

From the PUBLIC LEDGER, of February 8.

THE Exigencies of the Kingdom are at present so pressing, with Regard to the national Debt, that there is an absolute Necessity for making the People of our Colonies bear a reasonable Part of the Weight; but before we think of Loading them with any Portion, 'tis absolutely necessary that we should furnish them with Means. We must take off every Restriction which has been laid upon their Commerce; we must grant them an open, uninterrupted Trade; and, instead of treating them as Rivals or Enemies in Traffic, encourage them as Brothers and Friends; to enable them to bear a proportionable Share in our Distresses, we must invest them with a proportionable Share of our Advantages; and instead of looking on them with the jealous Eye of a Step-mother, consider them as a valuable and immediate Part of ourselves.

From what has been said, it therefore appears incontestably evident, that there is the strongest Necessity to mitigate the present Severity of the Mother-Country, by making the Colonies, who have so largely shared in her Prosperity, bear some little Participation of her Distress. The Establishment of these Colonies have cost us Millions of Money and Rivers of Blood; 'tis surely Time then that we endeavour to make them of some little Account; 'tis surely Time for us to resign a System which has proved so detrimental to them as well as destructive to ourselves. How widely different from ours is the Behaviour of the other European Nations in Regard to their Colonies! The Dutch wisely judge that a Subject, whether he lives in Amboyna or resides in Zeland, is equally a Subject, and of Consequence equally entitled to partake of the Benefits, or share in the Difficulties of the Mother-Country. Hence the Dutch Colonies, by being considered as an immediate Part of the Republic, instead of being merely a nominal Advantage and real Burthen like ours, are made in a most material Degree important to the general Interest, and furnish, if any Thing, more than their regular Portion to the Exigencies of the Public. Portugal, 'tis well known, derives the principal Part of it's Opulence from her Colonies; so does Spain. Why in the Name of Wonder then cannot we imitate the Policy of those Nations, who by the Superiority of our Commerce, having infinitely greater Opportunities; and make our Settlements answer the great End of Colonization, the Benefit of the Settlers, and the Happiness of the Mother-Country.

At present we seem solicitous to defeat the very Intention of establishing those Colonies, for the Possession of which we have been so incredibly prodigal, both of our Treasure and our Blood. 'Tis hoped, therefore, the Example of other Countries, the Complaints of our Plantations, and the pressing Necessity of our own Affairs, will speedily induce us to adopt a very different System of Policy, than what has hitherto regulated our Conduct, as the future may not prove altogether so favourable to our Wishes, if we suffer the new to be lost.

L O N D O N, February 9.

ON Saturday Night, about Nine o'Clock, a Duel was fought, at the Star and Garter Tavern in Pallmall, between a certain Nobleman and a Gentleman possessed of a large Estate in Nottinghamshire; when the latter was run thro' the Body, and died Yesterday Morning about Ten o'Clock.

Last Night the Coroner's Inquest sat on the Body of the unfortunate Mr. Chaworth, that was killed in the Duel with Lord Byron, but had not brought in a Verdict when this Paper went to Press. We are assured he was sensible to the last, had his Will made before he died; and on Sunday, at Noon, an Express was sent to his Mother in Nottinghamshire, to inform her of the melancholy Accident that had happened.

February 14. This Day, about eleven o'Clock, Mr. John Williams, Bookseller in Fleet-street, was brought, pursuant to his Sentence, from the King's Bench Prison, to stand in the Pillory in New Palace Yard, Westminster, for republishing the North-Briton, N^o 45, in Volumes. It is remarkable, that the Coach which carried him there, was N^o 45. A few Minutes after Twelve he mounted, amidst the repeated Acclamations of upwards of Ten Thousand People, who never ceased shouting till his Hour of standing was expired. Opposite to the Pillory were erected four Ladders with Cords running from each other, on which were hung a Jack Boot, an Ax, and a Scotch Bonnet. The two latter, after remaining there some Time, were burnt, and the Boot beheaded.

During his standing also, a Purple Purse, very richly ornamented with Ribbons of an Orange Colour, was produced by a Gentleman noted for his Patriotism, who began a Collection in favour of the Culprit, by putting a Guinea into it himself, after which the Purse being carried round, every Body contributed according to his own fancy, to the Amount in the Whole, as supposed, of upwards of 200 Guineas: One Gentleman it is said gave 50 Guineas. Mr. Williams, at getting into the Pillory, and at getting out, politely bowed to the Spectators. He held a Sprig of Laurel in his Hand all the Time.

