

# MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1798.

In COUNCIL, Annapolis, January 23, 1798.

ORDERED, That the act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be published in the Maryland Gazette, at Annapolis, the Federal Gazette, at Baltimore, the Herald, at Easton, and in one of the George-town and Frederick-town papers, once in each week for the term of eight weeks.

By order,

NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk  
of the Council of the State  
of Maryland.

An ACT to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Marbury be agent of this state, to execute the trust and power reposed in him by virtue of this act, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, until the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

II. And be it enacted, That the said agent superintend the collection of all arrearsages and balances due from the several collectors of the respective counties within this state, appointed since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the said agent is hereby authorized and required to call upon the treasurers of the respective shires for an accurate statement of all arrearsages and balances due from such collectors, and such accounts shall be furnished by the said treasurers accordingly.

III. And be it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of balances due to the state on the auditor's books, or on open account; and the said agent shall have power to require payment of, and, if necessary, to sue for and recover the same; and the said agent, with the approbation of the governor and council, may make composition with any such debtors, and take bonds to the state, with sufficient security, and give time for payment, not exceeding two years from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all monies due to the state for naval duties, fines, penalties, forfeitures and amerciaments, and forfeited recognizances, and for ordinary, retailers and marriage licences, and to require payment, and, if necessary, sue for and recover the same; and the said agent may allow for his expenses, and credit any money that the party is not chargeable with by law, and for his information of the law, he may take the advice of the attorney-general in writing.

V. And be it enacted, That whenever there shall be occasion to expose to public sale the property of any collector, or his securities, by virtue of any execution already issued, or to be issued for this purpose, the said agent shall cause at least thirty days public notice to be given of such sale, and shall attend the same, and if it shall appear that there is danger of losing any part of the debt due to the state, and not otherwise, shall purchase any property so exposed to sale for the use of the state, in payment, or part payment, as the case may be, of the arrearsages due by the collectors whose property may be so purchased, and that no purchase authorized by this act shall be considered as made on the part of the state, unless a public declaration to that effect be made by the agent, or his deputy, immediately after such sale and purchase; and any property so purchased for the use of the state, the said agent may again expose to public auction on the most advantageous terms, for the use of the state, and if the same be sold on credit, which shall in no case exceed the term of two years, the said agent shall take bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shore, from the purchasers of such property, and all bonds by him so taken shall be deposited, with an accurate list thereof subscribed by him, in the treasury of the western shore, and shall be a lien upon the real property of such purchasers, and their securities, from the respective dates, or so much thereof as is mentioned in the schedule thereto annexed.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said agent is hereby directed to dispose of all confiscated British property that remains unsold, and take bonds to the state, with sufficient security, and give time for the payment thereof, not exceeding two years from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and that where the quantity of land in any one body subject to such sale exceeds the quantity of fifty acres, such land shall be disposed of at public sale, at the time and place of which sale at least thirty days previous notice shall be given by public advertisement; and that at the time of any sale by virtue of this act, the said agent shall make known that he only sells the right of this state thereto, and that the state doth not guarantee the title to the same, or any part thereof, but that the purchase must be in all respects at the risk of the purchaser.

VII. And be it enacted, That no payment in future by any officer or person indebted to the state shall be valid and effectual, unless made to the treasurer of the western or eastern shore, or to the agent for the time being, or unless made to the clerks and sheriffs of the several counties, in the cases where the said clerks and sheriffs are by law authorized to receive the same.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the agent shall have full power and authority, by and with the advice of the governor and council, in all cases of unpaid debts, to take back any property heretofore purchased by any person, and not yet paid for, in cases where the person so having purchased, and his securities, are not capable of paying for the same, and to compromise the same upon terms and principles of equity and justice, by and

with the advice and consent aforesaid; and the agent is hereby required to lay a particular statement of his proceedings under this section before the next session of assembly.

IX. And be it enacted, That the agent, with the approbation and consent of the governor and council, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to compromise any suit depending in chancery with any state debtor, upon any terms in their judgment calculated to promote the interest of the state, and to obtain the speedy receipt of the sums due.

X. And be it enacted, That if, under the terms of any compromise made as aforesaid, the property heretofore purchased should be taken back and resold in the state, the same may be sold by the agent, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sell the same at public sale, giving thirty days notice, on a credit of two years, payable one half of the principal, and the whole interest, annually, on the first day of December in each year, and the bonds, when taken, shall be returned to the treasury of the western shore, and reported to the general assembly at their session next ensuing the taking of such bonds.

XI. And be it enacted, That all cases in chancery, where no compromise under this act is effected, shall be placed under the direction of the agent, who is hereby authorized and required to call on the attorney-general to prosecute or defend the same to immediate final decision; and the governor and council are hereby authorized and empowered, at the request of the agent, in cases of difficulty, to aid the attorney-general, by employing any person to attend to surveys where necessary, or otherwise to assist in the prosecution or defence of said suits, which person or persons are to be paid out of the contingent fund of five hundred pounds; and the names of the persons so employed, together with the sum allowed for their services, to be laid before the general assembly at their next session.

XII. And be it enacted, That if any bond debtor to the state for confiscated property purchased, or otherwise, shall neglect to make payment agreeably to the condition of his bond, and thereby resolves of the general assembly, the said agent shall cause process to issue for the whole principal and interest then due, or shall proceed on any execution already issued, and served and suspended, as occasion may require, or, under the direction and with the approbation of the governor and council, he is hereby authorized to delay any execution as long as they may think expedient and necessary.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all balances due on bond taken for taxes due before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the said agent shall also superintend the collection of all balances due on bonds installed, or otherwise, for the emissions of paper money of seventeen hundred and sixty-nine, and seventeen hundred and seventy-three.

XIV. And be it enacted, That no process shall issue against any of the public debtors, unless by the direction of the said agent.

XV. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall have power to fix such days of sale of property taken by fieri facias, at the suit of the state, as he may think proper, always taking care to give at least twenty days public notice thereof; and the said agent shall also have power to suspend the sales, from time to time, as he may think most to the advantage of the state.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall pay into the treasury, in specie, the amount of all specie by him received in the discharge of the duties of this act.

XVII. And be it enacted, That in all cases where bonds shall be taken in virtue of this act, the bonds shall be a lien on all the real property of the obligors from the date thereof, or on so much of the said real property as the governor and council shall think sufficient, to be particularly mentioned in a schedule to be annexed to the said bond, in which case it shall be a lien on the property contained in such schedule, and no more, such bond and schedule to be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That all bonds taken in virtue of this act shall express the county in which the obligors respectively reside, and the treasurer of the western shore shall, within one month after he receives them respectively, cause them, with the schedule annexed to them, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the general court of the western shore, at the expense of the obligors; and a copy of the said record, certified under the hand and official seal of the said clerk, shall be as good evidence in any court of law or equity in this state as the original bond would be if it was produced; and if any of the obligors in any such bonds reside on the eastern shore, the said treasurer shall, within six months from the time he receives the same respectively, transmit to the clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, in the same manner as papers on public service are transmitted, a copy of such bonds and schedules, certified as aforesaid by the clerk of the general court of the western shore, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, at the expense of the obligors, and in such case a copy of the said record, certified as aforesaid by the clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, shall be good evidence as aforesaid.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall render to the treasurer of the western shore distinct quarterly accounts of his receipts of all money, certificates and bonds, in virtue of this act, and shall immediately thereupon pay and deliver the same to the said treasurer, who shall, in his annual report to the general assembly, state fully and particularly the money, certificates and bonds, by him received from the said agent, and the times when the same were received and accounted for.

XX. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall render a fair and full account of his several proceedings under the authority of this act to the general assembly at their next session, and within the first ten days after its commencement, in which account shall be specified, under distinct heads, his own receipts, and those of the treasurer, and of all transfers of stock upon which he may be entitled to commission, and in which shall also be contained a particular estimate of his commissions, shewing how and upon what the same arose due.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall be allowed for his services the following commissions, to wit: for all payments actually made to either of the treasurers in virtue of this act, three per cent. and for all bonds with security taken by the said agent in virtue of this act, three per cent. provided that the whole amount of his commission shall not exceed five hundred pounds current money, and he shall lay an account of the same, on oath, before the next session of assembly.

XXII. And be it enacted, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the agent, and the treasurers of the western and eastern shores respectively, to receive, as well the fifteen per cent. interest, if any shall have accrued, as all other the arrearsages that are now, or may hereafter become due from fines, forfeitures and amerciaments, ordinary, retailers, marriage, hawkers and pedlers licences, and which fifteen per cent. so collected, shall be the only fund out of which the agent shall draw his commission of three per cent. for collecting the same; provided that the said agent shall not be entitled to any commission upon the monies arising from fines, forfeitures, amerciaments, ordinary, retailers, marriage, hawkers and pedlers licences, unless in cases where the same shall not be paid by the sheriffs and clerks respectively, to the treasurer within one month after the time prescribed by law, and unless the said agent shall thereafter receive the same from the said officers respectively, and the same pay to the said treasurer.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the said agent, before he enters upon the execution of the duties of this act, shall give bond to the state, before the governor and council, in the penalty of sixty thousand dollars, with such security as the governor and council shall approve, for the faithful performance of the said duties, which bond shall be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore, and shall also take an oath before the chancellor, that he will well and faithfully discharge the duties as agent under the act, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, to the best of his skill and judgment, the certificate of which oath shall be annexed to, or endorsed on, the said bond.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That if the said agent shall not accept his appointment, or if after his acceptance he shall not give bond, and take the oath aforesaid, before the first day of February next, or shall die, the governor and council are hereby authorized and requested to appoint a fit and proper person in his place, who shall have and execute all the authorities and powers vested in the said William Marbury by this act, such person first giving security, and taking the oath aforesaid.

## NOTICE TO STATE DEBTORS.

PROCESS will certainly be directed against all delinquent state debtors who fail to make their payments by the 10th day of March next.

WILLIAM MARBURY, Agent.

By the SENATE, January 17, 1798.

On motion, ORDERED, That the act, entitled, An act for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the return of jurors, and for the better regulation of juries, passed at this session, be published as soon as may be for four weeks successively in the Maryland Gazette, Easton, George-town, and two Baltimore papers, for the information of the sheriffs and coroners.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, Clk.

An ACT for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the return of jurors, and for the better regulation of juries.

WHEREAS the integrity, experience and intelligence of jurors, is indispensably necessary for the due administration of justice: And whereas the sheriffs frequently return jurors very inadequate to the discharge of the important duties assigned to them;

II. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all sheriffs and coroners within this state already commissioned, shall, on or before the first Monday in March next, take the following oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be,) before some judge or justice of the court of the county for which they may have been respectively commissioned, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, (as the case may be,) that in summoning jurors to be returned to any of the courts of this state, and that in executing every writ or process which shall come to my hands for the return of jurors, I will use my utmost diligence to summon men and return, as jurors, sober and judicious persons, of good reputation, and qualified by the laws of this state to serve as jurors, and to prevent any man being summoned or returned by me, or by any officer under me, who in my judgment will be influenced in determining any of the matters which shall come before him as a juror by hatred, malice or ill will, fear, favour or affection, or by any partiality whatever; and that I will not summon or return as a juror any person, who, in my opinion, or to my knowledge, may be solicitous to be returned upon the panel of jurors;" and that they respectively return a certificate of such oath or affirmation to the clerk of the court of the county for which such



person is commissioned as sheriff, or coroner, within twenty days thereafter, there to be recorded by said clerk, whose duty it is hereby declared to be to record the same amongst the proceedings of the preceding county court; and that in case any sheriff or coroner shall neglect to take such oath or affirmation, or return a certificate thereof as aforesaid, the person so neglecting shall forfeit, and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered by indictment before the district court of the county for which such person is commissioned, and applied to the use of said county.

III. *And be it enacted*, That no person shall be summoned as a juror by any sheriff or coroner of this state to two general or county courts successively.

IV. *And be it enacted*, That every sheriff and coroner hereafter commissioned within this state shall, before he be allowed to proceed on the execution of his office, besides the usual oaths or affirmations as required by the constitution and laws of this state, take the oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be,) above prescribed, before some judge or justice of the court of the county for which such person may be commissioned, and return a certificate of such oath or affirmation to the clerk of the court of the county for which such person may be commissioned, there to be recorded as aforesaid.

V. *And be it enacted*, That the different sheriffs or coroners of this state shall not, after the end of this general assembly, summon as a juror in any case, or return upon a panel as a juror, any person who may not have arrived to the age of twenty-five years, and who doth not possess the other qualifications required by the constitution and laws of this state.

VI. *And be it enacted*, That after the end of this session of assembly no justice of the peace shall be exempt or privileged from being summoned and returned upon the panel of jurors to the county court, or general court of this state, any former law to the contrary notwithstanding.

VII. *And be it enacted*, That after the passage of this act the sheriffs of the several counties of this state shall not permit their deputies, or any of them, to summon any juror or jurors whom they have not directed them to summon.

VIII. *And be it enacted*, That the sheriffs of the several counties of this state shall return to their respective county courts a panel of forty-eight jurors, qualified as aforesaid, out of which the said respective courts shall direct the clerk to draw, by ballot, twenty-three persons, who shall be empanelled and sworn to serve as grand jurors during the term to which they shall be summoned; and the persons remaining upon the said original panel shall attend the court, and serve as petit jurors.

IX. *And be it enacted*, That in all civil cases called for trial in the general and county courts, in which a jury shall be necessary according to the laws and constitution of this state, twenty persons from the panel of petit jurors shall be drawn, by ballot, by the clerks, under the direction of the said respective courts, and the names of the twenty persons shall be written upon two lists, and one of the said lists shall be forthwith delivered to the respective parties, or their counsel in the cause, and it shall and may be lawful for each of the said parties, or their counsel, to strike out four persons from the said list, and the remaining twelve persons shall thereupon be immediately empanelled, and sworn as the petit jury in such cause; and if the said parties, or their counsel, or either of them, shall neglect or refuse to strike out from the said list the number of persons hereby directed, it shall and may be lawful for the respective courts aforesaid to direct their clerks to strike out from the list of the party or parties so neglecting or refusing the number of persons herein before mentioned, and the remaining twelve persons shall be empanelled, and sworn as aforesaid; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed, or construed to take away the right of any person or persons to challenge the array or polls of any panel returned, in the manner always allowed by the laws of this state, or in any manner to affect or change any of the provisions contained in the act, entitled, A supplement to an act concerning petitions for freedom, passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

#### VIENNA, November 1.

THE emperor has given orders that the army of the Hungarian levy shall be disbanded, and the troops have accordingly begun to return home. All preparations for war are now entirely laid aside, and 130 pieces of heavy artillery, which had been ordered to the Rhine, have been countermanded by a courier. The expense of the conveyance of this artillery would have been 16,000 florins.

The emperor has stated, in a letter under his own hand, to the duke of Modena, the indemnification which the latter will receive in the Brisgaw for his Italian territories, according to the treaty.

The Marquis de Chastelier and two French commissioners are proceeding to settle the boundaries of territory in Italy, according to the late treaty.

#### UPPER RHINE, November 4.

General Buonaparte is expected at Strasburg, on his way to Paris, whence he will go to Rastadt. Every preparation is making to receive him with all possible testimonies of honour and respect. His journey through France to Paris will be one continued triumph.

#### PARIS, November 13.

We are assured that the Executive Directory has indirectly informed the court of London, that peace might be concluded if it would consent to the re-establishment on the one part and the other, of the *status ante bellum*. They intimated at the same time, that they will never depart from this resolution.

Trichard and Bonnier (d'Arco) will immediately depart for the congress at Rastadt.

General Desaix, whose return to Strasburg we have announced, is expected at Paris, whence he will depart for Rennes, after having concerted with the Directory the commencement of organization of the army

of England. This army it is said, will consist of 60,000 men.

On the 4th November the military commission of Strasburg, conformable to the severe law of the 19th Fructidor, condemned to death a returned emigrant, a native of Haguenau, who was shot upon the spot.

The wife of general Buonaparte is on her road to Paris, and the general himself is expected in 15 days.

The news of the continental peace was received at Brest with the most lively transports. On the 4th instant, notwithstanding the proclamation of the Directory, no extraordinary preparation had taken place in that port; they even continued the disarming of the ships of the line. They were doing nothing but arming eight frigates, which are to have four months provisions on board, but the destination of which was unknown.

The Executive Directory has sent off within these two days a courier to Berlin.

#### BOSTON, January 16.

A gentleman in town has received a letter from a respectable person at Philadelphia, informing of the receipt of intelligence from citizen Bourdonville, formerly secretary to the French legation to this country, dated at Paris, November 3, stating, that the American envoys had had three public audiences, which were of a favourable nature: that he expected an accommodation would speedily take place; and as a new corps diplomatique would, in such case, be dispatched to the United States, he flattered himself he should be again here in some official capacity.

Another letter has been received from a private gentleman, with similar intelligence.

The letter received by captain Nutting, at Rotterdam, from Mr. Gerry, at Paris, we are informed, was not of a very recent date; and did not observe that the envoys "would not be," but that they "were not," (to that date) received by the Directory.

Letters were received on Saturday, from Mr. Gerry, at Paris, dated five days after his arrival in that city by which we are informed that our commissioners were very politely received by the minister of foreign affairs, and letters of hospitality immediately sent to them. The minister told our commissioners, that he hoped to be able, in a few days, to inform them when it would be convenient to have them presented to the Directory. The commissioners had begun to arrange their household, &c. and from no account does it appear that they have experienced any thing like coolness, delay, or inattention; nor is there any foundation for the report that Fauchet and Adet were appointed to confer with them. The above intelligence may be relied on.

#### NEW-YORK, January 27.

##### A GHOST.

New Gaol, (in the Fields.)

Jan. 10, 1798.

A true and surprising account of the apparition or ghost of a woman, that has appeared several nights past in the New Gaol, to the great terror and affright of the prisoners, many of whom are ready to confirm the truth of it on oath.

Capt. Fish declares that for several nights past, the apparition of a woman has haunted the gaol from room to room, this and the last week, followed and encircled by a radiant light, dressed in a white flowing robe and a turban on her head, seemingly of a pleasing but dejected countenance. Captain Fish declares that about twelve o'clock on Friday night this apparition came to his bedside, and drew the curtains, looking steadfastly at him for some time, which so affrighted him, that he adjured her in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to tell him who she was, or why she came in "so questionable a shape," when she cast a look of sorrow, accompanied with most ineffable sweetness gradually disappeared in the light of several other prisoners who were in the room, and are ready to testify the truth of what is here advanced.

Mr. Miller, another debtor in the same room, going to the upper hall, about one in the morning, was met by the same woman who pulled him by the coat; which so alarmed and frightened him that he stood petrified as a statue; when he came a little to himself he saw her gradually advance to the window, from which she vanished. He then called to the watchman to ask him if he had seen it, he declared he did, and that he had seen it vanish from the same window several nights successively.

Mr. Miller further declares, that after she was gone, a large globe of fire of the most beautiful and diversified colours rolled up and down the hall for the space of five minutes; and then of a sudden burst with a dreadful explosion, which left him in total darkness, which still affrighted him worse than the first rencounter of the apparition; when making but one step from the top of the stairs to the bottom, he recovered his room, in a condition of undeliverable terror.

