 50 cents to non-subscribers. No money required till the work is delivered.

IV. Persons procuring eleven subscribers, and becoming answerable for the money, shall receive a twelfth copy gratis.

The acts of assembly, up to the close of the last session, will be attended to.

JOHN B. COLVIN.

Frederick-Town, March 11, 1805.

☞ Subscriptions received for the above at this office, and by the different booksellers of the city of Baltimore.

May 23. 1aw

A Hearse for Hire.

THE subscriber takes the liberty of informing the public, that though under the necessity of declining the Cabinet Business, he still continues to have the care of an elegant hearse for the use of such as may have occasion for the same, and all orders for that, with any number of carriages that may be wanted for any funeral, will be thankfully received and promptly attended to, by applying to Mr. Hartman Elliott, Howard-street, Mr. Peter Swart, Church-street, or to the subscriber, No. 82, Harrison-street, WILLIAM HARRIS.

N. B. Every class of citizens can be accommodated with a hearse, and the price of each to suit their circumstances. W. H.

June 11 eo6t

American Printed Goods.

CALICOES, SHAWLS, Pocket HANDKERCHIEFS, and a few bales white MUSLINS, for sale at No. 13, Calvert-street, by M'CULLOCH & LAMNAYS.

P. S. They are prepared to print or calender any goods for merchants, agreeably to desire, at moderate charges.

march 13 eo

To be Let,

A THREE Story Brick HOUSE on Part street, between Mr. O'Donnell's and Dugan's wharves. It has a store room in front, and an entry to the dwelling part. It is roomy and convenient, and has a fine back building with kitchen, &c. To a good tenant it will be let on good terms. Apply to

BALTZER SCHAFFER.

may 8 eo

Edward Scott, *Taylor*,

TAKES this method of informing his customers, that a severe indisposition, with which he has been afflicted, has obliged him to remove his work from his shop in south Gay-street, to his dwelling house, Jones's-street, Old Town, near the foot bridge, until the return of health enables him to attend to business as heretofore.

June 14 co4t

Five Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY on Sunday morning from the subscriber, an apprentice boy, by trade a blacksmith, named *James Wilson*, about 5 feet 8 inches high, well made, fair complexion, 17 years of age; had on when he went away, a blue cloth round jacket, Russia sheeting trowsers, check shirt, shoes, & a half worn hat. He has a protection with him, which is dated either September or October, 1804. Whoever takes up and secures said apprentice, so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward including what the law allows. All masters of vessels and others, are forewarned from harboring him, or taking him away at their peril.

RICHARD B. CHENOWITH.

June 11 eo4t*

Baltimore Foundry.

THE public are respectfully informed, that Iron Castings in general, can be had at the shortest notice; such as wheels, cranks, spindles, boxes, gear segments of [illegible] gudgeons and steps, slitting-mill and garden rollers, forge hammers, busks and bites, stoves and cockles for [illegible] iners, iron chests, door frames, boxes for brewers, bakers, distillers & all other domestic uses; oven mouths, pallisading window bars, gratings, fancy railing; clock, sash, and standard weights; fenders for warehouse door jambs, &c.

N. B. Patterns made to drawings, to be paid for extra orders, left at the foundry, near the Observatory, will be carefully attended to

LYON & MORTEN.

April 20 2aw12t*

To be Sold

And immediate possession given to the purchaser,

DIFFERENT tracts of LAND lying about 2 miles above Reisterstown, to the right and left hands of the Reisterstown road, namely, part of Copper Bridge, Beef Hall, Fort [illegible] and my undivided half part of [illegible] [illegible]; the latter purchased in company [illegible] in common and not as joint tenants, with [illegible] the whole about 500 acres. And on the same is erected a two story log dwelling house. There are also 3 orchards containing a number of Apple, Peach, Cherry and other fruit trees. Enquire of the subscriber, at present living in Reisterstown, but shortly intends to remove within two miles of the city of Baltimore, on part of Mount Royal tract, nearly adjoining Mount Royal Mills.

ABRAHAM LARSCH.

Reisterstown, Baltimore county.

may 15 1aw

Notice.

THIRTY hogsheads of Tobacco of the following descriptions inspected in the names of the following persons, are now in the Baltimore city warehouse, Fell's Point—The said hogsheads of tobacco having remained in the warehouse upwards of four years, the owners of which are unknown to the inspector, it will be sold to pay the warehouse charges and cost of advertisement unless the owners shall apply for the same within six months from the date hereof, as the law directs.