We hear a Bill is now preparing for the Approbation of the House, to curtail the Time limited for the Arrival of the Female Sex to the Age of Discretion according to Law, by one full Year.

It is now said that the future Use of Stills in the British American Provinces, except in Cases of Chymistry and Medicine, will this Session be prohibited under an high Penalty. [It is to be Hoped we shall still be allowed the Use of Ovens, and not be obliged to import our Hot Rolls! Or, Starve!]

There is a Report of some Alterations being to be made in the Duties on Tobacco.

Last Saturday Evening the Wife of a Publican at Rotherhithe was safely brought to Bed of Twins, both Males; and a few Hours after, a young Woman, (a Lodger in the House) was also delivered of Twins, both Females. What is more remarkable, the latter has sworn the Publican to be the Father of her Children.

February 20. We are informed, since the Plantation Agents have failed in opposing the intended Duty on American Stamps, a Motion is preparing to be made in the House, that the Commissioner for the Receipt of this Duty may be appointed from the Natives of each Province, where the Tax is to take Place.

When Mr. Williams, Bookseller, in Fleet-street, after standing in the Pillory on Thursday last, returned to the King's Bench Prison in the Hackney Coach, N^o 45, which drove him from thence and waited all the Time, he asked the Coachman what was his Demand, who replied, That he would not take any Thing; but Mr. Williams insisting on paying him, the Coachman warmly declared, the Honour of driving him on that Occasion was a sufficient Reward for his Trouble; and absolutely refused receiving any Payment.

February 26. On Sunday Evening the Right Hon. Lord Byron arrived from France, at his House in Great Marlborough-street, and Yesterday surrendered himself at the Bar of the Right Hon. the House of Peers, and was committed to the Tower.

On the 13th Instant the Lords Justices of Ireland issued a Proclamation, offering a Reward of 300 l. for the apprehending Nicholas Sheeby, Popish Priest of Shanragan, in the County of Tipperary, who not only stands indicted at an Assize for that County the 28th of March last, for High Treason and Rebellion, but is also charged on Oath with having been since concerned in several treasonable Practices to raise a Rebellion in that Kingdom.

March 2. Yesterday there was a Board of Works, when Orders were given for the Scaffolding in Westminster-Hall to be erected and finished, for the Trial of Lord Byron, against the 16th of April.

PROVIDENCE, (N. E.) April 13.

By a Letter from London in the last Ship to Boston, we are acquainted, That Col. ISAAC BARRE, Member of Parliament for the Borough of Chipping Wycomb, in the County of Bucks, distinguished himself GLORIOUSLY in Parliament, by a strenuous Opposition of ministerial Projections against the KNOWN RIGHTS of the Colonies, which were most unconstitutionally attacked by the Commons of Great-Britain, when they Resolved that STAMP DUTIES should be charged here.—He, openly, and with great Firmness, patronized the injured Colonies, and asserted their Privileges.—A COLUMN ought to be erected to him in America, as a LASTING MONUMENT of the Gratitude of the People, for his Virtue, Fortitude, and animated Endeavours to rescue them from Slavery.—Should this, or any other public Mark of the warm and pious Sense we have of his Friendship and Zeal, be RESOLVED on by the Governments in North-America, Free-Will Offerings would abundantly supply the Expence.

A N N A P O L I S, May 2.

We have no further Particulars relating to the tremendous STAMP DUTY, than what we have published; only that there was almost a certainty that an Act would Pass for that Purpose!!!! To take Place the 1st of September!!!!

We are told that two or three Ships were seen a Day or two since, going into Patuxent.

T O B E S O L D.

THE LANCASHIRE FORGE, consisting of Two Fineries, a Chafery, and one Hammer; together with about 400 Acres of very valuable Land, situate upon Deer-Creek, a fine Stream of Water, in Baltimore County, about 12 Miles from the Head of Bay-River, and 7 from the nearest navigable Parts of Susquehanna. For Title and Terms, apply to the Subscriber, at Nottingham Forges, upon the Great Falls of Gunpowder River.

(11) CORBIN LEE.

THE Managers of the SEVERN CHAPEL LOTTERY, beg Leave to inform the Public, That they purpose to begin Drawing the same, on Monday the Tenth of July next, at Elk-Ridge Landing. There are some Tickets still on Hand, which may be had of any of the Managers, or at the PRINTING-OFFICE. (11)

Leonard-Town, St. Mary's County, April 28, 1765.