The Friday following Mr. Evans, being asleep in his bed, was suddenly awakened by something drawing open the curtains of his bed, when he perceived the figure of a beautiful woman, arrayed in white, looking steadfastly on him, which much alarmed him; he communicated his fear to another man who was in the same bed with him, who also saw it with terror and astonishment. It continued a considerable time by the bedside in a contemplative posture, often putting her hand on the left side of her robe, which seemed to be tinged with blood, and then heaving a deep sigh, vanished through the wall.

Mr. Hewit a few evenings after this, in the dead of the night being alarmed in his sleep, suddenly leaped out of bed, and the first thing presented to his view was the apparition of this woman, who with the most

placid countenance seemed to claim his pity; but frightened to the greatest degree at so uncommon an appearance, and fear closing his power of utterance, he leaped again into bed, covering himself over head and ears, with every particle of the bed furniture that was within his grasp. In a few minutes after, this apparition disappeared, which was accompanied by a solemn, hollow, rumbling noise, leaving him in "the utmost exacerbation of human terror."

The prisoners in general further declare, that almost every night about twelve o'clock there appears a large ball of fire at intervals, which illuminate every room in the gaol for a time.

"Doom'd for a certain term to walk the night,  
And for the day confin'd to fast in fire,  
Till the foul crimes done in my days of nature  
Are burnt and purg'd away. But that I am forbid  
To tell the secrets of my prison house,  
I could a tale unfold, whose lightest word  
Would harrow up the soul, freeze all thy blood;  
Make thy two eyes like stars start from their spheres,  
Thy knotted and uncombed locks to part,  
And each particular hair to stand on end  
Like quills upon the fretful porcupine."

#### PHILADELPHIA, January 26.

Extract of a letter from Norfolk, to a mercantile house in this city, dated January 15.

"Yesterday a ship from Nantes arrived here, which brings French papers as late as the 7th November, at which time the American commissioners had not been received by the French government nor any prospect of its taking place."

"This vessel belonged to Boston, and loaded here last year for Nantes, but was taken and there condemned. The captain purchased her, and has brought several American captains, who had lately been taken by the French."

"The captain of this vessel informs, that he saw a letter from Mr. Skipwith, our consul-general at Paris, to the consul at Nantes (received the day before he sailed) desiring the latter to inform the American captains to push off as quick as possible, as an embargo was expected shortly to take place; that uncommon exertions were making in fitting out a great additional number of privateers, and that every thing bore the appearance of hostility on the part of France against this country."

LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office, Port-Tobacco, which, if not taken up before the first day of April next, will be returned to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

JOHN Brent, Charles county, 1,  
James Doyle, ditto, 2,  
William C. Brent, ditto, 1,  
Richard Wheeler, Cedar Point Neck, 1,  
Grace Stone, Port-Tobacco, 1,  
Alexander Scott, ditto, 1,  
Benjamin Marshall, jun. Newport, 2,  
Henry Gardner, near Benedict, 1,  
Joseph Wilkison, Calvert county, Maryland, 1,  
Heber Chase, M. D. Charles county, ditto, 1,  
Martha Dent, Charles county, ditto, 1,  
Eleanor Boardman, ditto, ditto, 1,  
William Shorvan, near Port Tobacco, ditto, 1,  
William B. Smoot, ditto, ditto, 1,  
Hezekiah Robey, near Piscataway, ditto, 1,  
Sarah Pyc, Charles county, ditto, 1,  
Richd. Mason, jun. ditto, ditto, 1,  
Rev. Hatch Dent, near Coal Springs, 1,  
Edwd. Edelen, Newport, Charles county, 1,  
Thomas Arven, near Piscataway, 1,  
Mr. Dejean, Pomonkey creek, near Port-Tobacco, 1,  
John Chilton, Maryland, Point ferry, 1,  
William M. Wilkison, Charles county, 1,  
William M. Conchie, sen. 1,  
Walter Winter, near Allen's Fresh, 1,  
Eleanor Hamilton, Nanjemoy, Charles county, 2,  
James Garner, Charles county, 1,  
Charles Manken, ditto, 1,  
Burdett Ashton, Newport, 1,  
Sheriff of Charles county, 1,  
Jane Lindsay, Port-Tobacco, Maryland, 1,  
Jean Winter, near Newport, 1,  
Zachariah Moreland, near Piscataway, 1,  
William Lattimer, Charles county, 1,  
Matthew Moore, near Piscataway, 1,  
Samuel Amery, Newport, 2,  
John Barnes, Esq; clerk Charles county, 1,  
Capt. Samuel Mitchell, near Port-Tobacco, 1,  
Raphael Boardman, near Newport, 1,  
Col. John Addison, Nanjemoy, 1,  
John C. Dickson, 1,  
Thomas Marshall, 1,  
Jeremiah Mud, 1,  
Port-Tobacco, January 1, 1798.

THE subscriber has eloped from him many NEGRO MEN whom he has reason to think are employed by white people to work for them. I do hereby forewarn all persons from dealing with or employing my said negroes in any manner whatever, as I shall in that case prosecute every offender to the utmost rigour of the law.

BENNETT DARNALL.

January 26, 1798.

THE subscriber hereby forewarns all persons from hunting with either dog or gun on his land, lying in Anne-Arundel county, on Deep Creek, formerly the property of Stephen Steward, deceased.

JOHN GWINN.

Annapolis, October 24, 1797.

#### Forty Dollars

RAN away from the tubular room last, a dark man, or SOLOMON BOOTH, feet 8 or 9 inches high, dressed in a blue coat, and smooth. Whoever takes brings him to the subscriber, if taken in the state of the above reward and the subscriber, living about town, on Antietam creek,

January 17, 1798.

A LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office, Annapolis, which, if not taken up before the first day of April next, will be returned to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

M. R. ALLEN, on board the schooner Pe-weems, jun. Herring creek, 1,  
Nicholas Brice, 1,  
Barber, Annapolis, 1,  
Right rev. Thos. J. Clagham Cooke, John Callahan, 1,  
John Davidson, Joshua, 1,  
tor, Benjamin Dulany (2), 1,  
John Gwinn (2), Mr. Gwinn, Annapolis, 1,  
John Gwinn, Annapolis, 1,  
William Hammond, San-Hellingworth (3), Anna-Richard Harrison, Anne-Henry Johnston, Annapolis, 1,  
Providence Lane, care of Thomas Lisbey (3), Anna-Robert Milligen, John (1), Gilbert Murdoch, A-bin, Anne-Arundel county, 1,  
Edward Nicholls, Anna-Martin O'Duhigg, Anna-Pollmester, Thomas Pym-Henry Ridgely, Benjamin Ridgely, John Ridgely, Logan, Annapolis, 1,  
Sheriff elect of Anne-Annapolis, 1,  
Colonel Tootle, J. A. Annapolis, 1,  
Levin Winder, Eliz. W. on board the schooner Pe-weems, jun. Herring creek, 1,  
John Young, Annapolis, 1,  
None of the above letters to be returned for the money.

On Monday the 5th day of April next, at 11 o'clock, to PUBLIC SALE,

A PART of the personal estate of ISAAC MAYO, deceased, consisting of the estate of that day, by SARAH A. MAYO, executrix.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Isaac Mayo, are once more requested to present them to the executrix, on or before the first day of May, legally authenticated.

STOLEN from the premises of Mount Pleasant, a distance from Mrs. Rawlinson, a pair of iron shoes, a pair of iron hands and an half hatched, a split in one of his hands, his brand is unknown, horse, blows very much, information I have I have a Patapico ferry, or in Ridge Landing. Any horse, and brings him to LARS, paid by THOMAS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I claim against the late of Anne-Arundel county, their accounts, legally debited to said estate to farther indulgence cannot be granted.

BENJAMIN ROBE.

ROBE.

January 12, 1798.

#### SETH

RETURNS his public notice in general to his business, and informs the Boot and Shoe-makers in the best manner. He of the best Boston bend on reasonable terms, for also for sale, hide leather of Shoe-maker's tools, whole and tanner's oil, tedious too mention.

N. B. He has a v that is used to Kitchen.

#### N O

ALL persons indebted to HARRISON, Annapolis county, decedent, are requested to pay, and estate are requested to that they be settled.

MARY I.

January 5, 1798.



## Forty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, some time in September last, a dark mulatto man named SAUL or SOLOMON BOOTH, about 23 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, straight made, and talks very smoothly. Whoever takes up the said fellow, and brings him to the subscriber, shall have the above reward, if taken in the State of Maryland, if out of the State the above reward and reasonable charges paid by the subscriber, living about six miles from Hagarstown, on Antietam creek, Washington county.

JOSEPH CHENEY.

January 17, 1798.

A LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office Annapolis, which will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters, if not taken up before the first day of April next.

MR. ALLEN, on board the Ranger, Annapolis. Nicholas Brice (2), Asa Beall, Thomas Barber, Annapolis; Richard Booth, West river. Right rev. Thos. J. Claggett, D. D. care of William Cooke, John Callahan, William Coc, Annapolis. John Davidson, Joshua Dorsey (2), Benjamin Doctor, Benjamin Dulany (2), Annapolis. John Gwinn (2), Mr. Guerin (2), William Gilmore, Annapolis; John Galloway Son, West river. William Hammond, Samuel Harvey Howard, Zeb. Hollingsworth (3), Annapolis; William Harwood, Richard Harrison, Anne-Arundel county. Henry Johnston, Annapolis.

Providence Lane, care of John Brice, Mr. Langlois, Thomas Lisbey (3), Annapolis.

Robert Milligan, John M'Iver, Richard Mackubin (2), Gilbert Murdoch, Annapolis; Joseph Maccubbin, Anne-Arundel county.

Edward Nicholls, Annapolis. Martin O'Duhigg, Annapolis.

Postmaster, Thomas Pyper, Smith Price, Annapolis. Henry Ridgely, Benjamin Ringgold, care of John Galloway, John Ridgely, John Rue, care of William Logan, Annapolis.

Sheriff elect of Anne-Arundel county, James Steele, Annapolis.

Colonel Tootle, J. A. Tarascon, John Tayloe, Annapolis.

Levin Winder, Eliz. Whitewood, capt. H. Wilson, on board the schooner Felicity (2), Annapolis; John Weems, jun. Scherring creek.

John Young, Annapolis.

S. GREEN, D. P. M.

None of the above letter will be delivered without the money.

January 1, 1798.

On Monday the 5th day of February next, if fair, if not the first day, at 11 o'clock, will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE.

A PART of the personal property of the late ISAAC MAYO, deceased, for the purpose of settling the estate. Terms of sale to be made known on that day, by

SARAH ANNE MAYO, Executrix.

ALL persons having claims against said estate are once more requested to exhibit them, on or before the day of sale, legally authenticated.

S. A. M.

STOLEN from the subscriber, living about two miles from Mount Pleasant ferry, and the same distance from Mrs. Rawlings's tavern, on the 26th of December, 1797, an iron gray HORSE, about fourteen hands and an half high, he is shod all fours, has a split in one of his houghs, and a remarkable short head, his brand is unknown, he is a strong well made horse, blows very much when he gallops; by what information I have I am apt to believe he is about Patuxent ferry, or in that neighbourhood, or Elk-Ridge Landing. Any person that takes up the said horse, and brings him to me, shall receive SIX DOLLARS, paid by

THOMAS LANE, Mount Airy.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of BENJAMIN CARR, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to bring in their accounts, legally attested, likewise all those indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, as farther indulgence cannot be given.

BENJAMIN CARR, } Executors.  
ROBERT CARR, }  
ROBERT WELCH, }

January 12, 1798.

SETH SWEETSER,

RETURNS his thanks to his customers and the public in general for past favours in the line of his business, and informs them that he still carries on the Boot and Shoe-making Business in all its branches, in the best manner. He has just received a large quantity of the best Boston bend seal-leather, which he will sell on reasonable terms, for calf, or green hides; he has also for sale, hide leather and calf skins, and all kinds of Shoe-maker's tools, shoe thread, resin, linseed, whale and tanner's oil, and sundry other articles too tedious too mention.

N. B. He has a valuable young Wench for sale, that is used to Kitchen work.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of RICHARD HARRISON, late of West river, in Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are requested to bring them in, legally attested, that they be settled.

MARY HARRISON, Administratrix.

January 5, 1798.

## Eighty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber's farm, about seven miles from Annapolis, on Wednesday, the 5th instant, two slaves, WILL and TOM; they are brothers. WILL, a straight, tall, well made fellow, upwards of six feet high, he is generally called black, but has rather a yellowish complexion, by trade a carpenter and cooper, and in general capable of the use of tools in almost any work; faws well at the whip saw, about thirty years of age, when he speaks quick he hammers a little in his speech. TOM, a stout well made fellow, a bright mulatto, twenty-four years of age, and about five feet nine or ten inches high; he is a complete hand at plantation work, and can handle tools pretty well. Their dress at home, upper jackets lined with flannel, and overalls of a drab colour, but they have a variety of other cloathing; and it is supposed they will not appear abroad in what they wear at home. Will writes pretty well, and if he and his brother are not furnished with passes from others, they will not be at a loss for them, but upon proper examination may be discovered to be forged. These people, it is imagined, are gone for Baltimore-town, as Tom has a wife living there, with Mr. Thomas Edwards. For taking up and securing the two fellows in the gaol of Baltimore-town, or any other gaol, so that I get them again, a reward of eighty dollars, and for either forty dollars.

THOMAS HARWOOD.

Annapolis, April 10, 1797.

## For SALE,

A FEW families of NEGROES, consisting of four families, the first, two women and four children, all boys, two fit for service; the second, one ditto, four ditto, two boys fit for service; the third, one woman and two children, both boys; the fourth, a young man, his wife and child; they have all had the small-pox except a few small ones. They are as likely negroes as any in America. The women that have got husbands may be purchased in the same neighbourhood.

GEORGE SMITH.

Calvert county, Lyon's creek, Dec. 2, 1797.

## Fifty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living near Stafford court-house, in the commonwealth of Virginia, about the middle of May last, a negro fellow named JACK, about five feet eight or nine inches high, nineteen years old, thick made and well set, floors in the shoulders, and his complexion black; has a remarkable scar on the top of one of his feet, but I forget whether right or left; he carried with him the following cloaths, a greenish coloured great coat of elastic cloth, with buff cuffs and cape, a white casimer vest and breeches, a brown cloth vest, and a calico vest, but these he may change for other cloaths; this negro lately belonged to the estate of Mr. THOMAS STONE, in Charles county, Maryland, and may pass himself for one of the Thomas family of negroes belonging to the said estate, who make pretension to their freedom, but the fallacy of the attempt may be easily detected, as he is quite black, whereas the Thomas family are all of the mulatto colour; he can also read a little. I suspect he is lurking about Baltimore or Annapolis; his mother is in the former city, who is also a runaway, and named RACHEL. I will give the above reward of fifty dollars to any person who will deliver him to me at my place of residence, or FORTY DOLLARS for securing him in any gaol, so that I get him again.

TRAVERS DANIEL, jun.

Stafford county, Virginia, October 28, 1797.

## Sixteen Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Prince-George's county, two mulatto fellows called CHARLES and PATRICK MAHONEY; they have been away about three weeks; they pretend that they are set free by the verdict of a jury in the last general court, but were ordered by the court to return home till a point of law should be settled relating to their case; this they refuse to do. As they are well known in and about Annapolis and the forest of Prince George's, where I suspect they must be, I do hereby forewarn all persons from harbouring or employing them, and will give any person EIGHT DOLLARS reward for securing either of them in gaol.

JOHN ASHTON.

January 8, 1798.

## In CHANCERY, December 30, 1797.

ORDERED, That the sale made by WILLIAM POSTON, trustee, on the 19th instant, as stated in his report of the real estate of WILLIAM POSTON, deceased, shall be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shewn on or before the first Tuesday in March next, provided a copy of this order be inserted in the Maryland Gazette before the end of January next.

The said report states 203 as. 3 ds. 15 ps. sold for £. 460, 86 as. 2 ds. 9 ps. sold for £. 525, and 79 as. 2 ds. 22 ps. for £. 326 1 1.

Test. SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD,

Reg. Cur. Can.

THERE is at the subscriber's plantation, near Annapolis, taken up as a stray, a large red and white COW, marked with a crop and an under cut in the right ear. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

December 18, 1797.

MARY WATSON.

## By his EXCELLENCY JOHN HENRY, GOVERNOR of MARYLAND, A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it has been represented to me that a barn and stables, the property of Robert Laidler, of Charles county, were, on the night of the first instant, consumed by fire, and that some malicious persons are supposed to have wilfully set fire to the same; and whereas it is of the greatest importance to society that the perpetrator or perpetrators of such a crime should be discovered and brought to justice: I have, therefore, thought proper, by and in pursuance of the powers invested in me, to promise full and free pardon to any person being an accomplice in the commission of the said crime, who shall discover the perpetrator or perpetrators thereof, so that he, she, or they, or any of them, be convicted thereof.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the State of Maryland, at the city of Annapolis, this thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN HENRY.

By the Governor,  
NINIAN PINKNEY, Secretary.

## Six Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, about five miles above Montgomery county court-house, in the State of Maryland, on the 16th day of December, a negro girl named JENNEY, about 17 or 18 years old, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, of a yellow complexion, with a scar on the back of her neck about an inch long. She combs her hair and ties it in several places on her head, tolerable likely; she had on when she went away, one tow linen shift, one old green petticoat and jacket of kersey, one country tow linen petticoat, one country striped linsley jacket, one pair of coarse white yarn stockings, one of the stockings feet about one half of gray yarn, one felt hat about half worn, and one pair of coarse shoes; no doubt but she will change her name and cloaths, and endeavour to pass as free, as she ran away last June and got into Calvert county, where she formerly lived with Mr. James Stone, of Lower Marlborough. From the best information I can get she went towards Snowden's iron-works. I will give the above reward to any person who will take her up, and secure her in any gaol so that I get her again, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by

JOHN RAWLINGS.

N. B. All masters of vessels and others are forbid carrying off or harbouring said negro at their peril.

December 29, 1797.

J. R.

WENT away on the 9th inst. from the subscriber, living in the city of Annapolis, a negro man named JEM, a lively, brisk, active fellow when he pleases, 28 years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches high, slender made, rather a thin face, has a great hesitation in his speech, and when he laughs shews his gums very much, takes snuff, one of his legs is sore; he is very artful and can turn his hand to any thing; he has been used to waiting, to taking care of horses, and driving a carriage, is something of a gardiner, carpenter and bricklayer; is or pretends to be of the society of Methodists, he constantly attended the meetings, and at times exhorted himself; he took with him a watch of his own, a fine hat, new drab coloured fur coat, lined about the body with green, light cloth waistcoat, buckskin breeches; a black coat labelled is missing from the house; it is probable he may change his dress; he had some time in the summer from me a pass for a limited time (three or four days) to go to Baltimore, it is not improbable but he may get the date altered and make use of it. Whoever takes him up and delivers him to me, or secures him in any gaol so that I get him again, shall receive TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

JAMES BRICE.