FIRST QUALITY.

		Marks.	No.	Gr.	Tare	Nett.
1798						
July 12	Capt. John Abell	i a	514	1260	109	1151
1799						
March 1	John Barot	i b	870	1037	119	918
28	Isaac James	i c i	222	1235	122	1013
Nov. 26	David Webster	d u	975	732	94	638
Dec. 20	I. Swearingen	i s	76	980	115	865
	Smith Slawter	s s	78	1022	101	921
1800						
Jan. 15	Levin Laton	l l	124	989	93	894
May 7	Tho. Cantwell	t b	319	1031	93	1030
June 6	J. Christopher	i c	642	1131	91	1049
10	Chs. Davidson	i b	731	887	92	795
12	Richard Wallis	r w	784	1273	90	1184
24	Darius Dorsey	d d	40	1050	105	945
Aug. 7	Thomas Hays	t h	476	1334	109	1225
8	Jos. Sulavance	h u	488	763	97	666
19	Jas. Sulavance	i s	597	821	91	730
20	Jno. Richardson	i r	732	1025	112	913
Oct. 13	Allen Banks	a b	759	1141	100	1041
	Do.	a b	760	1109	105	1004
Dec. 2	Elijah Shay	e s	23	926	94	832
8	John Evans	i a	68	1162	100	1062
23	N. Dawson	n d	56	1148	119	1029
1801						
Jan. 14	Wm. Norfolk	w u	408	982	93	882
March 13	H. Duvall	h d	729	1196	124	1072
14	Wm. Eason	w e	738	830	91	732

SECOND QUALITY.

		Marks.	No.	Gr.	Tare	Nett.
1799						
Dec. 18	Benj. Dorsey	b d	711	1060	101	959
	Philip Dorsey	p d	712	1099	103	999
1800						
Dec. 2	Thomas Alnutt	a d	903	1081	105	976
12	John (no other name)	i a	925	1066	106	960
1801						
Feb. 3	James Barns	i b	938	946	112	843
	And one marked	w e	626	no weight		

NICHOLAS RIDGELY, Inspector.

April 1 1aw3m

FRENCH NIGHT SCHOOL.
Ecole Francoise.

NOTICE is hereby given, That I, the subscriber, *Teacher* and *Translator of the French and English Languages*, intend to open the FRENCH SCHOOL, in my common dwelling, on the 26th instant; and if 43 years experience, in giving tuition in this line, in different parts of the United States, with success, are not sufficient to entitle me to a share of encouragement, I beg those promising youths, who have a desire to become scholars, to apply to friend Philip Thomas, at the sign of the golden key, Baltimore-street, where they can be acquainted with my short, yet grammatical manner of Teaching

AS I can devote some leisure hours in the day time, to the instruction of a few scholars, I should be happy to make an engagement.

JOSEPH PAILLOTTET,
South Charles-street.

October 26. 6m—1*

A Country Seat,

A GENTEEL family may be comfortably accommodated, during the summer, or for a longer time, with a SNUG HOUSE about 2½ miles from town, on the York Turnpike Road direction. They may have a small garden, and pasture for a cow or two, if required. The situation is remarkably healthy, and excellent water—The terms moderate. Apply to the printers.

may 17 eo

The subscriber offers for sale,

A HOUSE and LOT near the hay scales. Old Town—The lot fronts about 18 feet on East-street, and runs back 85 feet, completely improved with front and back buildings, all of brick. If not disposed of by Tuesday the 25th of this inst. it will on that day, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be offered at public auction, on the premises.

ALSO,

One lot on Bridge street continued. This lot fronts 32 feet on Bridge street, and runs back upwards of one hundred feet to the back of the first mentioned lot—improved with a small wooden house, &c. Any person wishing to purchase both or either of said lots and houses, subject to a small ground rent, per annum, may hear the terms by applying on the premises in East street, to

SOLOMON BROWN.

June 1[illegible] d

NOTICE.