ALL Persons Indebted to Messieurs John Glaisford and Comp^r. Merch^{ts}. in Glasgow, in Consequence of Dealings with Mr. Normand Bruce, or the Subscriber, and who have not already settled their Accounts, are requested to do the same between this Time and the first of June next, as the Subscriber intends to Great-Britain early in the Fall, and would be glad to settle as many of his open Accounts as possible, before his Departure. Those who cannot make immediate Payment, shall be indulged with a reasonable Time, on giving Bond and Security if required.

(4*) EBENEZER FISHER.

Annapolis, May 2, 1765.

ALL Persons Indebted to the Estate of George Newman, late of this City, Merchant, deceased, either on Bond, Note, or open Account, are requested to make immediate Payment to the Subscriber, who is properly authorized to receive and grant Receipts for the same: And those who have Demands against the said Estate, are desired to bring in their respective Accounts, properly proved. Constant Attendance will be given at the Store-House, lately occupied by the said Deceased, at the Head of the Dock, and the Goods remaining on Hand, will be Sold very cheap, for ready Money, or short Credit.

(3*) THO^s. BROOKE HODGKIN.

THE Subscriber intending for London this Summer, all Persons having any Demands upon him, are requested to bring them in, that they may be paid. (2*) FRANCIS CHEW.

April 28, 1765.

RAN away from a Waggon, on it's Way from Annapolis to Frederick-Town, some Day last Week, about 20 Miles from Annapolis, a young Negro Man named Charles, about 23 Years of Age, 5 Feet 9 or 10 Inches high, well made, his left Ear has been cropped, has lately had the Small-Pox (tho' very slightly) by Inoculation, so that the Scar of the Incision must appear plain, on Examination; he is a plausible, sensible Fellow, Country born, and very handy when he pleases. Has on, or with him, (we suppose) a blue Cloth Surtout Coat, a Fearnought Jacket, an under Cotton Jacket, Cotton Breeches, and has Buckles in his Shoes.

Whoever will deliver him to us in Annapolis, or secure him in any County Jail, shall have Fifty Shillings Reward, paid by

(11) LANCELOT JACQUES, THO^s. JOHNSON, junr.

N. B. He has been seen since in Town, and we suspect he has cross'd the Bay in a Pettiager.

WILLIAMSBURG, April 23, 1765.

RAN away from the Printing-Office, on Saturday Night, a Servant Man named George Fijter, by Trade a Book-Binder, between 25 and 26 Years of Age, about 5 Feet 5 Inches high, very thick, stoops much, and has a down Look; he is a little Pock-pitted, has a Scar on one of his Temples, is much addicted to Liquor, very talkative when drunk, and remarkably stupid. He had on, and carried away with him, several good white Linen Shirts, a Snuff colour'd Cloth Coat, and a Suit of Light colour'd Sagathy, other good Wearing Apparel, a new Half-cut black Bob Wig, and a Set of Silver Buckles.

Whoever apprehends the said Servant, and conveys him to the Printing-Office, in Virginia, shall have Five Pounds Reward, and if taken out of the Colony TEN POUNDS, beside what the Law allows.

JOSEPH ROYLE.

To be SOLD very reasonably,

TWO Tracts of LAND, joining together, containing Two Hundred Acres; on one of which is a good Dwelling-House, a Stable, and an Orchard; and on the other Two Orchards, and about Ten Acres of Meadow Ground may be made. They join a Tract of Land called *Bear Bacon*, near *Snowden's* Manor.

For Title and Terms apply to *William Wright*, living in *Annapolis*. (*4)

April 27, 1765.

RAN away from the *Baltimore* Iron-Works on *Patapsco*, in *Maryland*, last Night, Two *English* Convict Servant Men, belonging to *Charles Carroll*, Esq; and Company, viz.

Thomas Plevy, a Bricklayer by Trade, he is of a middle Stature, and about 30 Years of Age, full faced, of a ruddy Complexion, has black Eyes, as is his Hair and Beard, which are turning grey. Had on an old Castor Hat, Osnabrigs Shirt, an old blue Broad-Cloth Coat without Lining, a blue strip'd Flannel Jacket, an old Pair of Leather Breeches, and Country Shoes and Stockings.

John Dabs, he pretends to be a Collier, is of a middle Stature, and about 23 Years of Age, of a swarthy Complexion, has blue Eyes, and light colour'd Hair. Had on an old Felt Hat, Osnabrigs Shirt, a brown Cloth Coat about half worn, a blue Cloth Jacket, a Pair of old Leather Breeches, and Country Shoes and Stockings.

It is likely they may change their Cloaths in Part, as they stole some Things out of the House they left, viz. two brown Wigs, one a Que, the other a bob, one Pair of Thread Stockings, one Pair of mix'd Worsted Ditto, and a Pair of turn'd Pumps.