December 16, 1797.

## St. John's College,

December 11, 1797.

WHEREAS it appears to the trustees of the said college that there are considerable arrearages on the books of the college, great part of which hath been long due from students who have quitted the same, this is therefore to inform the parent or guardian of such student from whom any arrears is due, that they are earnestly requested to make payment of their tuition accounts without delay, and unless the said request is complied with before the 10th day of February, the board will consider themselves under the disagreeable necessity of enforcing such payment.

By order of the board,

RICHARD OWEN, Collector.

## JAMES MATTISON,

HATTER,

In the house formerly occupied by ROBERT COUDEN, Esq;

RESPECTFULLY informs the public in general, and his customers in particular, that he has just received and will be constantly supplied with the best Canada beaver, raccoon and fox, and other materials of the best quality; he will be able to supply those who may honour him with their commands, with hats of a superior quality, on the shortest notice, and most reasonable terms.

An active LAD, about 15 years of age, would be taken as an apprentice.

Annapolis, October 19, 1797.



# PROPOSALS FOR PRINTING A DIGEST OF THE LAWS OF MARYLAND,

FROM THE YEAR 1785, TO THE PERIOD OF  
PUBLICATION:

Containing all the Laws from that to the present time,  
inclusive.

THE object which this intention contemplates, is to publish every Law, now in force, in periodical order, with marginal references and notes, to obviate obscurities created, the consequence of progressive subdivisions, which necessarily resulted, to answer the annual purposes of legislative convenience. The Laws within this space of time, include all our STATUTES, since HANSON'S COLLECTION, and many of them, of the first importance to the people.

The complaints which have been frequently made by the student, in toiling through the dreary course of many perplexing sessions, unavoidably clouded by enumerated additions, amendments and repeals, often produce to his inquiries both doubt and uncertainty. The MERCHANT and FARMER have also frequently evidenced a solicitude, that these Laws were comprised in a clearer view, to abate the difficulties that occur in perusal. Hence it becomes the duty of the citizen, during intervals of leisure from necessary avocations, to digest a plan to remedy the evil.

The multiplicity of Laws is one of the grievances attendant on free governments, for when a Law, which is the "rule of our civil conduct," is enacted at the will of a despot, or aristocratic body, it generally remains fixed, and without frequent alteration or addition. On the contrary, when a REPRESENTATIVE, or FREE GOVERNMENT, LIKE OUR OWN, act in a legislative capacity, from the very freedom and spirit of the organization, our codes are naturally swelled to a more bulky size; sometimes from the frequency of change in our representation, and sometimes from kindred causes. Though this is one of the consequent defects (for human perfection is unattainable) of free governments, yet when we consider the unparalleled privileges and blessings we enjoy, under our Constitutions and Laws, unknown to any nation in the civilized world, we should not be unmindful of our duty, unanimously to co-operate in the most earnest and zealous benedictions to Heaven, for such signal marks of divine favour.

This plan, more copiously displayed, will be presented to the next session of Assembly, for their approbation; because the author is of opinion, that it is not right to interfere with any acts of the constituted authorities, without their previous acquiescence. The glaring injuries that have grown out of such evil practices, have already been too manifest to require amendment, and too severely felt by us a people, not to discourage repetition. The whole, it is trusted, will be found useful to the magistrate, the merchant, the farmer, and the mechanic. If it should prove so in event, the labours of the compiler will be abundantly rewarded.

## CONDITIONS.

- I. That this work will be printed and bound in one volume, and put to press as soon as the subscription is sufficiently enlarged to defray the expenses of printing.
- II. That the whole will be printed on good paper and good type.
- III. That each subscriber, at the time of subscribing, shall pay Five Dollars in advance, for every copy subscribed for, (to enable the printer to go speedily through with the work) and the balance on delivery of the book.
- IV. That the price will be as moderate as books of the same kind, containing the same quantity of matter, are sold for: it cannot be ascertained at present, with accuracy, what the expense of printing will be, and therefore no fixed price can yet be promulgated.
- V. That if any invisible accident should counteract this plan, so as to produce miscarriage, or to prevent it from being carried into execution; in such case, or cases, the money advanced, shall be returned to the respective persons subscribing.

Subscriptions received by Messrs. James Rice, & Co. and George Hill, booksellers in Baltimore, and by Frederick Green, Annapolis.

## CHARLES FARIS,

Clock and Watch-Maker,

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends, and the public in general, that he has received a few SPRING CLOCKS, and an assortment of gold, gilt, and silver warranted WATCHES, gold, gilt, and steel CHAINS, and a variety of JEWELLERY, and other articles in his line, which he will sell low for CASH.

N. B. The highest price given for old silver.  
Annapolis, November 3, 1797.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of JOHN ALLEN THOMAS, late of St. Mary's county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are requested to bring them in, legally authenticated, to Mr. John Watson, at Leonard-town, or to the subscriber, at Annapolis. JAMES THOMAS, Executor.

April 6, 1797.

## MOSES MACCUBBIN, Ladies and Gentlemen's Hair-Dresser,

Church-street, opposite to Mr. Wharfe's Tavern,

HAS JUST RECEIVED

A COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF  
The following Articles,

viz.

Elegant Powder-Horns,

And

Tortoise shell Combs.

HAIR-POWDER,

Marshall, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Common.

POMATUMS, SOFT and HARD.

Rose, Franchipane, Marshall, Lemon, Bergamot, Lavender, Thyme and Orange.

An infallible pomatum that will nourish the hair, make it grow thick and long, and preserve it to extreme old age.

SOAPS,

Patent Windsor, Violet, Jessamine, chymical, patent cakes, Liquid for shaving, and common.

Royal chymical patent soap, for rendering the arms and hands delicately white and soft, it prevents them from chopping or tanning, is one of the greatest preservers of natural bloom and beauty, and is far superior to any kind of soap now in use.

Wash Balls of the first quality.

ESSENCES,

Sweet-briar, Sanparrille, Tuberoze, Millifleur, Bergamot, Lavender and Lemon.

WATERS,

Double distilled Lavender, Hungary, Sanparrille, and Tuberoze.

FOR THE TEETH,

Tooth-brushes, tooth-powder, tooth-picks, with elegant cases of different kinds.

FOR THE HAIR.

Pinching, craping and curling irons, powder knives, hair scissors, with handsome cases, hair riband, powder-bags, swandown, silk and thread puffs, powder-boxes, tortoise-shell, ivory, and horn combs, of all kinds, and a large quantity of the best RUSSIA BEAR'S GREASE, that will thicken the hair, and hasten the growth thereby, nourish it at the roots, and prevent it from turning grey.

Milk of Roses of the best quality.

—LIKEWISE,—

The first quality razors; elastic and Jesse's strops, warranted; lip-salve; smelling-bottles, with silver tops, and a variety of other kinds; ivory and common shaving brushes; the genuine court plaster, and a variety of dressing-cases, with utensils complete; red morocco shaving cases, containing the whole apparatus for shaving or dressing; false-tails and braids; patent shoe blacking; elegant yard measures, with a smelling-bottle at the end of them; a large quantity of small phials, containing different kinds of perfumes; shaving boxes complete; shoe-strings; elastic neck-bolters; lockers and breast-pins of different kinds, and Starch of the best quality.

## M. MACCUBBIN,

Adjusted by a due regard to the sacred principles of gratitude, tenders his most grateful thanks for that liberal patronage which a generous and indulgent public have afforded him, and he flatters himself that while his mind is animated by a lively sense of preceding favours, his future conduct will entitle him to the claim of universal approbation.

## A Bargain Offered.

I will SELL, on moderate terms,

THAT valuable FARM on Kent Island, lately occupied by Dr. JONATHAN ROBERTS. It is situated immediately opposite to the city of Annapolis, is healthy and commands a very extensive view of the Chesapeake. It contains about three hundred acres of land, and is in very high cultivation. The soil is well adapted to the production of wheat, corn and tobacco. The improvements consist of a good frame dwelling house, a large commodious brick quarter, two valuable tobacco houses, a very convenient cow house, two stables, a granary, carriage house, and every other necessary building that the accommodation of a family could possibly require. There is a very choice collection of every kind of fruit. The apple orchards have not yet reached maturity and now yield about thirty hogheads of cider, and several hundred bushels of excellent winter apples. The former proprietor of this place being a man of considerable industry and taste has taken uncommon pains to procure not only valuable fruit, but every other tree that are calculated to beautify and adorn a farm. There are several acres covered with locust and black walnut trees, planted by him, and now in perfection. The houses are all in excellent repair, and the fences in good order. There is feed for the benefit of the purchaser between seventy and eighty bushels of wheat. A small part of the purchase money must be paid on the delivery of the place, which will be on the first day of January next, and an extensive credit will be given for the residue. Bonds, with approved security, will be exacted from the purchaser, and an indisputable title will be given him by

JONATHAN R. WILMER.

November 7, 1797.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, on the first Monday in March next, on the premises, if fair, if not the first fair day ensuing.

THAT valuable and well known plantation whereon JOSEPH GALLOWAY now dwells, situated on West river, in Anne-Arundel county, containing about 980 acres of very valuable land, the situation high and healthy, commanding an extensive and beautiful view of the Chesapeake Bay, West river and Herring Bay, in a fine sporting country, and convenient to fine oysters, fish, and wild fowl in the proper seasons, great part of the land is of the first quality, and lays level, with abundance of meadow ground, and a sufficiency of wood-land with care and attention to supply the uses of a farm. The title secure, and conveyance will be executed to the purchaser on payment of the purchase money, and it will be sold on a credit of one, two, and three years; and at the same time and place will be sold 48 valuable slaves, consisting of men, women, and children, 50 head of cattle, and 11 horses and mules. Purchasers to any amount not exceeding £.20 to pay cash, above that sum to give bond, with approved security, payable in 12 months. All persons having claims against Joseph Galloway are requested to produce them to the subscribers, on or before the day of sale, properly authenticated.

JOHN GALLOWAY, } Trustees for sale  
DAVID LYNN, } of said estate.

January 10, 1798.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE, at my dwelling plantation, about two miles from Mrs. Rawlings's tavern, and the same distance from Mount Pleasant ferry, on Thursday the 15th of February, if fair, or on the first fair day after, on twelve months credit, the purchasers entering into bond, with approved security, before delivery.

A PARCEL of likely country born young NEGROES, consisting of men, women, boys and girls, among them a very valuable rough carpenter, and good miller, also some valuable house women, who understand all manner of house work, with plantation utensils, stock of horses, cattle, some good work oxen, and sheep, with some household and kitchen furniture. Further particulars will be made known on the day of sale.

THOMAS LANE.

P. S. I will sell my plantation whereon I now live, containing about 400 acres, on it are at least 6000 fruit trees, which will yield ten thousand gallons of choice cider annually.

Mount Airy, January 8, 1798.

COMMITTED to my custody on the 28th day of this present month, a negro man who says his name is JOHN, that he was sold about five years ago from the estate of captain RICHES, near Hobbs's Hole, in Virginia, to PHILIP PAYNE who lived in Campbell county, in the state of Kentucky, where he continued four years, and ran away in March last; he is a likely black fellow, about five feet six or seven inches high, about twenty years old; had on a striped cloth coat, with large metal buttons, old cotton velvet breeches, his other cloaths very sorry, his feet appear remarkable small for his size. His master is desired to take him away in two months from this date, or he will be sold for his prison fees and other expenses agreeably to law.

ZACH. FORREST, Sheriff  
of St. Mary's county.

December 30, 1797.

## Patowmack Company.

THE STOCKHOLDERS of the PATOWMACK COMPANY are requested to meet at the Union Tavern in George-town, on the second Thursday in February next—Business of the first importance will be laid before the meeting—it is therefore hoped the Stockholders will generally attend, or send their proxies.

TOBIAS LEAR, President.  
JOHN MASON,  
JOHN TEMPLEMAN, } Directors.  
JAMES KEITH,  
JOSHUA CLAPHAM,

Alexandria, January 3, 1798.

## One Hundred Dollars Reward.

ON the first day of December some wicked persons or persons set fire to my corn house and stables, in the dead of night, whereby they were totally consumed, with a quantity of wheat, flax, plank, and scantling, and a fine brood mare with foal, and a saddle horse perished in the flames. Whoever will discover the perpetrator or perpetrators of so abominable an act, in such manner as may bring him or them to condign punishment, shall receive the above reward, from

ROBERT LAIDLER.

Laidler's Ferry, December 23, 1797.

## CASH given for Clean

Linen and Cotton

RAGS,

At the Printing-Office.

ANNAPOLIS:

Printed by FREDERICK and SAMUEL GREEN.

(LIII<sup>d</sup> YEAR.)

# MAR

In COUNCIL, Annapolis

ORDERED, That the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight be published in the Maryland the Federal Gazette, at Baltimore, and in one of the George-town papers, once in each week for

By order,

An ACT to appoint an agent

seven hundred

BE it enacted, by the Governor, That William Marbury execute the trust and power this act, from the first day of seven hundred and ninety

January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight. II. And be it enacted, That the collection of all arrears the several collectors of this state, appointed since the year one thousand and eight is hereby authorized and directed to collect the same, and the said agent shall be of all arrears and balance such accounts shall be paid accordingly.

III. And be it enacted, That the state on the auditor's and the said agent shall be of, and, if necessary, to and the said agent, with nor and council, may make debtors, and take bonds security, and give time for years from the first day of and ninety-eight.

IV. And be it enacted, That the state for naval duties and armaments, and for ordinary, retailers, require payment, and, if the same, and the said agent and credit any money that with by law, and for he may take the advice writing.

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# MARYLAND GAZETTE.

T H U R S D A Y, FEBRUARY 8, 1798.

In COUNCIL, Annapolis, January 23, 1798.

ORDERED, That the act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be published in the Maryland Gazette, at Annapolis, the Federal Gazette, at Baltimore, the Herald, at Balton, and in one of the George-town and Frederick-town papers, once in each week for the term of eight weeks.

By order,

NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk  
of the Council of the State  
of Maryland.

An ACT to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Marbury be agent of this state, to execute the trust and power reposed in him by virtue of this act, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, until the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

II. And be it enacted, That the said agent superintend the collection of all arrearages and balances due from the several collectors of the respective counties within this state, appointed since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the said agent is hereby authorized and required to call upon the treasurers of the respective shires for an accurate statement of all arrearages and balances due from such collectors, and such accounts shall be furnished by the said treasurers accordingly.

III. And be it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of balances due to the state on the auditor's books, or on open account; and the said agent shall have power to require payment of, and, if necessary, to sue for and recover the same; and the said agent, with the approbation of the governor and council, may make composition with any such debtors, and take bonds to the state, with sufficient security, and give time for payment, not exceeding two years from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all monies due to the state for naval duties, fines, penalties, forfeitures and amerciaments, and forfeited recognizances, and for ordinary, retailers and marriage licences, and to require payment, and, if necessary, sue for and recover the same; and the said agent may allow for infolvency, and credit any money that the party is not chargeable with by law, and for his information of the law, he may take the advice of the attorney-general in writing.

V. And be it enacted, That whenever there shall be occasion to expose to public sale the property of any collector, or his securities, by virtue of any execution already issued, or to be issued for this purpose, the said agent shall cause at least thirty days public notice to be given of such sale, and shall attend the same, and if it shall appear that there is danger of losing any part of the debt due to the state, and not otherwise, shall purchase any property so exposed to sale for the use of the state, in payment, or part payment, as the case may be, of the arrearages due by the collectors whose property may be so purchased, and that no purchase authorized by this act shall be considered as made on the part of the state, unless a public declaration to that effect be made by the agent, or his deputy, immediately after such sale and purchase; and any property so purchased for the use of the state, the said agent may again expose to public auction on the most advantageous terms, for the use of the state, and if the same be sold on credit, which shall in no case exceed the term of two years, the said agent shall take bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shore, from the purchasers of such property, and all bonds by him so taken shall be deposited, with an accurate list thereof subscribed by him, in the treasury of the western shore, and shall be a lien upon the real property of such purchasers, and their securities, from the respective dates, or so much thereof as is mentioned in the schedule thereto annexed.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said agent is hereby directed to dispose of all confiscated British property that remains unsold, and take bonds to the state, with sufficient security, and give time for the payment thereof, not exceeding two years from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and that where the quantity of land in any one body subject to such sale exceeds the quantity of fifty acres, such land shall be disposed of at public sale, or the time and place of which sale at least thirty days previous notice shall be given by public advertisement; and that at the time of any sale by virtue of this act, the said agent shall make known that he only sells the right of this state thereto, and that the state doth not guaranty the title to the same, or any part thereof, but that the purchase must be in all respects at the risk of the purchaser.

VII. And be it enacted, That no payment in future by any officer or person indebted to the state shall be valid and effectual, unless made to the treasurer of the western or eastern shore, or to the agent for the time being, or unless made to the clerks and sheriffs of the several counties, in the cases where the said clerks and sheriffs are by law authorized to receive the same.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the agent shall have full power and authority, by and with the advice of the governor and council, in all cases of uninstalled debts, to take back any property heretofore purchased by any person, and not yet paid for, in cases where the person so having purchased, and his securities, are not capable of paying for the same, and to compromise the same upon terms and principles of equity and justice, by and

with the advice and consent aforesaid; and the agent is hereby required to lay a particular statement of his proceedings under this section before the next session of assembly.

IX. And be it enacted, That the agent, with the approbation and consent of the governor and council, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to compromise any suit depending in chancery with any state debtor, upon any terms in their judgment calculated to promote the interest of the state, and to obtain the speedy receipt of the sums due.

X. And be it enacted, That if, under the terms of any compromise made as aforesaid, the property heretofore purchased should be taken back and re-vested in the state, the same may be sold by the agent, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sell the same at public sale, giving thirty days notice, on a credit of two years, payable one half of the principal, and the whole interest, annually, on the first day of December in each year, and the bonds, when taken, shall be returned to the treasury of the western shore, and reported to the general assembly at their session next ensuing the taking of such bonds.

XI. And be it enacted, That all cases in chancery, where no compromise under this act is effected, shall be placed under the direction of the agent, who is hereby authorized and required to call on the attorney-general to prosecute or defend the same to immediate final decision; and the governor and council are hereby authorized and empowered, at the request of the agent, in cases of difficulty, to aid the attorney-general, by employing any person to attend to surveys where necessary, or otherwise to assist in the prosecution or defence of said suits, which person or persons are to be paid out of the contingent fund of five hundred pounds; and the names of the persons so employed, together with the sum allowed for their services, to be laid before the general assembly at their next session.

XII. And be it enacted, That if any bond debtor to the state for confiscated property purchased, or otherwise, shall neglect to make payment agreeably to the condition of his bond, and sundry resolves of the general assembly, the said agent shall cause process to issue for the whole principal and interest then due, or shall proceed on any execution already issued, and served and suspended, as occasion may require, or, under the direction and with the approbation of the governor and council, he is hereby authorized to delay any execution as long as they may think expedient and necessary.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all balances due on bond taken for taxes due before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the said agent shall also superintend the collection of all balances due on bonds installed, or otherwise, for the emissions of paper money of seventeen hundred and sixty-nine, and seventeen hundred and seventy-three.