THE subscriber takes this method of informing Planters, Merchants and Shippers of Tobacco, that the Inspecting House and Sheds at Fell's Point, have been repaired, and that he has provided scantling and intends in future having all Tobacco carefully stowed upon the same, so that it cannot get damaged. And that he will inspect in future for three quarters of a dollar per hogshead. All persons who think proper to send him their Tobacco, may depend on having the same speedily inspected and securely stowed away by

NICHOLAS RIDGELY, Inspector.

June 1[illegible] 1aw4t

Last Notice.

ALL persons having any claims against the estate of *James Mather*, deceased, late of Reisterstown, Baltimore county, are requested to forward their accounts properly authenticated, on or before the 20th November next, otherwise they may by law be excluded from any benefit of said estate;—and those indebted are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

ELIZABETH MATHER, admx.

may 16 1aw2m*

Worthy of Attention.

FIVE Patented tracts of unimproved LAND or Plantations of four hundred acres each, situated in the county of Berks, in the state of Pennsylvania, and within about ninety miles of Philadelphia; in the neighbourhood of which are a great number of respectable German families, the tracts are contiguous to the waters of the Susquehanna, that bring produce & lumber of every kind to Baltimore. It will be sold cheap, and on generous terms, the title indisputable. Enquire of the Printers.

March 21. w

Notice is hereby given,
To all persons whom it may or doth concern,

THAT NATHAN C. NEWTON, an insolvent debtor, of Somerset county, included in an act of assembly, passed at the last session of the general assembly, of Maryland, entitled "an act, for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors," and that he has made application to the county court of Somerset county, offering to surrender up all his property for the benefit of his creditors, and praying a discharge, agreeably to the directions of the said act, and the said court have appointed the *third day of September next*, for a compliance with the provisions of the said act: all persons who have any interest in the premises or any objection to make to the discharge of the said *Nathan C. Newton*, on the conditions in the said act mentioned, are requested to appear before the said court, on the said third day of September—The above ordered to be inserted once a week, for three weeks, in some newspaper of Baltimore, three months before the third of September.

Test, WM. DONE, *Clk.*
Somerset County Court.

may 23 1aw3w*

Suman & Lamb,
No. 56, Cumberland Row, and at their factory and blacksmith shop.

RETURN their most grateful thanks to their friends and the public in general for the liberal encouragement they have received; and solicit a continuance of their favours. They may constantly be supplied with CUT NAILS, SPIKE and SPIKE RODS and FLOORING BRADS, of all sizes, from 24d down to an half inch sprig, superior to any on the continent. To which they have added an assortment of HARDWARE, most suitable for buildings.

They also carry on the blacksmith's business, in all its various branches, such as horse shoeing, house work, wharf work, coach work and lightning rods, &c. All of which can be executed in the newest manner and at the shortest notice.

They have for sale,

Two complete new GIGS, with new elegant plated harness, and in good order, and a Pheaton, which they will sell low for cash, good paper or a small part in barter.

may 24 2aw

100 Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber on the 23d of February last a Negro lad named JIM, 19 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, square built, black brown complexion, a small scar under one of his eyes and had one on each cheek, the white of his eyes are mixed with a yellowish red, and a good countenance; he has a hurt in one of his legs which is not perceiveable un-less he walks quick. His dress when he went away was a blue baize outside jacket lined with green, longer than common—a blue inside ditto half worn, a grey fearnaught pair of breeches, a coarse shirt, white yarn stockings and two pair of shoes. He is an artful villain and will change both name and dress, and will endeavor (through the means of his father who lives on Fell's Point) to pass for a free man and no doubt will enter on board some vessel as such. This is the 5th time he has run off—He ran away the 3d of January 1801, and was caught in York county, Pennsylvania, and lodged in Little York jail. If he is taken up in Maryland I will pay fifty dollars and reasonable expences if brought and delivered to me—if in any other state the above reward, and all reasonable expences on his being delivered to

Wm. STENSON.