It is expected they will make for *Philadelphia*, as they have been both Soldiers, and have with them their Discharges from the Army.

Plevy was a Soldier at *Philadelphia* this Time two Years.

Whoever secures the said Servants, so that they may be had again, shall have Six Pounds Reward, or Three Pounds for either of them; and reasonable Charges if brought Home.

(*4)

R. CROXALL.

STRAYED or STOLEN from *Port-Tobacco*, in *Charles* County, about the first of *January* last, Two Plow Horses, one a grey Horse, mark'd I C: The other a Bay, mark'd +, some white Hairs on the Withers, and a small Star or Scratch in the Forehead. Whoever delivers the said Horses to the Rev'd Mr. *Hunter* near *Port-Tobacco*, or to the Subscriber living on the *Great Marsh*, near the Governor's Bridge, on *Patuxent* River, shall receive Twenty Shillings Reward for each, and reasonable Charges, from

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JOHN LEWIS.

WHEREAS the Subscriber has given a Bond to Capt. *Ewan Shelby*, for One Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds, bearing Date in 1761, and being due in 1763, which Bond is paid; for Part of which Credit was given on the Back of the Bond, the remaining Part the Subscriber has a Receipt against, from under Capt. *Shelby's* Hand: He therefore desires that no Person will take an Assignment for the same, for he refuses Payment, as he has discharged the same already.

JOSEPH WARFORD.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Thomas Thackerell*, 3 Miles from *Annapolis*, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare, with a Sprig Tail, her Mane hangs on both Sides, and Branded on the near Thigh with something like a Blotch.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is in the Possession of *George Oats*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a Grey Mare, about 14 Hands high, branded on the near Side thus S, and on the Cushion W, and some other imperceptible Brands; she is about 10 Years old.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

S E L I M,

STANDS at *Tulip-Hill* this Season, and Covers Mares at Four Guineas, and Five Shillings the Groom: The Money to be paid at the Stable Door. Good Pasturage *Gratis* 'til the Mares refuse, and Notice given to the Owners; afterwards Five Shillings per Week for Pasturage.

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JOHN CLAVER:

D R I V E R,

BELONGING to the Subscriber, a proved good Horse, Three Fourths Blood, Covers this Season, as Money is scarce, for Twenty-five Shillings Currency; and those Mares that do not prove with Foal, shall be Covered next Year for Fifteen Shillings. As the Terms are so very reasonable, it is expected that those that bring Mares will at the same Time bring the Cash.

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ROBERT TYLER.

C H I L D E R S,

THE Horse I advertised last Year, is now in fine Order, and will Cover the ensuing Season at Four Dollars. Good Pasturage for Mares.

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GEORGE LEE.

Kent-Island, April 19, 1765.

AS it is published in the *Philadelphia* Paper, that the noted Horse DOVE, imported by Dr. *Hamilton*, is now Covering at Mr. *Dames's*, such Gentlemen on the Western Shore as incline sending Mares to him, may have them carefully brought over the Bay, sent up to the Horse, and returned at *Annapolis* when done with him, at Twelve Shillings and Six Pence each Mare. Particular Care shall be taken of them. Good Pasturage both at Mr. *Dames's* and my House.

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EMORY SUDLER.

T E N P O U N D S R E W A R D.

BROKE out of *Anne-Arundel* County Jail, *Richard Smith*, about 5 Feet 4 Inches high, and wears his Hair; had on nothing more than an old Osnabrigs Shirt, and Cloth Breeches: He belongs to Mr. *Macleffs* on *Elk-Ridge*, where he is supposed to be.

Whoever takes up the said Runaway, and delivers him to the Subscriber, in *Annapolis*, shall receive the above Reward.

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JOSEPH GALLOWAY, Sheriff.

ROBERT PINKNEY,
TAYLOR,

At JONATHAN PINKNEY'S in CHURCH-STREET,
ANNAPOLIS,

TAKES this Method to acquaint the Public, That he makes all Sorts of Mens Cloaths in the newest Fashion: As also Ladies Riding Habits in the genteelst Taste. Those Gentlemen who are pleas'd to favour me with their Commands, may depend on having their Business as completely executed as by any of the Trade, having had Eight Years Practice as a Foreman to the most Eminent of the Business in *London*. 2

C H A R L E S B R Y A N,

HAVING furnished himself with good Liquors, and every other Necessary, hereby gives Notice to the Public, That he has opened TAVERN in the House where Mr. *Andrew Thompson* lately kept Tavern, in *Annapolis*, where all Gentlemen Travellers, and Others, who will favour him with their Custom, may depend on the best Entertainment for Themselves and Horses.