XIV. And be it enacted, That no process shall issue against any of the public debtors, unless by the direction of the said agent.

XV. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall have power to fix such days of sale of property taken by fieri facias, at the suit of the state, as he may think proper, always taking care to give at least twenty days public notice thereof; and the said agent shall also have power to suspend the sales, from time to time, as he may think most to the advantage of the state.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall pay into the treasury, in specie, the amount of all specie by him received in the discharge of the duties of this act.

XVII. And be it enacted, That in all cases where bonds shall be taken in virtue of this act, the bonds shall be a lien on all the real property of the obligors from the date thereof, or on so much of the said real property as the governor and council shall think sufficient, to be particularly mentioned in a schedule to be annexed to the said bond, in which case it shall be a lien on the property contained in such schedule, and no more, such bond and schedule to be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That all bonds taken in virtue of this act shall express the county in which the obligors respectively reside, and the treasurer of the western shore shall, within one month after he receives them respectively, cause them, with the schedule annexed to them, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the general court of the western shore, at the expense of the obligors; and a copy of the said record, certified under the hand and official seal of the said clerk, shall be as good evidence in any court of law or equity in this state as the original bond would be if it was produced; and if any of the obligors in any such bonds reside on the eastern shore, the said treasurer shall, within six months from the time he receives the same respectively, transmit to the clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, in the same manner as papers on public service are transmitted, a copy of such bonds and schedules, certified as aforesaid by the clerk of the general court of the western shore, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, at the expense of the obligors, and in such case a copy of the said record, certified as aforesaid by the clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, shall be good evidence as aforesaid.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall render to the treasurer of the western shore distinct quarterly accounts of his receipts of all money, certificates and bonds, in virtue of this act, and shall immediately thereupon pay and deliver the same to the said treasurer, who shall, in his annual report to the general assembly, state fully and particularly the money, certificates and bonds, by him received from the said agent, and the times when the same were received and accounted for.

XX. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall render a fair and full account of his several proceedings under the authority of this act to the general assembly at their next session, and within the first ten days after its commencement, in which account shall be specified, under distinct heads, his own receipts, and those of the treasurer, and of all transfers of stock upon which he may be entitled to commission, and in which shall also be contained a particular estimate of his commissions, shewing how and upon what the same arose due.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall be allowed for his services the following commissions, to wit: for all payments actually made to either of the treasurers in virtue of this act, three per cent. and for all bonds with security taken by the said agent in virtue of this act, three per cent. provided that the whole amount of his commission shall not exceed five hundred pounds current money, and he shall lay an account of the same, on oath, before the next session of assembly.

XXII. And be it enacted, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the agent, and the treasurers of the western and eastern shores respectively, to receive, as well the fifteen per cent. interest, if any shall have accrued, as all other the arrearages that are now, or may hereafter become due from fines, forfeitures and amerciaments, ordinary, retailers, marriage, hawkers and pedlers licences, and which fifteen per cent. so collected, shall be the only fund out of which the agent shall draw his commission of three per cent. for collecting the same; provided that the said agent shall not be entitled to any commission upon the monies arising from fines, forfeitures, amerciaments, ordinary, retailers, marriage, hawkers and pedlers licences, unless in cases where the same shall not be paid by the sheriffs and clerks respectively, to the treasurer within one month after the time prescribed by law, and unless the said agent shall thereafter receive the same from the said officers respectively, and the same pay to the said treasurer.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the said agent, before he enters upon the execution of the duties of this act, shall give bond to the state, before the governor and council, in the penalty of sixty thousand dollars, with such security as the governor and council shall approve, for the faithful performance of the said duties, which bond shall be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore, and shall also take an oath before the chancellor, that he will well and faithfully discharge the duties as agent under the act, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, to the best of his skill and judgment, the certificate of which oath shall be annexed to, or endorsed on, the said bond.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That if the said agent shall not accept his appointment, or if after his acceptance he shall not give bond, and take the oath aforesaid, before the first day of February next, or shall die, the governor and council are hereby authorized and requested to appoint a fit and proper person in his place, who shall have and execute all the authorities and powers vested in the said William Marbury by this act, such person first giving security, and taking the oath aforesaid.

## NOTICE TO STATE DEBTORS.

PROCESS will certainly be directed against all delinquent state debtors who fail to make their payments by the 10th day of March next.

WILLIAM MARBURY, Agent.

BOSTON, January 22.

LATELY, at Groton, a mad dog bit two or three persons, a calf, a hog, and several dogs, and in consequence was shot. The calf bit a woman while feeding it, but no bad symptoms have yet appeared. The calf died a few days afterwards. In Chelmsford, and the adjacent towns, several dogs apparently in a state of madness, have been killed.

NEW-YORK, January 27.

Extract of a letter from a supercargo at Havre de Grace to his owner in this city, dated November 7—giving the conversation of the Directory to our commissioners.

"We refuse you an audience in consequence of your making a treaty with Great-Britain contrary to our wishes—We have ordered you to break it—You have not complied—We now mean to make you pay dearly for it, though we do not mean to declare war against you."

Extract of a letter from Paris, dated the 30th of October, 1797.

"Our commissioners have not advanced one step towards negotiation. My hopes and fears are on the alarm."

PHILADELPHIA, January 29.

Arrived in town, captain Harding Williams, from Guadaloupe (via Norfolk) who informs, that about 130 sail of French privateers are fitted out at Guadaloupe, none of which rate higher than eighteen guns, having instructions to take all American vessels they meet with, bound to or coming from British ports and send them in for trial. These cruizers have taken some Americans bound to the ports of Curacao, St. Thomas and St. Bartholomew's. Several American prizes were at Point-Peter, and 5 sail ditto at St. Martin's and Eustatia, the names of which captain W. could not obtain.



He further informs, that some very valuable English prizes, from Europe to the British islands, had been sent into Guadaloupe; and that an English 74, and two frigates lay at the Saints, not far distant from Guadaloupe, who seemed to pay no attention to the depredations committed daily by the French cruisers.

Captain Williams lost his vessel and cargo there, and came passenger in a vessel arrived at Norfolk, in 19 days passage.

The day before captain Williams sailed from Basseterre, a boat arrived there with some Frenchmen, who informed that they belonged to a privateer, which a few days before had captured a brig belonging to Portland. Four of the men belonging to the brig were taken on board the privateer. A few days after the American captain with the assistance of some of his crew, retook his vessel after a severe contest, in which several of the privateersmen were compelled to jump overboard. He then hoisted out his boat, ordered the remaining Frenchmen on board, supplied them with bread and water, and sent them a drift. Shortly after their arrival at Basseterre, the privateer to which they belonged, arrived there with the four men above-mentioned. The captain finding that his prize had escaped, beat them in the most cruel and unmerciful manner, and had them imprisoned immediately, where they remained when captain Williams left Basseterre.

January 30.

A gentleman of this city, just arrived from Charleston, informs, that he there saw a letter addressed to citizen Godard, late chancellor of the French consulate in that city, by citizen Mangourit, dated Paris, November 9. In this letter, citizen Mangourit informs citizen Godard, that he is appointed minister plenipotentiary of the French republic to the United States, and only waits the termination of the conferences with the American commissioners, to set out for the place of his destination. He also requests citizen Godard to proceed to Philadelphia, and there wait his arrival.

M. A.

Don Carlos Martinez De Yrujo, knight of the royal and distinguished order of Charles the third, his Catholic majesty's envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States of America.

WHEREAS the government of Caracas has opened the ports of said province for the importation in neutral bottoms of certain articles of provisions and dry goods (agreeable to the list deposited with his Catholic majesty's consul-general in this city, and with all other Spanish consuls throughout the United States) under the express condition that the returns of said articles are to be in produce to the said province. Now, therefore, I do hereby give this public notice, in order that such persons as may be inclined to trade to Caracas may avail themselves thereof, informing them, at the same time, that it will absolutely be necessary to be furnished with a passport from me for those vessels which sail from Philadelphia, or from his Catholic majesty's consuls in the other ports of the United States.

Given under my hand in Philadelphia, the 27th day of January, 1798.

(Signed)

DON CARLOS MARTINEZ DE YRUJO.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN consideration of the general utility that would result from the citizens of the United States being enabled to procure, *free from expense*, an analysis of any ores or mineral substances, "The Chemical Society of Philadelphia," on the 20th of June, 1797, passed the following resolution:

"RESOLVED,

"That a committee of five members be appointed, whose business it shall be to notify, in the different papers of the United States, and by circular letters, that they will give an analysis of all minerals which may be sent them."

In conformity to the above resolution we hereby give notice, that we will analyze any mineral which may be sent us, provided it be forwarded *free of expense*, and accompanied with an account of the place, and situation in which it was found.

Thomas Smith, No. 19, N. 5th st.  
James Woodhouse, 23, Cherry st.  
Samuel Cooper, 178, S. Front st.  
Adam Seybert, 191, N. Second st.  
John C. Otto, 37, N. Fourth st.

The printers of news-papers throughout the United States are requested to publish the above.

AUGUSTA, January 6.

We learn by Mr. Hill from the neighbourhood of Greensborough, that on Friday the 22d ult. a party of white men crossed the Oconee river about fifteen miles above Fort Fidius, attacked a camp of Indians, killed one and wounded two of them—He who was killed is reported to be one of the commissioners appointed by the Creeks to attend running the line between that nation and the settled parts of this state—Thus from the wanton barbarity of a few individuals, is the peace of the community disturbed, and the rights of humanity grossly violated.

WINCHESTER, January 19.

A gentleman arrived at Lexington, Kentucky, from the Natchez, which place he left the 1st of November, reports, that Mr. Ellicott, captain Pope, and the men under their command, were in good health, that the best harmony prevailed between them and the Spanith officers, but that there was not the least expectation entertained of the boundary line being run during the present winter.

BALTIMORE, February 2.

FRACAS IN CONGRESS.

In the house of representatives on Tuesday last, just before the usual hour of adjournment, while the members were balloting for managers to conduct the impeachment of William Blount, a fracas took place between Mr. Griswold, of Connecticut, and Mr. Lyon, of Vermont, outside of the bar of the house. In consequence of some allusions by Mr. G. to a story lately trumped up to the eastward, that Mr. Lyon had been obliged to wear a wooden sword for cowardice in the field, Mr. Lyon spit in Mr. Griswold's face.

Mr. Sewall shortly after informed the house he had a matter to submit to them, which required a decision before the adjournment, and which he must communicate with closed doors. The galleries were cleared: when, after stating the above circumstance, he moved the following resolution:

"Resolved, That Matthew Lyon, a member of this house, for a violent attack and gross indecency, committed upon the person of Roger Griswold, another member, in the presence of this house, whilst sitting, be, for this disorderly behaviour, expelled therefrom."

The question was taken to agree to the said resolution, and resolved in the affirmative. Yeas 49—Nays 44.

The house determined to discuss the business with open doors, and then it was moved to refer Mr. Sewall's resolution to a committee, to be denominated a committee of privileges, with instruction to inquire into the subject matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the house.

A motion being made and seconded, that the house do come to the following resolution, to wit:

"Resolved, That this house will consider it a high breach of privilege if either of the members shall enter into any personal contest, until a decision of the house shall be had thereon."

A motion was then made and seconded, to amend the said resolution by adding thereto the following words, to wit:

"And that the said Matthew Lyon be considered in custody of the sergeant at arms until the further order of the house."

The yeas and nays were taken upon the above resolution as amended, as follow:

Y E A S.

Messrs. Bartlett, Bayard, Coit, Craik, Dana, Dennis, Evans, A. Foster, D. Foster, Glen, Goodrich, Gordon, Hartley, Hindman, Inlay, Kittera, Lyman, Machir, I. Parker, Pinckney, Rutledge, Sewall, Shepard, Sitgreaves, N. Smith, Sprague, Thatcher, Thomas, Wadsworth—29.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Baer, Baldwin, Bard, Benton, Blount, Brent, Brooks, Bryan, Bullock, Burges, Cabell, Champlin, Chapman, T. Claiborne, W. C. Claiborne, Clay, Clopton, Cochran, Davis, Dawson, Dent, Elmendorph, Findley, Fowler, J. Freeman, N. Freeman, Gallatin, Gillespie, Gregg, Hanna, Harper, Harrison, Havens, Heister, Holmes, Hosmer, Jones, Locke, Macon, Matthews, M'Clenahan, M'Dowell, Milledge, Morris, New, Nicholas, J. Parker, Sinnerickson, Skinner, S. Smith, Sprigg, Stanford, Sumpter, Thompson, Tillinghast, A. Trigg, Van Allen, Varnum, Venable, J. Williams, R. Williams—62.

The following gentlemen compose the committee of privilege to whom the above business was referred:

Messrs. Cochran, Dent, Kittera, Isaac Parker, Pinckney, Venable, and Robert Williams.

Arrived at North Point on Saturday last, ship Sophia, captain Wm. Malcolm, from Bremen.

Captain Malcolm left the Wefer on the 27th November; on the first of January, 1798, in lat. 27, 00, N. long. 54, 30, W. spoke a schooner belonging to Rhode Island, captain F. Bawley, who generously supplied captain Malcolm with provisions.—January 22, in lat. 36, 00, N. long. 73, 00, W. spoke a brig from Hamburg, bound to Baltimore, captain Myrick, 28 weeks out, most of his crew sick, and short of provisions, which captain Malcolm could not supply him with, being at that time in a distressed situation himself.

Captain Malcolm informs, that the current report of the day when he left Bremen, was, that two of the American commissioners had been received, and had commenced negotiations; and that the third had departed for England.

The number of inhabitants of North-America have increased, from the year 1790 to 1794, by one million three hundred and twenty-one thousand persons; as appears from a late census. Such an increase is astonishing, but it is the reward the United States have obtained for their prudent neutrality in the wars which have desolated Europe. Calculating the value of each person in a pecuniary view, only at the price of a negro, this is an augmentation of national capital, equal nearly to one hundred million sterling. In the same period of time what has Europe lost, by the folly of her rulers, in present happiness, in the sources of real wealth and power?

February 5.

The Lancaster German paper mentions, that on Thursday the 11th inst. between the hours of two and three in the morning, there was felt in that town and its neighbourhood a severe shock of an earthquake, which continued for several minutes; the shock was accompanied, it is said, with a blaze not unlike the burning of a chimney.

Annapolis, February 8.

In Council, Annapolis, January 23, 1798.

ORDERED, That the resolutions passed by the general assembly at their last session, respecting certificates and bills of credit, be published eight weeks successively, in one of the Philadelphia and Alexandria news-papers, and in one of the Baltimore, Fredericktown and Easton papers, and the Maryland Gazette.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
December 26, 1797.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorized to pay off and discharge the principal and interest due on all certificates heretofore issued by the state of Maryland, other than those distinguished as fraudulent ones, provided the same are brought into the treasury for payment, on or before the first day of October, 1798.

Resolved, That all holders of certificates heretofore issued and funded by the state of Maryland, bring the same to the treasury of the western shore for payment of principal and interest, on or before the first day of October next, and that no interest on any certificates heretofore issued, which shall accrue after the said first day of October, 1798, shall be paid thereafter, nor the principal sum until after the end of the next session of assembly.

Resolved, That such part of the five months pay, due to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, and due for services on board the barges, as shall not be demanded of the treasurer of the western shore, on or before the first day of October, 1798, be not paid to any person or persons demanding any part of the same thereafter, but be subject to such appropriation as shall hereafter be declared.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorized, to pay off and discharge the amount of principal and interest of such bills of credit, of the emission under the act of June, 1780, as may be produced and brought into the treasury, on or before the first day of October next.

Resolved, That if the holders of bills of credit, emitted in virtue of the act of June session, 1780, do not bring the same into the treasury of the western shore for payment, on or before the first day of October, 1798, that all interest from that time cease thereon, and the principal not to be paid until after the end of the next session of assembly.

Resolved, That the resolutions passed at the last session of assembly, for limiting the time to the first of July last for bringing in certificates for payment be, and the same are hereby re-enacted.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Thus endorsed:

By the senate, December 26, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

By the senate, December 29, 1797: Read the second time and assented to.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

By virtue of a writ of *venditioni exponas*, to me directed by the judges of the general court, will be EXPOSED TO PUBLIC SALE, on the premises, on the fifteenth day of March next, for READY CASH,

THE following lands, to wit: HENRY'S PARK, Part of CONCLUSION, Part of INVASION, and Part of CUMBERLAND; the whole is supposed to contain five hundred and forty acres, more or less, being the property of WILLIAM RUSSELL, and which were taken to satisfy a judgment obtained by JOHN MOULT against said Russell. The sale will commence at twelve o'clock.

RICHARD HARWOOD, Late sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.

February 1, 1798.

An Overseer Wanted.

I WISH to engage an overseer for the remainder of this year, to superintend and manage a small farm. None but a single man who can come well recommended to me for his honesty, sobriety and attention, need apply, but to such an one liberal wages will be given.

A Distillery to be Erected.

I WANT to employ some person who understands planning, and who can build, or will superintend the building of a small though complete distillery for the distillation of grain, to such an one a liberal compensation will be made for his services; the work must be done by contract, and if deemed necessary security will be required, after which the money contracted to be paid will be advanced as it may be wanted. This distillery is to be erected within five miles of this city.

J. H. STONE.

Annapolis, February 6, 1798.

Patowmack Company.

THE STOCKHOLDERS of the PATOWMACK COMPANY are requested to meet at the Union Tavern in George-town, on the second Thursday in February next.—Business of the first importance will be laid before the meeting—it is therefore hoped the Stockholders will generally attend, or send their proxies.

TOBIAS LEAR, President.  
JOHN MASON,  
JOHN TEMPLEMAN,  
JAMES KEITH,  
JOSEPH CLAPHAM, } Directors.  
Alexandria, January 3, 1798.

COMMITTED to my negro men, one called the name of DAVY, who Mr. WILLIAM HOBBS, of house on Howard's Hill, of age, 5 feet 6 inches, his clothing is a white jacket, of a bright shirt, thick and old shoes, has lost the great toe off his right

A LIST of tracts and residents of said county the year 1797, and the names of the same. The property can be found in of the same.

Names of Land.