N. B. All masters of vessels are warned not [illegible]ke him away. W. S.

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For Sale,

ONE hundred, fifteen and an half acres, of LAND in Baltimore county, about 7 miles from the city of Baltimore, part of Wells Manor, adjoining the lands of Ebenezer Finley, Thornburgh and Miller. Upon this land is a small log house, an orchard, some meadow ground, and a good spring. It is also about one half in woods. Should not this land be sold by the 27th July next, it will on that day be offered at auction, at Van Wyck & Dorsey's, at 12 o'clock. An indisputable title will be given to the purchaser. Enquire of the printers.

may 31 d

*** To journeymen stone-cutters.

A number of Stone Cutters are wanted at the New City Hall—Constant employ (summer and winter) shall be given to good workmen, until the building is finished, which will require several years to accomplish. The quality of the marble is excellent. Workmen's tools will be kept in repair, and their wages paid weekly.—The permanent employ, high wages, and salubrious situation, where men wrought in perfect security, while the epidemic raged in other parts of the city, present inducements, and will be found to yield advantages to good workmen, superior to any other job in the United States.—Apply at the New City Hall to

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, } Master Stone
ABRAHAM LARACH, } Cutters.

New York, May 15 (31) d1m

City Hotel.

THE subscribers have taken that spacious and commodious house in Water-street, lately occupied as the United States' Custom House, which they propose to sit up in a neat and elegant style; also the large & well finished house, *sign of Liberty and Commerce*, adjoining, where they propose to keep a

CITY TAVERN AND HOTEL,

on an extensive and respectable plan:—they are, at present, provided with the best liquors, &c. and every accommodation for citizens and travellers; and promise those who may honor their house by their custom, that every exertion shall be made to give complete satisfaction. All the city newspapers are taken in at their house, and they propose soon to take those of the adjoining seaports.

A few genteel boarders can be accommodated. Excellent stabling, and saddle horses, carriages, and horses and gigs to hire.

A Billiard table has been erected for the accommodation and amusement of their friends.

JOHN KERNES & Co.

April 19 d

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscribers, of the city of Baltimore, have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Baltimore County, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of JAMES CORRIE, late of the city of Baltimore, deceased—all persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof to the subscribers, on or before the 1st day of January next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under our hands this 12th day of June, 1805.

GEO. YEATES & JNO. S. YEATES,
Executors of James Corrie.

N. B. All persons indebted to the estate of James Corrie, are requested to make immediate payment, otherwise suits will be commenced against them.

GEO. & JNO. S. YEATES.

June 12 (15) eo5w

Scheme of a Lottery,
Authorised by the General Assembly of Maryland at their last session,

For Building a Market-House,
IN THE WESTERN PRECINCTS OF THE

CITY OF BALTIMORE.

1	Prize of	dollars 8,000
1	ditto	4,000
1	ditto	2,000
1	ditto	1,000
4	ditto of 500 each	2,000
8	ditto of 200 each	1,600
10	ditto of 100 each	1,000
30	ditto of 50 each	1,500
40	ditto of 25 each	1,000
75	ditto of 20 each	1,500
257	ditto of 10 each	2,570
4,680	ditto of 6 each	28,080
1	1st drawn blank after 4,000 tickets	250
1	ditto after 6,000 do	250
1	ditto after 8,000 do	250
1	ditto after 10,000 do	250
1	ditto after 12,000 do	1,000
1	ditto after 14,000 do	1,250
1	last drawn blank,	2,500
5,115	prizes	60,000
9,885	blanks. Sum raised	15,000

15,000 tickets at 5 dollars each, = 75,000

THE Managers of this Lottery flatter themselves, from the elevated and healthy situation chosen by the Commissioners appointed for fixing the Market-house, that it will be of the greatest utility and advantage, to that part of the city, and to the country in general; and beg leave to recommend it as an object worthy of their encouragement.

As the above Scheme offers every possible encouragement to adventurers, from the many valuable Prizes it contains, and there being considerably less than two Blanks to a Prize, and all Prizes payable in 60 days after the drawing of the Lottery is compleated without any deduction, the Managers entertain the greatest hopes of such a speedy sale of the Tickets, as may enable them to commence drawing without loss of time.

Such Prizes as shall not be demanded within six months after the drawing is finished, will be considered as relinquished for the benefit of the Market-house.

FOR the satisfaction of the public, it may not be unnecessary to inform them, that the Managers have given bond to the State of Maryland in the sum of 30,000 dollars, for the due performance of the trust.

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON,
EBENEZER FINLEY,
DANIEL LAMMOT,
JOHN KENNEDY, } *Managers.*

Tickets may be had of the above Managers. Also of Messrs. *John Schultz, M. & J. Conrad & Co. George Hill, and James Rice.*

And by such other persons as may be hereafter appointed.

February d12t—2aw