N. B. He carries on the Shoemaker's Business, as usual. 2 (*4)

April 1, 1765.

COMMITTED to *Anne-Arundel* County Jail, on Suspicion of being a Runaway, *John Stone*, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, well made; had on a light Druggat Coat and Waistcoat, Buckskin Breeches, Yarn Hose, Country made Shoes, a dark Bob Wig, and coarse Castor Hat.

His Master is desired to pay Charges, and take him away. 2 JOSEPH GALLOWAY, Sheriff.

RAN away from the Subscriber, a Negro Man named *Jem*, a likely lively young Fellow, about 5 Feet 8 or 9 Inches high, has a wild Look, and when spoke to appears surprized. He was formerly the Property of Mr. *Robert Gordon*, of the City of *Annapolis*, deceased, so that it is very likely he spends some Part of his Time among his Acquaintance in Town. Whoever takes up the said Fellow, and secures him, so that he may be had again, shall have Eight Dollars Reward.

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ROBERT TYLER.

ALL Persons Indebted to the Estate of Col. JOHN ADDISON, late of *Prince-George's* County, Deceased, are requested to make speedy Payment: And all those who have any legal Claims on the said Deceased's Estate, are desired to bring in their respective Claims, that they may be adjusted and paid.

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THOMAS ADDISON. Jnr. Executor.

Neabsto Iron-Works, March 14, 1765.

RAN away from the *Occoquan* Iron-Works, on Sunday the 10th Instant, the following three Negroes, the Property of the Honourable *John Taylor*, Esq;

Billy, a very lusty likely Fellow, about 27 Years old, about 5 Feet 11 Inches high, of a yellowish Complexion, by Trade a House Carpenter, and can do a little at the Ship Carpenter and Joiner's Business.

Billy, a very black short well made Fellow, of much the same Age as the other, by Trade a Ship Carpenter, and is very handy at building Boats.

Sampson, a tall slim young Fellow, of a yellowish Complexion, and Brother to the first mentioned *Billy*, and is a Piece of a Carpenter.

At the same Time went off with the above mentioned Negroes, a Convict Servant Man named *Joseph Fositt*, imported this Winter in the *Justacia*, Capt. *Somerville*, is about 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 8 Inches high, well made, smooth faced, and dark Complexion, and wears his own short black Hair. Had on when he went away, a new Cotton Jacket, old red Breeches, old blue Stockings, an old Hat, and a Pair of new Country made Shoes.

The Negroes had each of them a new blue Pea Fearnought Jacket; tho' as they have Variety of other Cloaths, such as are common for Slaves, they may make their Appearance in different Dresses, as best suits them.

As they all went off in a new Boat of about 17 Feet Keel, whose upper Works are painted red, and her Sides laid over with Turpentine, it is probable they will endeavour to get on board of some Ship, and will try to pass for Freeman, or perhaps will steer as far as they can to the Southward.

Whoever apprehends and secures the above said Negroes, and Servant, with the Boat, so as to be had again, shall receive TWELVE POUNDS Reward, if taken in *Virginia*; and if out of the Colony, the Sum of TWENTY POUNDS *Virginia* Currency Reward, from

(*6)

THOMAS LAWSON.

C H E S T E R - T O W N R A C E S.

TO be Run for, upon the second Wednesday in *May* Inst. upon the usual Race-Ground near the Town, a Purse of FORTY PISTOLES, free for any Number of Horses, Mares, or Geldings, (Mr. *Galloway's* Horse *Selim*, and Mr. *Waters's* Horse *True Briton*, only excepted,) upon the following Terms, viz. To Run the best Two in Three Heats, four Times round the Poles for each Heat, to carry 10 Stone, Saddle and Bridle included, and the Horse, &c. winning Two Heats, to be intitled to the Purse, and not less than Three reputed Running Horses to Enter and Start, or no Race.

The Day following will be Run for, upon the Ground aforesaid, by Half Bloods, or under Weight for Age, a Purse of TWENTY PISTOLES, upon the Terms following, viz. four Years old to carry 8 Stone and 7 Pounds, 5 Years old 9 Stone, and 6 Years old or upwards 10 Stone, Saddle and Bridle included, and to Run twice round the Poles to each Heat, and the Horse, &c. winning Two Heats, to win the Purse.

Horses, &c. to be Entered with Mr. *James Porter*, two Days before Running, and pay Two Pistoles Entrance for the First, and One Pistole for the Second Day's Race.