1 Lot town of Cumberland  
Good Hope  
The Hotel  
Elk Lick  
Relurvey on Elk Lick  
Stoney Ridge  
Relurvey on Elk Lick  
1 Lot town of Cumberland  
Henry's Meadow and  
Mount Parnassus  
4 Lots town of Cumberland  
Hilton's Chase  
7 Lots town of Cumberland  
Relurvey on Cresap's Ad  
Relurvey on Cresap's Ne  
2 Lots town of Cumberland  
1 Lot town of Cumberland  
Fortip and Relurvey  
Relurvey on Miller's De  
Republican  
Cranberry Swamp  
Joseph's Folly  
Mill Seat  
Loft Grove  
Flowery Meads  
That's All  
Milly's Chance  
Chance  
Biggerstaff's Beginning  
Discovery  
Bottom  
Shawney War  
William and Mary  
Ormes Mistake  
Ormes Trouble  
The General's With  
The Granary  
Durham  
Beaver Dam  
Mount Hope  
Come by Chance  
Black Oak Ridge  
Promised Land  
Thomas and Anne  
Peace and Plenty  
700 State Lots  
Three Springs  
Covent Garden  
Mount Pleasant  
The Grove  
Kindness  
Part of Mount Airy  
Lee's Choice  
Savage Ridge  
Small Meadows  
Hunting Ground  
Buck Bones  
Rich Glade  
Blooming Rose  
Partnership  
The Relurvey  
Mill Seat  
Felicity  
Prices's Choice  
Hinche's Discovery  
Rich Glade  
Good Spring  
The Granary  
Sanca Panca  
Dunhill  
Governor's Neglect  
Rooby's Delight  
Ormes Attention  
Land flowing with  
Milk and Honey  
Clover Bottom  
Castle Hill  
Dumitric  
Walnut Bottom  
Durham  
Shepherd's Path  
Freeman's Fraud De  
Hogmire's Neglect  
Davis's Luck  
Richard's Fortune  
North Pole  
1 Lot Cresap's town  
Colemine  
Strife  
Disappointment  
Sugar Land  
Partowmack  
Bee-tree  
Stony Land  
Ball Pasture



COMMITTED to my custody as runaways, two negro men, one committed on January 22d, by the name of DAVY, who says that he belongs to a Mr. WILLIAM HODGE, of Baltimore, near the Market-house on Howard's Hill, he is about 28 or 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, of a dark complexion; his clothing is a white broad cloth coat, black cloth jacket, of nabrig shirt, thickset breeches, old stockings, and old shoes, has lost three toes off his left foot, and the great toe off his right foot, and has a scar over his

right eye. The other committed on February 1st, by the name of PETER, but since says his name is MAT, and that he belongs to Mr. BATTLE MUSE, of Berkely county, State of Virginia, he is about 5 feet 5 inches high, 35 years of age, and chunky built; his clothing is a dark coarse cloth coat, striped cotton under jacket, of nabrig shirt, and thickset breeches, a pair of white yarn stockings, a pair of shoes, and an old hat. Their masters are desired to come and take them away in two months from their several dates, or they

will be sold for their prison fees and other expences according to law. JOHN WELSH, Sheriff of Anne Arundel county.

February 3, 1798.

THE subscriber hereby forewarns all persons from hunting with either dog or gun on his land, lying in Anne-Arundel county, on Deep Creek, formerly the property of Stephen Steward, deceased. JOHN SWINN. Annapolis, October 24, 1797.

A LIST of tracts and lots of Land in Allegany county, held by persons not residents of said county, the amount of the taxes thereon respectively due for the year 1797, and the names of the persons respectively chargeable with the payment of the same. The taxes thereon being now due and unpaid, and no personal property can be found in Allegany county liable for or chargeable with the payment of the same.

Names of Land.	Tax.	Names of persons.
1 Lot town of Cumberland	0 1 12	Hermanus Aldricks.
Good Hope	17 8 1/2	Jonathan Boucher.
The Hotel	1 0 11 1/2	James Brooke.
Elk Lick	4 9 1/2	James Beatty.
Refurvey on Elk Lick	8 5 1/2	James Beatty.
Stoney Ridge	6 8 1/2	James Beatty.
Refurvey on Elk Lick	8 5 1/2	James Beatty.
1 Lot town of Cumberland	1 1 1/2	Thomas J. Beatty.
Henry's Meadow and	1 7 5 1/2	John Burgels.
Mount Parnassus	10 5 1/2	John Beall.
4 Lots town of Cumberland	12 7	John Beall.
Hilton's Chace	8 0 1/2	Blackburn and Brent.
7 Lots town of Cumberland	5 1	Charles Beatty.
Refurvey on Cresap's Advice	0 12 0 1/2	Charles Beatty.
Refurvey on Cresap's Neglect	2 3 1/2	William D. Beall.
2 Lots town of Cumberland	1 1 1/2	William M. Beall.
1 Lot town of Cumberland	18 5	Thomas Beatty.
Fortlip and Refurvey	1 6 3	Thomas Beatty.
Refurvey on Miller's Delight	1 3 8 1/2	Thomas Beatty.
Republican	2 5 1/2	Thomas Beatty.
Cramberry Swamp	2 2 1/2	Thomas Beatty.
Joseph's Folly	2 2	Thomas Beatty.
Mill Seat	1 6 1/2	Thomas Beatty.
Loft Grove	18 1 1/2	Thomas Beatty.
Flowery Meads	12 11 1/2	Jeremiah Berry, 3d.
That's All	18 2 1/2	Jeremiah Berry, 3d.
Milly's Chance	8 6 1/2	Jeremiah Berry, 3d.
Chance	6 1/2	William Biggerstaff.
Biggerstaff's Beginning	8 1/2	Thomas C. Brent.
Discovery	5 8 1/2	George Cooke.
Bottom	1 0 9 1/2	John Chisholm.
Shawney War	5 14 7	Davidson and Muir.
William and Mary	8 7	Uriah Forrest.
Ormes Mistake	7 9 1/2	Uriah Forrest.
Ormes Trouble	12 7 1/2	Uriah Forrest.
The General's Wife	1 2 9 1/2	George French.
The Granary	1 0 0 1/2	George French.
Durham	14 4	Samuel Greenup.
Beaver Dam	0 1 10	Samuel Godman.
Mount Hope	1 14 11 1/2	Samuel Hanlon.
Come by Chance	11 1/2	George Hoffman.
Black Oak Ridge	3 8 9	Thomas Johnson.
Promised Land	5 14 7	Thomas Johnson.
Thomas and Anne	4 5 11 1/2	Thomas Johnson.
Peace and Plenty	33 8 5	Thomas Johnson.
700 State Lots	6 3 1/2	Baker Johnson.
Three Springs	6 8 4	Baker Johnson.
Covent Garden	2 17 3 1/2	Baker Johnson.
Mount Pleasant	2 0 5 1/2	Baker Johnson.
The Grove	5 8 10 1/2	Baker Johnson.
Kindness	6 2 1/2	Thomas and Baker Johnson.
Part of Mount Airy	1 2 11	William Lee.
Lee's Choice	2 10	Randolph B. Latimer.
Savage Ridge	14 7 10 1/2	Lloyd and Paca.
Small Meadows	11 5	Lloyd and Paca.
Hunting Ground	1 8 7 1/2	Lloyd and Paca.
Buck Bones	8 9	Lloyd and Paca.
Rich Glade	4 11 7 1/2	James Murray and John Muir.
Blooming Rose	1 2	Ebenezer Macky.
Partnership	5 10 1/2	Jacob Miller.
The Refurvey	7 3 1/2	John Orme.
Mill Seat	7 10 1/2	John Orme.
Felicity	2 5 4	William Potts.
Prices's Choice	2 17 5 1/2	William Potts.
Hinche's Discovery	17 6 1/2	Thomas Price.
Rich Glade	14 4	Richard Potts.
Good Spring	19	Charles P. Polk.
The Granary	9 1 1/2	Charles P. Polk.
Sanca Panca	1 12 1 1/2	Walter Roe.
Dunghill	1 3 7 1/2	Guilavus Scott.
Governor's Neglect	12 0 1/2	Guilavus Scott.
Rooby's Delight	19 7 1/2	Guilavus Scott.
Ormes Attention	9 8 8 1/2	Robert Smith.
Land flowing with Milk and Honey	9 1	Robert Smith.
Clover Bottom	3 5 1/2	George Scott.
Castle Hill	13 9	George Scott.
Dumfries	1 10 11 1/2	George Scott.
Walnut Bottom	1 9 2 1/2	George Scott.
Durham	4 10 1/2	Daniel Trotter.
Shepherd's Path	2 10 1/2	Arthur Watson.
Freeman's Fraud Detected	3 5	Arthur Watson.
Hogmire's Neglect	6 1/2	Richard Davis.
Davis's Luck	1 8 1/2	Joseph Die.
Richard's Fortune	8 1/2	Jacob Endlow.
North Pole	0 1 11 1/2	George Everoy.
1 Lot Cresap's town	0 1 8 1/2	Thomson Friday.
Colemine	10	John Hogerman.
Strife	7 1/2	Henry Kemp, and Lawrence Brengle.
Disappointment	4 0	Maceauslin Laipont.
Sugar Land	2 7	David M'Intere.
Phosphorus	2 10 1/2	Pearcell & Rogers.
Bee-tree		
Stony Land		
Ball Pasture		

Names of Land.	Tax.	Names of persons.
Mistake	8 10 1/2	Jacob Shymer.
William and Joseph's Amendment	6 4	Wm. and Joseph Scott.
1 Lot Cresap's town	8 1/2	James Starr.
Chance	1 6	James Smith.
1 Lot town of Cumberland	1 1 1/2	John Coleman.
Whit oak Flat	4 10 1/2	Frederick Grammer.
1 Lot town of Cumberland	3 5 1/2	Lawrance Hensel.
Walnut Ridge	2 1 1/2	Frederick Grammer.
Lot No. 188 Cumberland	4 7	Jacob Ilgenfritz.
1 Lot town of Cumberland	1 1 1/2	Henry Kemp.
Name unknown	8 7 1/2	John R. Key.
1 Lot town of Cumberland	2 3 1/2	Christopher Kealhover.
Retreat	1 1 1/2	Christopher Kealhover.
1 Lot town of Cumberland	3 2	James M'Pherson.
Well Thought of	8 1/2	James M'Calister.
1 Lot town of Cumberland	2 3 1/2	John Orr.
Lot No. 13 Cumberland	8 1/2	Francis Thomas.
Kill M'Kee	19 8	John Watts.
Long Hollow	3 10 1/2	Thomas White.
Name unknown	7 3 1/2	James Kenny.
Friendship Refurvey	15 1	Hugh Riley.
Chance	5 11 1/2	Richard Ridgely.
Rocky Hollow	1 11	James Smith.
Cullam's Lot	10 2 1/2	Benjamin Putman.
Yankee Hall	13 1	John Spurrier.
Part of Saint-George	15 6	Joseph Compton.
Mill Seat	2 10 1/2	Nicholas Gassaway.
Loss and Gain	10 3 1/2	Nicholas Gassaway.
Walnut Ridge	5 5 1/2	Nicholas Gassaway.
Refurvey on Saint-George	7 2	Nicholas Gassaway.
Sally's Chance	5 4 1/2	Nicholas Gassaway.
First Discovery	2 2	Thomas Gassaway.
Gassaway's Pieces	7 11 1/2	Thomas Gassaway.
Robinet's Victory	1 5 0 1/2	Thomas Gassaway.
Part of Saint-George and Timber plenty	2 10 5	Thomas Gassaway.
Deer Park	6 1 1/2	Sarah Gassaway.
Addition to Walnut Ridge	1 7	Sarah Gassaway.
Walnut Ridge	3 5 1/2	Sarah Gassaway.
Part of Robinett's Victory	10 3	Sarah Gassaway.
Addition to Deer Park	2 2 1/2	Sarah Gassaway.
Moore's Choice	1 9 0 1/2	William Moore.
Moore's Amendment	0 4 8 1/2	William Moore.
Independence	6	Jonathan Swift.
Federal Iron Mine	1 1/2	Jonathan Swift.
Republican Iron Mine	2	Jonathan Swift.
Maryland Iron Mine	3 1/2	Jonathan Swift.
South West Washington	1 3	Jonathan Swift.
Part of Sugar Bottom	5 9	Elisba Claiton.
Mount Misery	2 2	William Groves.
Groves's Amendment	1 1 1/2	William Groves.
Barnett's Discovery	6 10 1/2	William Gracy.
Mount Gilboa	2 3 1/2	William Gracy.
Name unknown	2 0 1/2	Barnett Groves.
Part of Beef and Chickens	2 2	Joseph Groves.
Walnut Level	14 4	Thomas Hanlon.
Part of Sugar Bottom	2 17 3 1/2	Thomas Hanlon.
Dogwood Plains	17 2 1/2	Thomas Hanlon.
Horse Lick	1 2 11	Thomas Hanlon.
Snick Snack	3 4	Samuel Jacob.
Nonfuch	8 10 1/2	Samuel Jacob.
Name unknown	1 5	John C. Jones.
Horse Pasture	9 5	John I. Jones.
Part of Sugar tree Camp	5 9	John C. Jones.
Green Bark Landing	0 0 1/2	John I. Jacob.
Big Sycamore	0 1	John I. Jacob.
Fat Bacon	2 1 1/2	John I. Jacob.
Jacob's Pieces	0 4 10	John I. Jacobs.
Mill Seat	1 11 1/2	John H. Stone, and John Davidson.
Flora's Goodwill	6 7	Henry Warfield.
Ginsang	1 1 1/2	Patrick Doran.
Non Parrell	3 0 1	Daniel Grant.
Sugar tree Bottom	12 10 1/2	John Swann.
Deer Park	1 1 1/2	John Swann.
Both ends of the Bush	1 5 6 1/2	John Swann.
Sugar Bottom	13 2 1/2	John Swann.
Addition to Dumfries.	11 4 1/2	John Swann.
Robert's Inheritance	2 9 8 1/2	John Swann.
Addition to John's Prospect	17 8 1/2	John Swann.
Swansylvania	2 11 6 1/2	John Swann.
West-Point	1 19 7 1/2	John Swann.
Robert's Inheritance and John's Prospect united	8 11 1/2	John Swann.
Addition to Deer Park	16 2	John Swann.
Sportman's Fields	1 4 0 1/2	John Swann.
Williamson's Discovery	1 14 4 1/2	John Swann.
Part of White walnut Bottom	9 2 1/2	John Swann.
Part of Buck Range	1 2 9	John Swann.
Part of Sandy Spring	9 6 1/2	John Swann.
The Pieces	13 11 4 1/2	John Swann.
Refurvey on White walnut level	5 11 6	John Swann.
Neglect	0 12 8	John Swann.
Charles's Disappointment	1 3 2 1/2	John Swann.
Dogwood Flats	7 12 4	John Swann.
Forewarning	5 0 1/2	John Swann.
Boile's Sorrow	8 0 1/2	John Swann.
Charles's Disappointment	15 5 1/2	John Swann.
Part of White Walnut Level	1 0 1/2	John Swann.
Part of Buck Range	11 5	John Swann.
Part of Sandy Spring	4 9	John Swann.



Number of Lots westward of Fort Cumberland.

208	2	101	Catharine Boyer.
315	2	101	Catharine Boyer.
326	2	101	Catharine Boyer.
2491	11	11	Lawrence Brengle.
2492	11	11	Lawrence Brengle.
2493	11	11	Lawrence Brengle.
2494	11	11	Lawrence Brengle.
913	1	81	Valentine Brothers.
297	1	81	Michael Boyer.
436	1	81	Michael Boyer.
2473	1	12	Peter Cassanave.
2474	1	12	Peter Cassanave.
2475	1	12	Peter Cassanave.
2476	1	12	Peter Cassanave.
301	2	2	Jacob Claibough.
3163	11	11	Samuel Davis.
2180	11	11	Adam Fadly.
2182	11	11	Adam Fadly.
266	11	11	Charles Glissan.
3194	11	11	Levy Hughes.
3195	11	11	id.
3196	11	11	id.
3197	11	11	id.
3896	2	2	Randolph B. Latimer.
3897	2	2	id.
3898	2	2	id.
3899	2	2	id.
3900	2	2	id.
3901	2	2	id.
3902	2	2	id.
2709	1	12	Peter Mantz.
2710	1	12	id.
2719	1	12	id.
2720	1	12	id.
1142	11	11	James R. Morris.
11	11	11	id.
1295	11	11	William Melay.
3115	11	11	id.
458	1	81	John Neill.
1621	1	81	id.
1182	1	81	id.
1920	1	81	id.
95	1	81	id.
131	11	11	William H. Parke.
1792	11	11	William H. Parke.
334	11	11	George Rofoc.
311	1	81	James Reede.
2700	11	11	Samuel Smith.
2703	11	11	id.
2704	11	11	id.
2698	11	11	id.
4131	11	11	id.
4133	11	11	id.
4135	11	11	id.
4137	11	11	id.
3214	11	11	id.
3215	11	11	id.
3216	11	11	id.
3217	11	11	id.
1578	11	11	id.
1579	11	11	id.
1580	11	11	id.
1632	11	11	id.
2760	11	11	id.
2761	11	11	id.
2762	11	11	id.
2763	11	11	id.
4113	2	101	John Suter.
3267	11	11	Joseph Swann.
3268	11	11	id.
3269	11	11	id.
3270	11	11	id.
283	1	12	Philip L. Webster.
1435	1	12	id.
3808	1	5	Joseph Die.
3809	1	5	id.
1339	11	11	John Gephart.
3756	11	11	Samuel M. Deigle.
3643	1	11	Philip B. Key.
1	1	81	Patrick Doran.
2	2	2	John Templeman.
315	2	32	id.

NOTICE is hereby given, that unless the county charges due on the lands as aforesaid shall be paid to Roger Perry, Esquire, collector of Allegany county, on or before the first day of July next, the lands so charged as aforesaid, or such part thereof as may be necessary to raise the sum due thereon, shall be sold to the highest bidder for the payment of the same.

JOHN H. BAYARD, Comm'r Tax,  
THOMAS CRISAP, Allegheny city.  
HANSON BRISCOE.

Cumberland, Dec. 9, 1797.

By the SENATE, January 17, 1798.

On motion, ORDERED, That the act, entitled, An act for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the return of jurors, and for the better regulation of juries, passed at this session, be published as soon as may be for four weeks successively in the Maryland Gazette, Eastern, George-town, and two Baltimore papers, for the information of the sheriffs and coroners.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, Clk.

An ACT for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the return of jurors, and for the better regulation of juries.

WHEREAS the integrity, experience and intelligence of jurors, is indispensably necessary for the due administration of justice; And whereas the sheriffs frequently return jurors very inadequate to the discharge of the important duties assigned to them;

II. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all sheriffs and coroners within this State already

commissioned, shall, on or before the first Monday in March next, take the following oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be,) before some judge or justice of the court of the county for which they may have been respectively commissioned, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, (as the case may be,) that in summoning jurors to be returned to any of the courts of this State, and that in executing every writ or precept which shall come to my hands for the return of jurors, I will use my utmost diligence to summon and return, as jurors, sober and judicious persons, of good reputation, and qualified by the laws of this State to serve as jurors, and to prevent any man being summoned or returned by me, or by any officer under me, who in my judgment will be influenced in determining any of the matters which shall come before him as a juror, by hatred, malice or ill will, fear, favour or affection, or by any partiality whatever; and that I will not summon or return as a juror any person, who, in my opinion, or to my knowledge, may be solicitous to be returned upon the panel of jurors;" and that they respectively return a certificate of such oath or affirmation to the clerk of the court of the county for which such person is commissioned as sheriff, or coroner, within twenty days thereafter, there to be recorded by said clerk, whose duty it is hereby declared to be to record the same amongst the proceedings of the preceding county court; and that in case any sheriff or coroner shall neglect to take such oath or affirmation, or return a certificate thereof as aforesaid, the person so neglecting shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered by indictment before the district court of the county for which such person is commissioned, and applied to the use of said county.

