

PROPOSAL,
BY THE AUTHOR,
FOR PRINTING BY SUBSCRIPTION,
Letters from the Mediterranean,
On various subjects, but more particularly
Malta, Sicily, Herculaneum, Pompei & Naples.
By A GENTLEMAN OF BALTIMORE,
Recently in the service of the United States.

CONDITIONS.

I. The work will be comprised in one volume, 12mo.—and will be put to press as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers are obtained.
II. It will be printed on good paper, and new type, with neatness and accuracy.
III. Price to subscribers—handsomely bound—**ONE DOLLAR**, payable on delivery.

It is with emotions of distressing, that the author of the above letters, submits them to public scrutiny; indeed he would not have presumed to do so, had not the solicitations and advice of some judicious friends tended to influence his determination, by a flattering opinion, that they will prove interesting and entertaining. The author has collected his materials from actual observations, during much leisure in the interim of suspended duty. To men of erudition, and even those of limited understandings and shallow penetration, the mutability of human affairs must be of moment; therefore, doubtless, a concise and comprehensive description of the celebrated Island of Malta, will prove interesting to most classes of people: for though the situation be the same as when the unhappy Queen Dow visited it, the many calamities of revolution since that period, resulting principally from the invasion of Barbarians, together with the present happy estate of the Maltese, under the fostering care and protection of the British flag, all combine to render the history (which is indeed very little known in the Western World) of the Island momentous.—Through the mediums of print and tradition, most of us have some knowledge of the destructive effects of Vesuvius, in the neighborhood of Naples. Here the eye of sensibility may bedew fallen greatness and beauty with tears of remorse.—Here the imagination is presented with a prospect equally dreary and melancholy; and deformed with such portentous aspects of barrenness and ruin, its devastation, in all its vestments of fury, seldom furnishes for the meditation of desponding humanity. The ancient Cities of Herculaneum and Pompei, were entirely covered over many centuries ago, by a massy body of lava emitted from the crater of this ever memorable Vesuvio; and with them, their inhabitants and wealth, the latter consisting chiefly in the works of the Sculptor and Painter; an immensity of which has recently been developed and deposited in a Museum for the inspection of the curious. On the subject of those remains of profound antiquity, the author has been copious and precise in his remarks.

Those desirous of feasting their curiosity by subscribing for a copy, are respectfully invited to call at either of the following places; where subscriptions will be thankfully received, viz.
The printing offices of Messrs. Peckin & Frail, and Cate & House, the bookstores of Messrs. Warner & Hanna, Saml. Baker, Sauer & Co., George Hall, P. Byrne, V. & S. Parke, and Jonathan Knight, etc. &c. and the Coffee-House.
July 16

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July 16

On the 2d of this month, I GAVE my indent. servant, Christian Stühr, permission to go, and see his friends in Baltimore; he was to return on the 6th, but as he did not yet make his appearance, I conclude he means to abscond. This servant is a Hanoverian by birth, and arrived from Amsterdam in March last. He is very round shouldered, rascally faced, by the small pox, about 5 feet 10 inches high, light hair and eyes, with a very fair complexion. He calls himself a farmer, but is quite ignorant of that occupation, and was dressed in long blue broad cloth coat, striped shirt and stockings, and half boots, the other clothes are not reckoned. Wherever will deliver the above servant to Mr. Andrew Buchanan, in Baltimore, shall receive a reward of fifteen dollars.

THOS OAKEN W. LIAMS,
Prince Georges County, near Ellicottburg
June 14

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Literatur.

Der Leipziger und Frankfurter Buch und Commissions Handlung, No. 96; Georgi'sche Straße, Baltimore, sind für die Handlung haben, und werden allezeit eingeführt werden:

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M. B. Eine gute Deutsche Seite ist in einem ersten Buch-Handlung herausgekommen, sobald die davor erscherte Arnall von Liebhabern ihre Namen und Wertheit geschätzt werden. Die Verfasser gesuchten hier die nebstwähnenden, welche in Brüssel die mit Malm und Weissall getrocknete Sohne:

L'IMPARTIAL EUROPEEN, ou Gazette Generale des Pays Bas, verausgabt werden, und am ersten und dritten Freitag, 1805, als Freunde der Freiheit, mit Karlsruhe, Düsseldorf und Berlin, vertrieben werden. Siehe oben.