It is expected that proper Vouchers for the Age and Breed of the Horses, &c. that are to Run the second Day, will be produced, otherwise they will not be suffer'd to start.

All Disputes will be determined by Judges to be appointed for that Purpose.

Blandfield, Effex County, Virginia, Feb. 5, 1765.

T O B E S O L D,

SEVERAL Thousand Acres of LAND, in *Augusta* County, in *Virginia*, Part known by the Name of *Beverley Manor*, and the Remainder, about Five Thousand Acres, situated in the *Calf Pasture*. The said Land will be disposed of either in Parcels, or otherwise.

Any Person inclinable to purchase any Part of it, may know the Terms, by applying to Mr. *Thomas Lewis*, near *Stanton*, in *Augusta*, or to the Subscriber, who will attend at *Stanton*, at the ensuing *May* Court.

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ROBERT BEVERLEY.

332 By the KING'S AUTHORITY.

THE Commissioners appointed by the King for the Sale of Lands in the Islands of Grenada, the Grenadines, St. Vincent, Dominica, and Tobago, and for adjusting and settling with the French Inhabitants of St. Vincent and Dominica, the Terms and Conditions on which his Majesty has been graciously pleased to direct that the said Inhabitants may become British Subjects, and remain in Possession of the cleared Lands they occupied at the Time of the Surrender of the said Islands, &c. &c. being informed that some Misapprehensions and Doubts have arisen concerning the Tenor and Meaning of the said Terms, the Commissioners, the better to enable the said Inhabitants clearly to comprehend the same, have directed the subsequent Abstract, taken from his Majesty's Instructions, to be translated into French, and dispersed in the said Island.

Abstract of the Terms and Conditions contained in his Majesty's Instructions, relative to the French Inhabitants of the Island of St. Vincent and Dominica.

THE native Caribbees of St. Vincent are permitted to remain undisturbed in their Cottages and Grounds, and the French Inhabitants in that Island and Dominica are encouraged to continue on the Lands which they have cleared, and to enjoy their Possessions, by Virtue of Leases under the Crown in the following Manner, and subject to the following Conditions, that is to say: The Lessee is to take the Oaths of Allegiance, and make and subscribe the Declaration of Abjuration; he is to hold by his Lease only such cleared Lands, as he was at the Surrender of those Islands, and still is possessed of, excepting where his very great Convenience makes some small Alterations necessary, in which Case small Parcels of contiguous Lands may be added and comprized therein as the Commissioner shall judge reasonable. In Cases where Lands were held before the late Peace by several French Proprietors jointly, some of whom are since retired from them, the said Lands are to be severed into Parts, and Indulgence shewn in the Division to those who are contented to remain and receive their Portions. But the Lands which have been occupied by religious Societies are not included within the Meaning of these Provisions, nor intitled to the same Favour, but are to be otherwise disposed of. And if any French Inhabitant there happens to be, who has occupied more than Five Hundred Acres of Land, as above described, in St. Vincent, or Three Hundred in Dominica, his Possessions are to be reduced to those Numbers. Neither the Leases, or any Part of the Lands thereby demised, are assignable to any other Person, without a Licence first had from the Governour-General, and the Approbation of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations: And a Covenant is also to be inserted in the Lease, that the Lessee shall reside at least one Half of the Year, in the Island where the Lands lie. If it shall be found necessary to appropriate to public Uses, cleared Lands in the Possession of any French Inhabitant, he shall be paid for any Buildings, or Improvements thereon by fair Appraisement, and be allotted uncleared Lands in lieu of his cleared Lands so appropriated as above-mentioned.

Under the Restrictions, and with these Conditions, Leases, to be signed by the Commissioners, and passed under the Seal of the Islands, may be granted for the Terms of fourteen, twenty-one, thirty-two, or forty Years, at the Option of the Lessees, or (if they prefer it) for fourteen Years, renewable at the pleasure of the Lessees for a further Number of Years, not exceeding forty in the whole. And, in Consideration hereof, certain Fines are to be paid down and Quit-rents reserved to the Crown, according to the Nature and Circumstances of the Case. But if any French Inhabitants shall not be disposed to occupy the Land he has already cleared, upon the Terms of the Lease required of him, he will be permitted to take up uncleared Lands, unincumbered with those Terms, to be allotted him by the Commissioners, in lieu of the former, and be moreover paid for the Buildings thereon, by fair Appraisement.

Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners intend to repair, with all convenient Speed, first to the Island of St. Vincent, and from thence to Dominica, in order to determine in each Island the several Matters which are to be settled with the said Inhabitants, in Conformity with the above Instructions: And moreover, in order to facilitate and expedite such Settlement, the said Inhabitants are required previously to prepare, and have in Readiness to be given in, to the said Commissioners on their arrival, a full and exact Account of the following Particulars.

I. The Number and Names of all white Persons, and of all other free Persons in each Family.

II. The Number, Names, and Ages of the able Slaves and others belonging to each Family.

III. A descriptive Account of the cleared Lands possessed and occupied by each Family, expressing the Number of Quarries, or Extent which the same consists of, what Parts thereof are under particular Culture, and with what planted; also a Description of the Buildings and Improvements thereon.

IV. The Determinations of the said Inhabitants with Regard to the Terms and Conditions explained in the preceding Abstract, declaring which of the Alternatives offered, they severally prefer, in order to become British Subjects, and enjoy the Privileges and Advantages of that free and happy Government.

And, lest any improper Insinuations should be used to alarm or prejudice the said Inhabitants, it is declared, that such Information is required with no other View, than to enable the Commissioners the more easily and speedily to settle the Business that is to be concluded with them.

It may not however be improper particularly to explain, that no Bargain or Agreement whatever can be sustained, which any of the said Inhabitants may have made or entered into with other Persons, respecting Lands or Houses, since the Time of the Surrender of the said Islands; nor will any Allowance be granted for Improvements of any kind, made in consequence of such unwarrantable Proceedings. All Lands and Houses (excepting the Town Lots granted by Go-

vernour Dalrymple, in Charlottville, in the Island of Dominica) which shall not be judged by the said Commissioners actually to belong to French Inhabitants occupying the same, will be the Property of the King, and disposed of according to his Majesty's royal Instructions.

By Direction of the Commissioners,
JOHN GREG, Sec.

ANNAPOLIS, April 17, 1765.

To be SOLD, for ready Money or short Credit,

A COMPLETE Rhode-Island made Bellows Top CHAISE and HARNESS almost new, and large enough for two Horses, but has commonly been used with one.

Also a good Road and Chaise HORSE. For Terms apply to
(3^m) 2 HENRY CATON.

HENRY GASSAWAY,

BEING now Removed from the City of Annapolis, to a very pleasant situated Place, within the Distance of one Quarter of a Mile from the said City, Gives this general Notice to all his Friends, That he still Keeps Entertainment for them as usual. He will Lodge Jurymen of the Provincial and County Courts, cheaper than they can Lodge in Town, and will also Board Gentlemen by the Year. He likewise takes this Opportunity of returning his Thanks to all his Friends, both in Town and Country, for their past Favours, and hopes for their Favours for the Time to come. Those who will please to continue their Friendship, will meet with kind Usage, and good Entertainment, from *Their very humble Servant,*

(5^m) 3 HENRY GASSAWAY.
N. B. I have exceeding fine Pastures for Horses, and will take them at a cheap Rate.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, on Monday the 3d of June next, at the Dwelling House of Mr. Nathaniel Cleave in Queen-Anne's County, near the Premises,

TWO Thousand Acres of LAND, lying on the Branches of Choptank River, in the County aforesaid, (the Estate of Capt. Matthew Dockery, lately Deceased,) whereon are some small Improvements, the Whole very well Timber'd, and great Quantities of very valuable Meadow may be made thereon. It is convenient to several Landings in Kent County on Delaware, where it will be left when the Provincial Boundaries are established. It will be sold either in Lots or together, as may best suit the Purchasers; and any Money will be taken in Payment, and reasonable Time given (on Security, if required). For Terms and Title, apply to THOMAS KINGGOLD, *Chester-Town*; or SOLOMON WRIGHT, in *Queen-Anne's County*; to whom any Person inclining to purchase before the Vendue, may apply.

All Persons having Demands against the Estate of Capt. Matthew Dockery, Deceased, are desired to make their Claims known, to
(6^m) A SOLOMON WRIGHT.