III. And be it enacted, That no person shall be summoned as a juror by any sheriff or coroner of this State to two general or county courts successively.

IV. And be it enacted, That every sheriff and coroner hereafter commissioned within this State shall, before he be allowed to proceed on the execution of his office, besides the usual oaths or affirmations as required by the constitution and laws of this State, take the oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be,) above prescribed, before some judge or justice of the court of the county for which such person may be commissioned, and return a certificate of such oath or affirmation to the clerk of the court of the county for which such person may be commissioned, there to be recorded as aforesaid.

V. And be it enacted, That the different sheriffs or coroners of this State shall not, after the end of this general assembly, summon as a juror in any case, or return upon a panel as a juror, any person who may not have arrived to the age of twenty-five years, and who doth not possess the other qualifications required by the constitution and laws of this State.

VI. And be it enacted, That after the end of this session of assembly no justice of the peace shall be exempt or privileged from being summoned and returned upon the panel of jurors to the county court, or general court of this State, any former law to the contrary notwithstanding.

VII. And be it enacted, That after the passage of this act the sheriffs of the several counties of this State shall not permit their deputies, or any of them, to summon any juror or jurors whom they have not directed them to summon.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the sheriffs of the several counties of this State shall return to their respective county courts a panel of forty-eight jurors, qualified as aforesaid, out of which the said respective courts shall direct the clerk to draw, by ballot, twenty-three persons, who shall be empanelled and sworn to serve as grand jurors during the term to which they shall be summoned; and the persons remaining upon the said original panel shall attend the court, and serve as petit jurors.

IX. And be it enacted, That in all civil cases called for trial in the general and county courts, in which a jury shall be necessary according to the laws and constitution of this State, twenty persons from the panel of petit jurors shall be drawn, by ballot, by the clerks, under the direction of the said respective courts, and the names of the twenty persons shall be written upon two lists, and one of the said lists shall be forthwith delivered to the respective parties, or their counsel in the cause, and it shall and may be lawful for each of the said parties, or their counsel, to strike out four persons from the said lists, and the remaining twelve persons shall thereupon be immediately empanelled, and sworn as the petit jury in such cause; and if the said parties, or their counsel, or either of them, shall neglect or refuse to strike out from the said lists the number of persons hereby directed, it shall and may be lawful for the respective courts aforesaid to direct their clerks to strike out from the list of the party or parties so neglecting or refusing the number of persons herein before mentioned, and the remaining twelve persons shall be empanelled, and sworn as aforesaid; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed, or construed to take away the right of any person or persons to challenge the array or polls of any panel returned, in the manner always allowed by the laws of this State, or in any manner to affect or change any of the provisions contained in the act, entitled, A supplement to an act concerning petitions for freedom, passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

THE subscriber has eloped from him many NEGRO MEN whom he has reason to think are employed by white people to work for them. I do hereby forewarn all persons from dealing with or employing my said negroes in any manner whatever, as I shall in that case prosecute every offender to the utmost rigour of the law.

BENNETT DARNALL.

January 26, 1798.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of JOHN ALLEN THOMAS, late of St. Mary's county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are requested to bring them in, legally authenticated, to Mr. JOHN WELLS, at Leonardtown, or to the subscriber, at Annapolis.

JAMES THOMAS, Executor.

April 5, 1797.

LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office, Port-Tobacco, which, if not taken up before the first day of April next, will be returned to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

JOHN Brent, Charles county, 1.  
James Doyle, ditto, 2.  
William C. Brent, ditto, 1.  
Richard Wheeler, Cedar Point Neck, 1.  
Grace Stone, Port-Tobacco, 1.  
Alexander Scott, ditto, 1.  
Benjamin Marshall, jun. Newport, 2.  
Henry Gardner, near Benedict, 1.  
Joseph Withton, Calvert county, Maryland, 1.  
Heber Chase, M. D. Charles county, ditto, 1.  
Martha Dent, Charles county, ditto, 1.  
Eleanor Boardman, ditto, ditto, 1.  
William Shorvan, near Port-Tobacco, ditto, 1.  
William B. Smoot, ditto, ditto, 1.  
Hezekiah Robey, near Piscataway, ditto, 1.  
Sarah Pye, Charles county, ditto, 1.  
Richd. Mason, jun. ditto, ditto, 1.  
Rev. Hatch Dent, near Cool Springs, 1.  
Edwd. Edelen, Newport, Charles county, 1.  
Thomas Arven, near Piscataway, 1.  
Mr. Dejean, Pomonkey creek, near Port-Tobacco, 1.  
John Chilton, Maryland, Point ferry, 1.  
William M. Wilkinson, Charles county, 1.  
William McConchie, sen. 1.  
Walter Winter, near Allen's Fresh, 1.  
Eleanor Hamilton, Nanjemoy, Charles county, 2.  
James Garner, Charles county, 1.  
Charles Macken, ditto, 1.  
Burdett Alston, Newport, 1.  
Sheriff of Charles county, 1.  
Jane Lindsay, Port-Tobacco, Maryland, 1.  
Jean Winter, near Newport, 1.  
Zachariah Moreland, near Piscataway, 1.  
William Latimer, Charles county, 1.  
Matthew Moore, near Piscataway, 1.  
Samuel Smery, Newport, 2.  
John Barnes, Esq. clerk Charles county, 1.  
Capt. Samuel Mitchell, near Port-Tobacco, 1.  
Raphael Boardman, near Newport, 1.  
Col. John Addison, Nanjemoy, 1.  
John C. Dickson, 1.  
Thomas Marshall, 1.  
Jeremiah Mud, 1.  
Port-Tobacco, January 1, 1798.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, on the first Monday in March next, on the premises, if fair, if not the first fair day ensuing,

THAT valuable and well known plantation whereon JOSEPH GALLOWAY now dwells, situated on West river, in Anne-Arundel county, containing about 980 acres of very valuable land, in situation high and healthy, commanding an extensive and beautiful view of the Chesapeake Bay, West river and Herring Bay, in a fine sporting country, and convenient to fine oysters, fish, and wild fowl in the proper seasons, great part of the land is of the first quality, and lays level, with abundance of meadow ground, and a sufficiency of wood land with care and attention to supply the uses of a farm. The title secure, and conveyance will be executed to the purchaser on payment of the purchase money, and it will be sold on a credit of one, two, and three years; and at the same time and place will be sold 48 valuable slaves, consisting of men, women, and children, 50 head of cattle, and 11 horses and mules. Purchasers to pay amount not exceeding £20 to pay cash, above the sum to give bond, with approved security, payable in 12 months. All persons having claims against Joseph Galloway are requested to produce them to the subscribers, on or before the day of sale, properly authenticated.

JOHN GALLOWAY, Trustees for sale  
DAVID LYNN, of said estate.

January 10, 1798.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE, at my dwelling plantation, about two miles from Mrs. Rawlings's tavern, and the same distance from Mount Pleasant ferry, on Thursday the 15th of February, if fair, or on the first fair day after, on twelve months credit, the purchasers entering into bond, with approved security, before delivery.

A PARCEL of likely country born young NEGROES, consisting of men, women, boys and girls, among them a very valuable rough carpenter, and good miller, also some valuable house women, who understand all manner of house work, with plantation utensils, stock of horses, cattle, some good work oxen, and sheep, with some household and kitchen furniture. Further particulars will be made known on the day of sale.

THOMAS LANE.

P. S. I will sell my plantation whereon I now live, containing about 400 acres, on it are at least 6000 fruit trees, which will yield ten thousand gallons of choice cider annually.

Mount Airy, January 8, 1798.

ALL persons indebted for the MARYLAND GAZETTE, ADVERTISEMENTS, &c. are once more earnestly requested to pay off their respective balances. Those whose accounts are more than twelve months standing, it is hoped, will pay particular attention to this request, as no apology will be necessary for compulsory measures should they refuse or neglect to comply with it.

FREDERICK GREEN.

ANNAPOLIS:  
Printed by FREDERICK and SAMUEL GREEN.

(THIS YEAR)  
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In COUNCIL, AND ORDERED, That the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be published in the Maryland Gazette, at Baltimore, and in one of the Georgia papers, once in each week for

By order, MIN

An ACT to amend an act

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, That the collection of all arrears of the several counties of this State, appointed since the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, be hereby authorized and required of the respective sheriffs of all arrears and balances, and such accounts shall be returned accordingly.

III. And be it enacted, That to superintend the the State on the said day, and the said agent shall be at, and, if necessary, to, and the said agent, with the said agent, may receive, and take bonds for, and give time for years from the first day of and ninety-eight.

IV. And be it enacted, That to superintend the the State for naval duties and emoluments, and for ordinary retailers require payment, and, if the same, and the said agent credit any money this with by law, and for he may take the advice

V. And be it enacted, That to superintend the the State, or his security already filed, or to be agent shall cause at least given of such sale, and shall appear that there the debt due to the State shall any property to the State, in payment, or of the arrears due to may be so purchased, by this act shall be the date, unless a public sale and purchase, for the use of the State, to public auction on the the use of the State, as which shall in no case a full agent shall take security, to be approved term there, from the p all bonds by him to be authorized his thereof of the State, and the property of such purchase the respective dates, in the schedule thereto

VI. And be it enacted, That to superintend the the State, and the said agent shall be at, and, if necessary, to, and the said agent, with the said agent, may receive, and take bonds for, and give time for years from the first day of and ninety-eight.

VII. And be it enacted, That to superintend the the State, and the said agent shall be at, and, if necessary, to, and the said agent, with the said agent, may receive, and take bonds for, and give time for years from the first day of and ninety-eight.

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X. And be it enacted, That to superintend the the State, and the said agent shall be at, and, if necessary, to, and the said agent, with the said agent, may receive, and take bonds for, and give time for years from the first day of and ninety-eight.



# MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1798.

In COUNCIL, Annapolis, January 21, 1798.

ORDERED, That the act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be published in the Maryland Gazette at Annapolis, the Federal Gazette at Baltimore, the Herald at Edinburg, and in one of the George-town and Frederick-town papers, once in each week for the term of eight weeks.

By order,

NINIAN PINNEY, Clerk  
of the Council of the State  
of Maryland.

An ACT to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Marbury be agent of this State, to execute the trust and power imposed in him by virtue of this act, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, until the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

II. And he it enacted, That the said agent be superintend the collection of all arrears and balances due from the several collectors of the respective counties within this State, appointed since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the said agent is hereby authorized and required to call upon the treasurers of the respective shires for an accurate statement of all arrears and balances due from such collectors, and such accounts shall be furnished by the said treasurers accordingly.

III. And he it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of balances due to the State on the public books, or on open account; and the said agent shall have power to require payment of, and, if necessary, to sue for and recover the same, and the said agent, with the approbation of the governor and council, may make composition with any such debtors, and take bonds to the State, with sufficient security, and give time for payment, not exceeding two years from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight.

IV. And he it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all monies due to the State for naval duties, fines, penalties, forfeitures and emoluments, and forfeited recognizances, and for ordinary, retailers and marriage licenses, and to require payment of, and, if necessary, sue for and recover the same; and the said agent may allow for infirmities, and credit any money that the party is not capable with by law, and for his information of the law, he may take the advice of the attorney-general in writing.

V. And he it enacted, That whenever there shall be occasion to expose to public sale the property of any collector, or his securities, by virtue of any execution already issued, or to be issued for this purpose, the said agent shall cause at least thirty days public notice to be given of such sale, and shall attend the same, and if it shall appear that there is danger of loss of any part of the debt due to the State, and not otherwise, shall purchase any property so exposed to sale for the use of the State, in payment, or part payment, of the same, or of the arrears due by the collectors whose property may be so purchased, and that no purchase authorized by this act shall be considered as made on the part of the State, unless a public declaration to that effect be made by the agent, or his deputy, immediately after such sale and purchase; and any property so purchased for the use of the State, the said agent may sell or dispose to public auction on the most advantageous terms, for the use of the State, and if the same be sold on credit, which shall in no case exceed the term of two years, the said agent shall take bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shore, from the purchasers of such property, and all bonds by him so taken shall be deposited, with an accurate list thereof subscribed by him, in the treasury of the western shore, and shall be a lien upon the said property of such purchasers, and their securities, from the respective dates, or in much thereof as is mentioned in the schedule thereto annexed.

VI. And he it enacted, That the said agent be hereby directed to dispose of all confiscated British property that remains unsold, and take bonds to the State, with sufficient security, and give time for the payment thereof, not exceeding two years from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; and that when the quantity of land in any one body sold, or to be sold, exceeds the quantity of fifty acres, such land shall be disposed of at public sale, or the time and place of which sale at least thirty days previous notice shall be given by public advertisement; and that at the time of any sale by virtue of this act, the said agent shall make known that he only sells the right of the State thereto, and that the State does not guarantee the title to the same; or any part thereof, but that the purchaser must be in all respects as the risk of the purchaser.

VII. And he it enacted, That no payment in future by any officer or person indebted to the State, shall be valid and effectual, unless made to the treasurer of the western shore, or to the agent for the time being, or unless made to the clerk and treasurer of the several counties, in the cases where the said clerk and treasurer are by law authorized to receive the same.

VIII. And he it enacted, That the agent shall have full power and authority, by and with the advice of the governor and council, to all cases on established debt, to take back any promissory instrument, not void by any law, and not yet paid for, in cases where the person having purchased, and his securities, are not capable of paying for the same, and to compromise the same upon terms and principles of equity and justice, by and

with the advice and consent aforesaid; and the agent is hereby required to lay a particular statement of his proceedings under this section before the next session of assembly.

IX. And he it enacted, That the agent, with the approbation and consent of the governor and council, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to compromise any debt depending in chancery, with any such debtor, upon any terms in their judgment calculated to promote the interest of the State, and to obtain the speedy receipt of the sums due.

X. And he it enacted, That if, under the terms of any compromise made as aforesaid, the property heretofore purchased should be taken back and resold in the State, the same may be sold by the agent, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sell the same at public sale, giving thirty days notice, on a credit of two years, payable one half of the principal, and the whole interest, annually, on the first day of December in each year, and the bonds, when taken, shall be returned to the treasury of the western shore, and reported to the general assembly at their session next ensuing the taking of such bonds.

XI. And he it enacted, That all cases in chancery, where no compromise under this act is effected, shall be placed under the direction of the agent, who is hereby authorized and required to call on the attorney-general to prosecute or defend the same to immediate final decision; and the governor and council are hereby authorized and empowered, at the request of the agent, in cases of difficulty, to aid the attorney-general, by employing any person to attend to surveys, where necessary, or otherwise to assist in the prosecution or defense of such suits, which person or persons are to be paid out of the contingent fund of five hundred pounds; and the names of the persons so employed, together with the sum allowed for their services, to be laid before the general assembly at their next session.

XII. And he it enacted, That if any bond debtor to the State for confiscated property purchased, or otherwise, shall neglect to make payment, agreeably to the condition of his bond, and thereby forfeit of the general assembly, the said agent shall cause process to issue for the same principal and interest then due, or shall proceed on any execution already issued, and served and suspended, as occasion may require; or, under the direction and with the approbation of the governor and council, he is hereby authorized to delay any execution as long as they may think expedient and necessary.

XIII. And he it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all balances due on bonds taken for taxes due before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the said agent shall also superintend the collection of all balances due on bonds issued, or otherwise, for the emissions of paper money of seventeen hundred and sixty-nine, and seventeen hundred and seventy-three.

XIV. And he it enacted, That no process shall issue against any of the public debtors, unless by the direction of the said agent.

XV. And he it enacted, That the said agent shall have power to take such days of sale of property taken by fieri facias, at the suit of the State, as he may think proper, always taking care to give at least twenty days public notice thereof; and the said agent shall also have power to suspend the sale, from time to time, as he may think most to the advantage of the State.

XVI. And he it enacted, That the said agent shall pay into the treasury, in respect of the amount of all debts by him received in the discharge of the duties of this act.

XVII. And he it enacted, That in all cases where bonds shall be taken in virtue of this act, the bonds shall be a lien on all the real property of the obligors from the date thereof, or on so much of the said real property as the governor and council shall think sufficient, to be particularly mentioned in a schedule to be annexed to the said bond, in which case it shall be a lien on the property contained in such schedule, and no more, such bond and schedule to be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore.

XVIII. And he it enacted, That all bonds taken in virtue of this act shall express the county in which the obligors respectively reside, and the treasurer of the western shore shall, within one month after he receives them respectively, cause them, with the schedule annexed to them, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the general court of the western shore, at the expense of the obligors; and a copy of the said record, certified under the hand and official seal of the said clerk, shall be as good evidence in any court of law or equity in this State as the original bond would be if it was produced; and if any of the obligors in any such bonds reside on the eastern shore, the said treasurer shall, within six months from the time he receives the same respectively, transmit to the clerk of the general court of the western shore, in the same manner as papers in public service are transmitted, a copy of such bonds and schedules, certified as aforesaid by the clerk of the general court of the western shore, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, at the expense of the obligors; and in such case a copy of the said record, certified as aforesaid by the clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, shall be as good evidence as aforesaid.

XIX. And he it enacted, That the said agent shall render to the treasurer of the western shore distinct quarterly accounts of his receipts of all moneys, certificates and bonds, in virtue of this act, and shall immediately thereupon pay and deliver the same to the said treasurer, who shall, in his annual report to the general assembly, state fully and particularly the moneys, certificates and bonds, by him received from the said agents, and the times when the same were received and accounted for.

XX. And he it enacted, That the said agent shall render a fair and full account of his several proceedings under the authority of this act to the general assembly at their next session, and within the first ten days after its commencement, in which account shall be specified, under distinct heads, his own receipts, and those of the treasurer, and of all transfers of stock upon which he may be entitled to commission, and in which shall also be contained a particular estimate of his commissions, showing how and upon what the same arose due.

XXI. And he it enacted, That the said agent shall be allowed for his services the following commissions, to wit: for all payments actually made to either of the treasurers in virtue of this act, three per cent. and for all bonds with security taken by the said agent in virtue of this act, three per cent. provided that the whole amount of his commission shall not exceed five hundred pounds current money, and he shall lay an account of the same, on oath, before the next session of assembly.

XXII. And he it enacted, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the agent, and the treasurers of the western and eastern shores respectively, to receive, as well the fifteen per cent. interest, if any shall have accrued, as all other the arrears that are now, or may hereafter become due from fines, forfeitures and emoluments, ordinary, retailers, marriage, hawkers and pedlers licenses, and which fifteen per cent. so collected, shall be the only fund out of which the agent shall draw his commission of three per cent. for collecting the same; provided that the said agent shall not be entitled to any commission upon the monies arising from fines, forfeitures, emoluments, ordinary, retailers, marriage, hawkers and pedlers licenses, which in cases where the same shall not be paid by the sheriff and clerk respectively, to the treasurer within one month after the time specified by law, and which the said agent shall thereafter receive the same from the said officers respectively, and the same pay to the said treasurer.