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Falls Turnpike Road.

THE STOCKHOLDERS in the FALLS TURNPIKE ROAD COMPANY are hereby notified, that a payment of twenty five dollars per acre is required to be paid on the 6th September next, at my office, 46, South-street.

By order of the board,
WALTER ROE, Secy.

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To Rent,

THE three story brick HOUSE, No. 23, Pratt near Hanover-street, has the convenience of a kitchen back, pump in the yard, garden, coach house and stable—now in the tenure of Mr. Jessie Lyon.

SAMUEL R. SMITH,
Who has to lease, on ground rent,
5 or 6 lots on the Hook's Town road, and 5 or 600 feet on Court-street, both in the precincts.

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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.

Intermixed 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 MCORE, 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 excuses 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 communise 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, bailiffs, bills, bate, tardy, conveying, constables, contracts, cowers, deeds, distres, executions, escape, evidence, felony, forgery, gaming, goal, goaler, guardians, homicide in indictments, information, judgment, jurors, (and their duties,) juries of the peace, larceny, lewdness, libel, misdemeanor, nuisance, oaths, pardon, perjury, polygamy, the poor, presentment, prison-breaking, rape, recognizance, refuse, riot, robbery, search-warrants, sheriff, (his duties) slander, surety for the peace, slaves, treason, vagrants, warrant, 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 be 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. GUVALL.

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 book-sellers of the city of Baltimore.

May 23

To be Let,
And entered upon immediately,
A CONVENIENT three story dwelling
HOUSE, situated on Paca-street, near
the western market and next door to the French
Consul. Its situation is an object for health,
and its prospect of the river and surrounding
landscape make it a desirable dwelling. For
particulars, enquire of ROBERT EDWARDS,
carpenter, west end of Pratt street, and inter-
section of New City Road

June 20,

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Fancy Shoe-store.

Amos Fitch and Co.

No. 43, MARKET-STREET,
HAVE this day received, from their manu-

factories,
THEIR ASSORTMENT OF
SPRING SHOES,

Which will be sold low. They have likewise
received ladies' kid slippers of the following
prices, viz.

D. C. D. C.

Ladies' Kid Slippers, with heels, all

colours, from 1 50 to 2 75

Spring Heels 1 25 to 1 75

Ladies' good Morocco do 1 to 1 25

And all other kinds proportionably low.

Country merchants will find bargains selling at

the above store, for cash or credit at 90 days,

with acceptances in this city.

Likewise received

A handsome assortment of silver and ribbon
retorts, of the latest London fashion.

May 24

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For Sale,

ONE hundred, fifteen and a half acres, of
LAND in Baltimore county, about 7
miles from the city of Baltimore, part of Wells
Mansion, 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 be offered at auction,
at 12 o'clock. An indisputable title will be
given to the purchaser. Enquiry of the plan-
ters.

May 31

Notice.

THE Stockholders of the Union Bank of
Maryland are requested to meet, at the
bank on the first Monday of August next, at 12
o'clock, A. M. to allow a compensation to the
President for his services, pursuant to the act of
incorporation.

By order of the board of directors,
R. HIGHMBOTHOM, Cashier.

Union Bank of Maryland, }

June 22, 1805. }
The editors of the Eastern Star, the
Fredericktown Herald, and of the Elizabeth
town Gazette, are requested to publish the above
once a week for five weeks, and forward their
accounts.

June 24

FRENCH NIGHT SCHOOL.
Ecole Françoise.

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 commandement, 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 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 PAULOTTET.

South Charles-street.

October 26.

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Talbot county Court,

MAY TERM, 1805.

WILLIAM STEVENS an inhabitant of Talbot county, having applied by petition in writing to Talbot county court praying the benefit of an act for relief of sundry insolvent debtors passed at the last session of the general assembly of Maryland, and a schedule of his property and a list of his creditors on oath annexed to the said petition, as by the said act is required, to the satisfaction of the said court, he hath resided in the state of Maryland the last two years preceding the passage of the said act