RAN away from the Subscriber, in Northumberland County, Virginia, a Convict Servant Man named James Irwing, imported last May from London into Patowmack, by the *Trial*, Capt. M'Gachin. He is a stout swarthy looking old Fellow, pretends to have been many Years Boatwain of a Ship, and seems to understand the Business very well. Had on a close Pea Jacket and Breeches of coarse blue Cloth, with black Horn Buttons and lapped Breasts (tho' he has probably other Cloaths with him) looks almost as dark as an Indian, and wears his own black curly Hair, a good deal mix'd with grey. He and another Sailor from the *Virginian*, in *Wicomico River*, stole a Canoe, and were since seen on the *Tangier Islands*, on their Way up the Bay. It is imagined they will pass for *Philadelphia*; tho' *Irwing* pretended he was born in *Maryland*, and had a Right to some Land and Negroes in *Somerset County*. The other Sailor is a tight well looking little Man, and pretended also to be a Boatwain. Whoever apprehends the said *Irwing*, and so secures him that he may be had again, shall have Three Pistoles Reward; and if brought home, or on board the said Ship, Five Pistoles, paid by

(1st) 5 DAVID GALLOWAY.
N. B. They will probably endeavour to get on board some Vessel outward bound: All Masters are forewarned from taking *Irwing* at their Peril.

JUST IMPORTED in the Ship JANE, Capt. COULSON, from LONDON, and to be SOLD at my Store in BALTIMORE-TOWN,

VARIETY of EUROPEAN and EAST-INDIA GOODS, *Chefshire* and *Gloucestershire* Cheese, Pickles of all Kinds, &c. &c. &c. I have likewise for Sale, lately imported, a Quantity of very good Molasses in Hogheads and Tierces, *Fyall* and *Teneriffe* WINES in Quarter Casks, *West-India* RUM and *Muscovado* SUGARS in Hogheads and Barrels, fine *Irish* pickled and dried SALMON, to be disposed of on the most reasonable Terms, for ready Money, by
(6^m) JOHN STEVENSON.
N. B. Gold, Silver, or Paper Money, for Bills.

HEMP-SEED,

JUST Imported from London, in the *Jane*, Capt. COULSON, is to be Sold at a Pistole a Bushel, Ready Money; and may be had of Mr. Benjamin Berry, at *Upper-Marlborough*, or of
(1st) CHARLES DIGGES.

T O B E S O L D,

A LARGE SCHOONER FLAT, which will carry about 40 or 50 Hogheads of Tobacco, now lying in the Dock at *Annapolis*. Enquire of STEWART and RICHARDSON.
(4^m)

T O B E S O L D,

A CONVICT SERVANT WOMAN, who has near 7 Years to serve. She can Sew, Wash and Iron, very well, is a sober, and an exceeding handy, Woman. Enquire at the *Printing-Office*.
(1st)

WHEREAS one JOHN HUNT, who left England, and in the Year 1748 lived in *St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, Maryland*, as a Saddler, and removed to *Westhorne Parish* in the same County; from thence, 'tis said, he went to *Cumberland in Georgia*, and from thence to *St. Augustine*; and in *January, 1764*, as it is also said, he ordered a Cargo of Goods from *London*, to be directed to Messrs. *Barton and Rogett in St. Augustine*, to be left with Messrs. *Hoopers and Swallow*, in *Charles-Town, South-Carolina*: If the said *John Hunt* be still Alive, and will apply to the Subscriber, living in *Baltimore-Town, Maryland*, he will hear of Something to his Advantage. If he is Dead, which is most likely, any Person that will bring a proper Certificate of his Death to the Subscriber, shall receive a REWARD of FIVE GUINEAS.
(12^m) JOHN MERRYMAN, junior.

CLISH, near ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

January 31, 1765.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, by the Subscriber, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of John Colvill, Gentleman, deceased, and pursuant to the said Will, on the 8th Day of May next ensuing, at the House of Mr. Arthur Charlton, in *Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, Maryland*, for Sterling Money, Bills of Exchange, or Current Money of *Pennsylvania, Maryland, or Virginia*, at the current Rates of Exchange,

A VERY valuable Tract of LAND called *Merryland*, containing 6300 Acres, being and lying in the said County of *Frederick*, along the lower Side of the *Shanadoe Mountain*, and the Banks of *Patowmack River*, within 12 or 13 Miles of the said *Frederick-Town* and *Court-House*, where great Trade and Business is carried on. It is very convenient for a *Dutch Settlement*, as many of those People live on the neighbouring Lands about it: Is well Wooded and Watered, and near to two large Iron-Works. It will be Sold all together, or in Parcels, as may best suit. A Year's Credit will be given for one Half of the Purchase Money (if desired) upon giving good Security, and paying Interest. A Plat of the said Tract will be left at the House of Mr. *Charlton* aforesaid, together with an authentick Copy of the Will of the said *John Colvill*.
THOMAS COLVILL.

N. B. The Subscriber will personally attend at Mr. *Charlton's*, about the Third Day of *May*, before the Sale, to produce the Patents and Papers necessary for the Satisfaction of any Person concern'd.
(1st)

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