XXIII. And he it enacted, That the said agent, before he enters upon the execution of the duties of this act, shall give bond to the State, before the governor and council, in the penalty of fifty thousand dollars, with such security as the governor and council shall approve, for the faithful performance of the said duties, which bond shall be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore, and shall also take an oath before the chancellor, that he will well and faithfully discharge the duties as agent under the act, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, to the best of his skill and judgment, the certificate of which oath shall be annexed to, or endorsed on, the said bond.

XXIV. And he it enacted, That if the said agent shall not accept his appointment, or if after his acceptance he shall not give bond, and take the oath aforesaid, before the first day of February next, or shall die, the governor and council are hereby authorized and required to appoint a fit and proper person in his place, who shall have and execute all the authorities and powers vested in the said William Marbury by this act, such person first giving security, and taking the oath aforesaid.

## NOTICE TO STATE DEBTORS.

PROCESS will certainly be directed against all delinquent state debtors who fail to make their payments by the 15th day of March next.

WILLIAM MARBURY, Agent.

LONDON, December 20.

ON a motion of Mr. Roper for the house of commons to resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, on the treaty between his Britannic majesty and the United States of America, Mr. Nicholls remarked to his majesty's committee, that the bill proposed to be brought in did not go to the extent required both by the commercial and political interests of this country. He said that all regulations of the intercourse between the United States of America and the British islands in the West Indies, was entirely left out in the proposed bill. This intercourse was left as it had been ever since the peace with America, to be regulated on the spot at the discretion, by order of council, or the proclamation of governors in the West Indies; as a proof of this, he took notice of a proclamation lately issued by the governor of Barbadoes, stating the danger to which that island was exposed from the scarcity of provisions, and authorizing for a twelve-month, the introduction of provisions and lumber into that island, in American ships of any burthen. He observed, that while we were in holding this language to the Americans, viz. "We will purchase from you when we cannot procure the commodities we want elsewhere; but, when we can procure them elsewhere, we will not purchase them of you." We should never be considered by the Americans as valuable customers; nor would they be inclined to supply us in the hour of distress. He reminded the house that when the present calamitous war terminated, another contest awaited this country, viz. a contest whether this country should retain its station as a commercial nation. In this contest, our intercourse with America was of the first importance. The success of France, during her present war, would probably give her great advantages in commerce, on the return of peace. We might expect to see the most powerful nation in Holland, in Germany, in Spain, in Italy, to all the states which border on the Mediterranean, and perhaps even in Por-



Number of Lots westward of Fort Cumberland.

298	0	2	10	Catharine Boyer.
315	2	10	10	Catharine Boyer.
326	2	10	10	Catharine Boyer.
2401	11	11	11	Lawrence Brengle.
2402	11	11	11	Lawrence Brengle.
2403	11	11	11	Lawrence Brengle.
2404	11	11	11	Lawrence Brengle.
913	11	11	11	Valentine Brothers.
207	1	8	8	Michael Boyer.
436	1	8	8	Michael Boyer.
2473	1	12	12	Peter Caffanave.
2474	1	12	12	Peter Caffanave.
2475	1	12	12	Peter Caffanave.
2476	1	12	12	Peter Caffanave.
301	2	2	2	Jacob Clabaugh.
3163	11	11	11	Samuel Davis.
2180	11	11	11	Adam Fadly.
2182	11	11	11	Adam Fadly.
266	11	11	11	Charles Gliffan.
3194	11	11	11	Levy Hughes.
3195	11	11	11	id.
3196	11	11	11	id.
3197	11	11	11	id.
3896	2	2	2	Randolph B. Latimer.
3897	2	2	2	id.
3898	2	2	2	id.
3899	2	2	2	id.
3900	2	2	2	id.
3901	2	2	2	id.
3902	2	2	2	id.
2709	1	1	1	Peter Mantz.
2710	1	1	1	id.
2719	1	1	1	id.
2720	1	1	1	id.
1142	11	11	11	James R. Morris.
11	11	11	11	id.
1295	11	11	11	William Melay.
3115	11	11	11	id.
458	1	8	8	John Neill.
1621	1	8	8	id.
1182	1	8	8	id.
1920	1	8	8	id.
95	1	8	8	id.
131	11	11	11	William H. Parke.
1792	11	11	11	William H. Parke.
334	11	11	11	George Rofoc.
311	1	8	8	James Reede.
2700	11	11	11	Samuel Smith.
2703	11	11	11	id.
2704	11	11	11	id.
2698	11	11	11	id.
4131	11	11	11	id.
4133	11	11	11	id.
4135	11	11	11	id.
4137	11	11	11	id.
3214	11	11	11	id.
3215	11	11	11	id.
3216	11	11	11	id.
3217	11	11	11	id.
1578	11	11	11	id.
1579	11	11	11	id.
1580	11	11	11	id.
1632	11	11	11	id.
2760	11	11	11	id.
2761	11	11	11	id.
2762	11	11	11	id.
2763	11	11	11	id.
4113	2	10	10	John Suter.
3267	11	11	11	Joseph Swann.
3268	11	11	11	id.
3269	11	11	11	id.
3270	11	11	11	id.
283	1	1	1	Philip L. Webster.
1435	1	1	1	id.
3808	1	5	5	Joseph Die.
3809	1	5	5	id.
1339	11	11	11	John Gephart.
3756	11	11	11	Samuel M. Deigle.
3623	1	8	8	Philip B. Key.
1	2	2	2	Patrick Doran.
2	2	2	2	John Templeman.
313	2	34	34	id.

NOTICE is hereby given, that un-  
less the county charges due on the lands as aforesaid  
shall be paid to Roger Perry, Esquire, collector of  
Allegany county, on or before the first day of July  
next, the lands so charged as aforesaid, or such part  
thereof as may be necessary to raise the sum due there-  
on, shall be sold to the highest bidder for the payment  
of the same.

JOHN H. BAYARD, } Comm'r Tax,  
THOMAS CRESAP, } Allegany cty.  
HANSON BRISCOE, }

Cumberland, Dec. 9, 1797.

By the SENATE, January 17, 1798.

On motion, ORDERED, That the act, entitled, An  
act for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the re-  
turn of jurors, and for the better regulation of juries,  
passed at this session, be published as soon as may be  
for four weeks successively in the Maryland Gazette,  
Easton, George-town, and two Baltimore papers, for  
the information of the sheriffs and coroners.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, Clk.

An ACT for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the  
return of jurors, and for the better regulation of juries.

WHEREAS the integrity, experience and intelli-  
gence of jurors, is indispensably necessary for  
the due administration of justice; And whereas the  
sheriffs frequently return jurors very inadequate to the  
discharge of the important duties assigned to them;

II. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,  
That all sheriffs and coroners within this State already

commissioned, shall, on or before the first Monday in  
March next, take the following oath, or affirmation,  
(as the case may be,) before some judge or justice of  
the court of the county for which they may have been  
respectively commissioned, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear,  
"or affirm, (as the case may be,) that in summoning  
"jurors to be returned to any of the courts of this  
"State, and that in executing every writ or precept  
"which shall come to my hands for the return of  
"jurors, I will use my utmost diligence to sum-  
"mon and return, as jurors, sober and judicious  
"persons, of good reputation, and qualified by the  
"laws of this State to serve as jurors, and to prevent  
"any man being summoned or returned by me, or by  
"any officer under me, who in my judgment will be  
"influenced in determining any of the matters which  
"shall come before him as a juror by hatred, malice  
"or ill will, fear, favour or affection, or by any par-  
"tiality whatever; and that I will not summon or re-  
"turn as a juror any person, who, in my opinion, or  
"to my knowledge, may be solicitous to be returned  
"upon the panel of jurors;" and that they respec-  
tively return a certificate of such oath or affirmation  
to the clerk of the court of the county for which such  
person is commissioned as sheriff, or coroner, within  
twenty days thereafter, there to be recorded by said  
clerk, whose duty it is hereby declared to be to record  
the same amongst the proceedings of the preceding  
county court; and that in case any sheriff or coroner  
shall neglect to take such oath or affirmation, or return  
a certificate thereof as aforesaid, the person so neglect-  
ing shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be  
recovered by indictment before the district court of the  
county for which such person is commissioned, and ap-  
plied to the use of said county.

III. And be it enacted, That no person shall be sum-  
moned as a juror by any sheriff or coroner of this State  
to two general or county courts successively.

IV. And be it enacted, That every sheriff and coroner  
hereafter commissioned within this State shall, before  
he be allowed to proceed on the execution of his office,  
besides the usual oaths or affirmations as required by the  
constitution and laws of this State, take the oath, or  
affirmation, (as the case may be,) above prescribed,  
before some judge or justice of the court of the county  
for which such person may be commissioned, and re-  
turn a certificate of such oath or affirmation to the clerk  
of the court of the county for which such person may  
be commissioned, there to be recorded as aforesaid.

V. And be it enacted, That the different sheriffs or  
coroners of this State shall not, after the end of this gen-  
eral assembly, summon as a juror in any case, or re-  
turn upon a panel as a juror, any person who may  
not have arrived to the age of twenty-five years,  
and who doth not possess the other qualifications re-  
quired by the constitution and laws of this State.

VI. And be it enacted, That after the end of this ses-  
sion of assembly no justice of the peace shall be exempt  
or privileged from being summoned and returned upon  
the panel of jurors to the county court, or general  
court of this State, any former law to the contrary not-  
withstanding.

VII. And be it enacted, That after the passage of this  
act the sheriffs of the several counties of this State shall  
not permit their deputies, or any of them, to summon  
any juror or jurors whom they have not directed them  
to summon.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the sheriffs of the se-  
veral counties of this State shall return to their respec-  
tive county courts a panel of forty-eight jurors, qual-  
ified as aforesaid, out of which the said respective  
courts shall direct the clerk to draw, by ballot, twenty-  
three persons, who shall be empanelled and sworn to  
serve as grand jurors during the term to which they  
shall be summoned; and the persons remaining upon  
the said original panel shall attend the court, and  
serve as petit jurors.

IX. And be it enacted, That in all civil cases called  
for trial in the general and county courts, in which a  
jury shall be necessary according to the laws and con-  
stitution of this State, twenty persons from the panel  
of petit jurors shall be drawn, by ballot, by the clerks,  
under the direction of the said respective courts, and  
the names of the twenty persons shall be written upon  
two lists, and one of the said lists shall be forthwith de-  
livered to the respective parties, or their counsel in the  
cause, and it shall and may be lawful for each of the  
said parties, or their counsel, to strike out four persons  
from the said lists, and the remaining twelve persons  
shall thereupon be immediately empanelled, and sworn  
as the petit jury in such cause; and if the said parties,  
or their counsel, or either of them, shall neglect  
or refuse to strike out from the said lists the number of  
persons hereby directed, it shall and may be lawful for  
the respective courts aforesaid to direct their clerks to  
strike out from the list of the party or parties who ne-  
glecting or refusing the number of persons herein be-  
fore mentioned, and the remaining twelve persons shall  
be empanelled, and sworn as aforesaid; provided  
nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be  
deemed, or construed to take away the right of any per-  
son or persons to challenge the array or polls of any  
panel returned, in the manner always allowed by the  
laws of this State, or in any manner to affect or change  
any of the provisions contained in the act, entitled, A  
supplement to an act concerning petitions for freedom,  
passed at November session, one thousand seven hun-  
dred and ninety-three.

THE subscriber has eloped from him many NE-  
GRO MEN whom he has reason to think are  
employed by white people to work for them. I do  
hereby forewarn all persons from dealing with or em-  
ploying my said negroes in any manner whatever, as  
I shall in that case prosecute every offender to the ut-  
most rigour of the law.

BENNETT DARNALL.

January 26, 1798.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of JOHN  
ALLEN THOMAS, late of St. Mary's coun-  
ty, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment,  
and those having claims against said estate are requested  
to bring them in, legally authenticated, to Mr. JOHN  
WELSH, at Leonard-town, or to the subscriber, at  
Annapolis.

JAMES THOMAS, Executor.

April 6, 1797.

LAST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office,  
Port-Tobacco, which, if not taken up before the  
first day of April next, will be returned to the Ge-  
neral Post-Office as dead letters.

JOHN Brent, Charles county, 1,  
James Doyle, ditto, 2,  
William C. Brent, ditto, 1,  
Richard Wheeler, Cedar Point Neck, 1,  
Grace Stone, Port-Tobacco, 1,  
Alexander Scott, ditto, 1,  
Benjamin Marshall, jun. Newport, 2,  
Henry Gardner, near Benedict, 1,  
Joseph Wilkison, Calvert county, Maryland, 1,  
Heber Chase, M. D. Charles county, ditto, 1,  
Martha Dent, Charles county, ditto, 1,  
Eleanor Boardman, ditto, ditto, 1,  
William Shorvan, near Port-Tobacco, ditto, 1,  
William B. Smoot, ditto, ditto, 1,  
Hezekiah Robey, near Piscataway, ditto, 1,  
Sarah Pye, Charles county, ditto, 1,  
Richd. Mason, jun. ditto, ditto, 1,  
Rev. Hatch Dent, near Cool Springs, 1,  
Edwd. Edelen, Newport, Charles county, 1,  
Thomas Arven, near Piscataway, 1,  
Mr. Dejean, Pomokeny creek, near Port-Tobacco, 1,  
John Chilton, Maryland, Point ferry, 1,  
William M. Wilkison, Charles county, 1,  
William M'Conchie, sen. 1,  
Walter Winter, near Allen's Fresh, 1,  
Eleanor Hamilton, Nanjemoy, Charles county, 2,  
James Garner, Charles county, 1,  
Charles Manken, ditto, 1,  
Burdett Ashton, Newport, 1,  
Sheriff of Charles county, 1,  
Jane Lindsey, Port-Tobacco, Maryland, 1,  
Jean Winter, near Newport, 1,  
Zachariah Moneland, near Piscataway, 1,  
William Lattimer, Charles county, 1,  
Matthew Moore, near Piscataway, 1,  
Samuel Amery, Newport, 2,  
John Barnes, Esq. clerk Charles county, 1,  
Capt. Samuel Mitchell, near Port-Tobacco, 1,  
Raphael Boardman, near Newport, 1,  
Col. John Addison, Nanjemoy, 1,  
John C. Dickson, 1,  
Thomas Marshall, 1,  
Jeremiah Mud, 1,  
Port-Tobacco, January 1, 1798.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, on the first Mon-  
day in March next, on the premises, if fair, if not  
the first fair day ensuing,

THAT valuable and well known plantation  
whereon JOSEPH GALLOWAY now dwells,  
situated on West river, in Anne-Arundel county, con-  
taining about 980 acres of very valuable land, the  
situation high and healthy, commanding an extensive  
and beautiful view of the Chesapeake Bay, West river  
and Herring-Bay, in a fine sporting country, and con-  
venient to fine oysters, fish, and wild fowl in the  
proper seasons, great part of the land is of the first  
quality, and lays level, with abundance of meadow  
ground, and a sufficiency of wood land with care and  
attention to supply the uses of a farm. The title se-  
cure, and conveyance will be executed to the pur-  
chaser on payment of the purchase money, and it will  
be sold on a credit of one, two, and three years; and  
the same time and place will be sold 48 valuable slaves,  
consisting of men, women, and children, 50 head of  
cattle, and 11 horses and mules. Purchasers to any  
amount not exceeding £.20 to pay cash, above that  
sum to give bond, with approved security, payable in  
12 months. All persons having claims against Joseph  
Galloway are requested to produce them to the sub-  
scribers, on or before the day of sale, properly authen-  
ticated.

JOHN GALLOWAY, } Trustees for sale  
DAVID LYNN, } of said estate.

January 10, 1798.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE, at my dwell-  
ing plantation, about two miles from Mrs. Raw-  
lings's tavern, and the same distance from Mount  
Pleasant ferry, on Thursday the 15th of February,  
if fair, or on the first fair day after, on twelve  
months credit, the purchasers entering into bond,  
with approved security, before delivery.

A PARCEL of likely country born young NE-  
GROES, consisting of men, women, boys and  
girls, among them a very valuable rough carpenter,  
and good miller, also some valuable house women,  
who understand all manner of house work, with pla-  
tation utensils, stock of horses, cattle, some good work  
oxen, and sheep, with some household and kitchen  
furniture. Further particulars will be made known  
on the day of sale.

THOMAS LANE.

P. S. I will sell my plantation whereon I now live,  
containing about 400 acres, on it are at least 6000  
fruit trees, which will yield ten thousand gallons of  
choice cider annually.

Mount Airy, January 8, 1798.

ALL persons indebted for the MARYLAND  
GAZETTE, ADVERTISEMENTS, &c.  
are once more earnestly requested to pay off their re-  
spective balances. Those whose accounts are more  
than twelve months standing, it is hoped, will pay  
particular attention to this request, as no apology will  
be necessary for compulsory measures should they re-  
fuse or neglect to comply with it.

FREDERICK GREEN.

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(THIRD YEAR.)

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In COUNCIL, Annapolis  
ORDERED, That the  
the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-  
be published in the Maryland  
the Federal Gazette; at Balti-  
and in one of the George-town  
pers, once in each week for the  
By order,  
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An ACT to appoint an agent  
seven hundred and

BE it enacted, by the Gen-  
That William Marbury  
execute the trust and power  
this act, from the first day  
seven hundred and ninety-  
January, one thousand seven

II. And be it enacted, That  
the collection of all arrears  
the several collectors of the  
this State, appointed since re-  
twenty hundred and eighty  
is hereby authorized and re-  
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of all arrears and balance  
and such accounts shall be  
forwards accordingly.

III. And be it enacted, That  
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and the said agent shall have  
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and the said agent, with the  
nor and council, may make  
debtors, and take bonds to  
curity, and give time for  
years from the first day of  
and ninety-eight.

IV. And be it enacted, That  
rified to superintend the co-  
the State for naval duties  
and armaments, and for  
for ordinary, retailers and  
require payment, and, if  
the same; and the said agent  
and credit any money that  
with by law, and for  
he may take the advice  
writing.

V. And be it enacted, That  
occasion to expose to pub-  
collector, or his securities  
already issued, or to be is-  
agent shall cause at least  
given of such sale, and shall  
shall appear that there is  
the debt due to the State,  
chase any property so ex-  
State, in payment, or part  
of the arrears due by  
may be so purchased, and  
by this act shall be con-  
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made by the agent, or  
such sale and purchase,  
for the use of the State, to  
to public auction on the  
the use of the State, and  
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said agent shall take bon-  
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all bonds by him so tak-  
accounts list thereof sub-  
of the pattern shore, a  
property of such purch-  
the respective dates, or  
in the schedule thereto.

VI. And be it enacted,  
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that remains unsold, at  
sufficient security, and  
of, not exceeding two  
any, one thousand seven  
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such land shall be dispo-  
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the time of any sale by  
shall make known the  
State thereto, and that  
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VII. And be it en-  
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governor and council  
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of paying for the  
upon terms and prin-



# MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1798.

In COUNCIL, Annapolis, January 23, 1798.

ORDERED, That the act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be published in the Maryland Gazette, at Annapolis, the Federal Gazette, at Baltimore, the Herald, at Paltow, and in one of the George-town and Frederick-town papers, once in each week for the term of eight weeks.

By order,

NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk  
of the Council of the State  
of Maryland.

An ACT to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Marbury be agent of this state, to execute the trust and power reposed in him by virtue of this act, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, until the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

II. And be it enacted, That the said agent superintend the collection of all arrearages and balances due from the several collectors of the respective counties within this state, appointed since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the said agent is hereby authorized and required to call upon the treasurers of the respective shires for an accurate statement of all arrearages and balances due from such collectors, and such accounts shall be furnished by the said treasurers accordingly.

III. And be it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of balances due to the state on the auditor's books, or on open account; and the said agent shall have power to require payment of, and, if necessary, to sue for and recover the same; and the said agent, with the approbation of the governor and council, may make composition with any such debtors, and take bonds to the state, with sufficient security, and give time for payment, not exceeding two years from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all monies due to the state for naval duties, fines, penalties, forfeitures and amerciaments, and forfeited recognizances, and for ordinary, retailers and marriage licences, and to require payment, and, if necessary, sue for and recover the same; and the said agent may allow for insolvency, and credit any money that the party is not chargeable with by law, and for his information of the law, he may take the advice of the attorney-general in writing.

V. And be it enacted, That whenever there shall be occasion to expose to public sale the property of any collector, or his securities, by virtue of any execution already issued, or to be issued for this purpose, the said agent shall cause at least thirty days public notice to be given of such sale, and shall attend the same, and if it shall appear that there is danger of losing any part of the debt due to the state, and not otherwise, shall purchase any property so exposed to sale for the use of the state, in payment, or part payment, as the case may be, of the arrearages due by the collector whose property may be so purchased, and that no purchase authorized by this act shall be considered as made on the part of the state, unless a public declaration to that effect be made by the agent, or his deputy, immediately after such sale and purchase; and any property so purchased for the use of the state, the said agent may again expose to public auction on the most advantageous terms, for the use of the state, and if the same be sold on credit, which shall in no case exceed the term of two years, the said agent shall take bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shire, from the purchasers of such property, and all bonds by him so taken shall be deposited, with an accurate list thereof subscribed by him, in the treasury of the western shire, and shall be a lien upon the real property of such purchasers, and their securities, from the respective dates, or so much thereof as is mentioned in the schedule thereto annexed.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said agent is hereby directed to dispose of all confiscated British property that remains unsold, and take bonds to the state, with sufficient security, and give time for the payment thereof, not exceeding two years from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and that where the quantity of land in any one body subject to such sale exceeds the quantity of fifty acres, such land shall be disposed of at public sale, or the time and place of which sale at least thirty days previous notice shall be given by public advertisement; and that at the time of any sale by virtue of this act, the said agent shall make known that he only sells the right of this state thereto, and that the state doth not guaranty the title to the same, or any part thereof, but that the purchaser must be in all respects at the risk of the purchaser.

VII. And be it enacted, That no payment in future by any officer or person indebted to the state shall be valid and effectual, unless made to the treasurer of the western or eastern shire, or to the agent for the time being, or unless made to the clerks and sheriffs of the several counties, in the cases where the said clerks and sheriffs are by law authorized to receive the same.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the agent shall have full power and authority, by and with the advice of the governor and council, in all cases of unsettled debts, to take back any property heretofore purchased by any person, and not yet paid for, in cases where the person so having purchased, and his securities, are not capable of paying for the same, and to compromise the same upon terms and principles of equity and justice, by and

with the advice and consent aforesaid; and the agent is hereby required to lay a particular statement of his proceedings under this section before the next session of assembly.

IX. And be it enacted, That the agent, with the approbation and consent of the governor and council, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to compromise any suit depending in chancery with any state debtor, upon any terms in their judgment calculated to promote the interest of the state, and to obtain the speedy receipt of the sums due.

X. And be it enacted, That if, under the terms of any compromise made as aforesaid, the property heretofore purchased should be taken back and re-vested in the state, the same may be sold by the agent, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sell the same at public sale, giving thirty days notice, on a credit of two years, payable one half of the principal, and the whole interest, annually, on the first day of December in each year, and the bonds, when taken, shall be returned to the treasury of the western shire, and reported to the general assembly at their session next ensuing the taking of such bond.

XI. And be it enacted, That all cases in chancery, where no compromise under this act is effected, shall be placed under the direction of the agent, who is hereby authorized and required to call on the attorney-general to prosecute or defend the same to immediate final decision; and the governor and council are hereby authorized and empowered, at the request of the agent, in cases of difficulty, to aid the attorney-general, by employing any person to attend to surveys where necessary, or otherwise to assist in the prosecution or defence of said suits, which person or persons are to be paid out of the contingent fund of five hundred pounds; and the names of the persons so employed, together with the sum allowed for their services, to be laid before the general assembly at their next session.

XII. And be it enacted, That if any bond debtor to the state for confiscated property purchased, or otherwise, shall neglect to make payment agreeably to the condition of his bond, and sundry resolves of the general assembly, the said agent shall ex parte process to issue for the whole principal and interest then due, or shall proceed on any execution already issued, and served and suspended, as occasion may require, or, under the direction and with the approbation of the governor and council, he is hereby authorized to delay any execution as long as they may think expedient and necessary.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all balances due on bond taken for taxes due before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the said agent shall also superintend the collection of all balances due on bonds installed, or otherwise, for the emissions of paper money of seventeen hundred and sixty-nine, and seventeen hundred and seventy-three.

XIV. And be it enacted, That no process shall issue against any of the public debtors, unless by the direction of the said agent.

XV. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall have power to fix such days of sale of property taken by *ieri facias*, at the suit of the state, as he may think proper, always taking care to give at least twenty days public notice thereof; and the said agent shall also have power to suspend the sales, from time to time, as he may think most to the advantage of the state.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall pay into the treasury, in specie, the amount of all specie by him received in the discharge of the duties of this act.

XVII. And be it enacted, That in all cases where bonds shall be taken in virtue of this act, the bonds shall be a lien on all the real property of the obligors from the date thereof, or on so much of the said real property as the governor and council shall think sufficient; to be particularly mentioned in a schedule to be annexed to the said bond, in which case it shall be a lien on the property contained in such schedule, and no more, such bond and schedule to be lodged with the treasurer of the western shire.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That all bonds taken in virtue of this act shall express the county in which the obligors respectively reside, and the treasurer of the western shire shall, within one month after he receives them respectively, cause them, with the schedule annexed to them, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the general court of the western shire, at the expense of the obligors; and a copy of the said record, certified under the hand and official seal of the said clerk, shall be as good evidence in any court of law or equity in this state as the original bond would be if it was produced; and if any of the obligors in any such bonds reside on the eastern shore, the said treasurer shall, within six months from the time he receives the same respectively, transmit to the clerk of the general court of the eastern shire, in the same manner as papers on public service are transmitted, a copy of such bonds and schedules, certified as aforesaid by the clerk of the general court of the western shire, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the general court of the eastern shire, at the expense of the obligors, and in such case a copy of the said record, certified as aforesaid by the clerk of the general court of the eastern shire, shall be as good evidence as aforesaid.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall render to the treasurer of the western shire distinct quarterly accounts of his receipts of all money, certificates and bonds, in virtue of this act, and shall immediately thereupon pay and deliver the same to the said treasurer, who shall, in his annual report to the general assembly, state fully and particularly the money, certificates and bonds, by him received from the said agent, and the times when the same were received and accounted for.

XX. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall render a fair and full account of his several proceedings under the authority of this act to the general assembly at their next session, and within the first ten days after its commencement, in which account shall be specified, under distinct heads, his own receipts, and those of the treasurer, and of all transfers of stock upon which he may be entitled to commission, and in which shall also be contained a particular estimate of his commissions, shewing how and upon what the same arose due.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall be allowed for his services the following commissions, to wit: for all payments actually made to either of the treasurers in virtue of this act, three per cent. and for all bonds with security taken by the said agent in virtue of this act, three per cent. provided that the whole amount of his commission shall not exceed five hundred pounds current money, and he shall lay an account of the same, on oath, before the next session of assembly.

XXII. And be it enacted, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the agent, and the treasurers of the western and eastern shires respectively, to receive, as well the fifteen per cent. interest, if any shall have accrued, as all other the arrearages that are now, or may hereafter become due from fines, forfeitures and amerciaments, ordinary, retailers, marriage, hawkers and pedlers licences, and which fifteen per cent. is collected, shall be the only fund out of which the agent shall draw his commission of three per cent. for collecting the same; provided that the said agent shall not be entitled to any commission upon the monies arising from fines, forfeitures, amerciaments, ordinary, retailers, marriage, hawkers and pedlers licences, unless in cases where the same shall not be paid by the sheriffs and clerks respectively, to the treasurer within one month after the time prescribed by law, and upon the said agent shall thereafter receive the same from the said officers respectively, and the same pay to the said treasurer.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the said agent, before he enters upon the execution of the duties of this act, shall give bond to the state, before the governor and council, in the penalty of sixty thousand dollars, with such security as the governor and council shall approve, for the faithful performance of the said duties, which bond shall be lodged with the treasurer of the western shire, and shall also take an oath before the chancellor, that he will well and faithfully discharge the duties as agent under the act, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, to the best of his skill and judgment, the certificate of which oath shall be annexed to, or endorsed on, the said bond.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That if the said agent shall not accept his appointment, or if after his acceptance he shall not give bond, and take the oath aforesaid, before the first day of February next, or shall die, the governor and council are hereby authorized and requested to appoint a fit and proper person to his place, who shall have and execute all the authorities and powers vested in the said William Marbury by this act, such person first giving security, and taking the oath aforesaid.

## NOTICE TO STATE DEBTORS.

PROCESS will certainly be directed against all delinquent state debtors who fail to make their payments by the 15th day of March next.

WILLIAM MARBURY, Agent.

LONDON, November 20.

ON a motion of Mr. Ryder for the house of commons to resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, on the treaty between his Britannic majesty and the United States of America, Mr. Nicholls remarked to his majesty's ministers, that the bill proposed to be brought in did not go to the extent required both by the commercial and political interests of this country. He said that all regulations of the intercourse between the United States of America and the British islands in the West-Indies, was entirely left out in the proposed bill. This intercourse was left as it had been ever since the peace with America, to be regulated on the spur of the occasion, by orders of council, or the proclamations of governors in the West-Indies: as a proof of this, he took notice of a proclamation lately issued by the governor of Barbadoes, stating the danger to which that island was exposed from the scarcity of provisions, and authorizing for a twelve-month, the introduction of provisions and lumber into that island, in American ships of any burthen.—He observed, that while we persevered in holding this language to the Americans, viz. "We will purchase from you when we cannot procure the commodities we want elsewhere; but, when we can procure them elsewhere, we will not purchase them of you." We should never be considered by the Americans as valuable customers; nor would they be solicitous to supply us in the hour of distress. He reminded the house that when the present calamitous war terminated, another contest awaited this country, viz. a contest whether this country should retain its station as a commercial nation. In this contest, our intercourse with America was of the first importance. The success of France, during the present war, would probably give her great advantages in commerce, on the ruins of peace; we might expect to see her the most favoured nation in Holland, in Germany, in Spain, in Italy, in all the states which border on the Mediterranean, and perhaps even in Por-



regal. But, in a commercial intercourse with America, every circumstance was favourable to this country: this country wished to sell manufactures and purchase raw materials. America, on the contrary, wished to sell raw materials, and purchase manufactures. — Commercial intercourse must, from this circumstance, be beneficial to both countries. Even the oblique severance of his majesty's ministers, in fettering the intercourse between the two countries, had not been able to prevent our commerce with America from being carried to that extent to which it would have attained if it had been left unfettered, and regulated only by the mutual wants of the two countries. He reminded them that fourteen years had elapsed since peace was concluded with America: yet our ministers had not been able, all that time, to fix the intercourse with America on a permanent footing. He urged them to take advantage of the happy moment which now presented itself. America is now on bad terms with France; this then is the moment of which advances from this country, for a complete and permanent regulation of commercial intercourse, will be listened to by America. Our political interests were in union, in this respect, with our commercial interests. What country was capable of being a more useful ally to Great-Britain than the United States of America? Our possessions in the West-Indies depended on America, both for subsistence and protection. The same habits, the same language, the same sentiments on religious subjects — *Eodem habere Majoris, Eadem Menta* — were circumstances which must necessarily promote both commercial and political connexions. He warned the ministers not to suffer the present happy opportunity to escape them, but to come forward and fix the intercourse between the two countries on permanent regulations. He cautioned them not to endeavour to shew their skill in the arts and chicane of negotiation, but to establish such terms, that both Great-Britain and America might acknowledge that the intercourse was equally beneficial to both countries.

#### BASSETTERE, (St. Kitt's,) December 8.

By the latest intelligence from St. Bartholomew's we learn, that an American brig deeply laden was last week captured by a French privateer in the mouth of the harbour, although bound for that island from her clearing port, so that it may, very fairly, be concluded, that a rupture has already taken place between the two republics: there is also a prohibition of Victor Hughes struck up there in French and English, whereby the Swedes are ordered no longer to trade with Guadalupe, as they will be detained and made prize of should they attempt it; so that Victor may probably draw a new and known powerful enemy on his ill-fated country.

#### SPRINGFIELD, (Mass.) January 29.

Amongst the many melancholy accidents which have occurred in crossing, and travelling on the ice upon Connecticut river, we recollect none, the relation of which so powerfully excites the emotion of sympathy, as that which took place on Saturday the 20th inst., between Hadley and South-Hadley.

Captain Phelps, of Lebanon, (N. H.) on a journey to visit his friends who reside at Stafford, (Connecticut) in a sleigh with his wife, an only daughter about six years old, and another young lady; having progressed as far as Sunderland, found it necessary, in consequence of the extreme bad sleighing, to take to the ice upon the river, which was so strong as to render travelling upon it perfectly safe. It was in the afternoon that they took to the river, and by the time they had proceeded 10 or 12 miles, the sun had set, and rendered it difficult even at a short distance, precisely to determine the appearance of land; the firmness which the ice evidently possessed, lulled every fear, until the horses and sleigh were suddenly precipitated into a glade of water about two rods wide.

Captain Phelps instantly exerted himself to prevent the horses from crowding with the current under the ice, and at the same time desired the women to get out of the sleigh, by stepping over the back part of it on the ice. The young lady in this manner effected her escape; but Mrs. Phelps lost the idea of saving herself in a similar mode to preserve her daughter, in the fore part of the sleigh, and let pass this opportunity, only of a moment; for by this time the horses and sleigh had entirely disappeared, and she was struggling in the water; her husband, who was immersed with her, instantly seized her under the arms. Captain Charles Hopkins, of Hartford, who was in company in another sleigh behind, had now come up to their assistance; and perceiving the imminent danger which both captain and Mrs. Phelps were in of drowning, immediately caught hold of captain Phelps, and for a considerable length of time made every exertion to extricate them. Captain Hopkins finally finding all his efforts without avail, informed captain Phelps that he must let Mrs. Phelps go, (he was now unable to keep her from struggling) or he would inevitably plunge all three into the water, and destroy the hope of saving either. Captain Phelps was inflexible, and continued the hold of his wife. Captain Hopkins having held himself on his face, was unremitting in his endeavours to prevent their sinking, until captain Phelps, from his wife's struggle and exertion in his own arms, Captain Phelps was now prevailed upon to let go of her body to save himself.

The box, which had separated from the bottom of the sleigh, was now floating; and every attention turned to regain the bodies of the drowned: the body of the girl was soon obtained; but the united and continual exertions of a large collection of people from the towns in the vicinity, until the Tuesday following, to find the body of Mrs. Phelps, were ineffectual.

federal. Finding every effort for the recovery of the body of his wife abortive, captain Phelps at length took leave of this scene of his distress, and passed through this town on his way to Stafford, with the remains of his daughter on Thursday last.

Captain Phelps lost a very beautiful pair of horses, and specie in portmanteaus, in a very considerable amount; but these considerations vanish, when it is recollected, that he has at the same time, lost an affectionate wife and an only daughter. Mrs. Phelps was a woman of an amiable disposition, of a polite deportment, and in universal estimation wherever she was acquainted.

#### BOSTON, January 31.

##### Letter from Europe.

Since our last, the ship *Argo*, captain Smith, has arrived in the outer harbour from Cadix; which she left the 16th December; her letters were brought to town last evening. From them, and from verbal reports of the captain, we learn,

That letters from Paris, had been received at Cadix, as late as November 24th, at which time our extra-voys were remaining "in statu quo;" and that those letters, which were from both American and Frenchmen, represented their prospects of a successful mission as gloomy. Notwithstanding this sombre aspect, a great change had taken place in the conduct of the French cruizers, which now treat American vessels with respect, when their papers are regular. Off Cape St. Vincent's captain S. was boarded by a French privateer, and was treated politely. The same privateer had the day before boarded the ship *Lydia*, of Boston, from Virginia, bound to Cadix, had examined her papers, and permitted her to prosecute her voyage.

That admiral Orde, with twenty-four sail of the line, and frigates, continued to block the harbour of Cadix; while admiral lord St. Vincent was in the Tagus refitting the remainder of his fleet.

That in consequence of the blockade of the Spanish ports, and the decrease of Spanish shipping, the court of Madrid had granted permission of a free trade to South-America for all neutrals laden with Spanish produce; and that some American captains were prosecuting voyages to the region of "gold and silver."

And that the peace lately broken between France and Portugal was re-concluded, and that the reports of an invasion of that kingdom, through Spain, had ceased; — though those of an invasion of England by the French, remained in circulation.

#### CHARLESTON, January 23.

Yesterday arrived the ship *Commerce*, Ham, Havana, 10 days; schooner *Betsy*, M'Ilhenby, Wilmington, 5 days.

From the Havana we learn, that a British privateer had lately taken four ships out of a Spanish fleet from La Vera Cruz; the rest of the fleet had arrived at the Havana. The prizes were said to have some money on board, and were taken in sight of the Moro, and several Spanish ships of the line and frigates at anchor.

During the embargo upon the merchant ships at the Havana, two frigates were ordered to Porto-Rico. On their passage, one of them was taken by a British frigate; the other returned to the Havana.

There had lately been an engagement, off the Havana, between a Spanish frigate and a British sloop of war; and it was believed the latter would have taken the former, if a sudden breeze had not enabled her to escape.

January 24. Yesterday's post brought letters which inform, that on the 20th of December last, the trial of the ship *Golden*, captain Hayward, came on in the court of vice-admiralty, in the town of Halifax, N. S. when, after a hearing of the counsel for the claimants, the judge pronounced sentence of condemnation on the cargo, consisting of 1200 boxes of sugar, as enemy's property. The vessel, and 15,000 dollars found on board of her, were restored to the claimants; but from this part of the sentence the captors had given notice, that they meant to appeal to the superior court in Great-Britain.

#### BALTIMORE, February 7.

A gentleman of this city has obligingly handed us the following article from Norfolk —

##### Norfolk, February 3.

On Thursday arrived in Hampton Roads the *Iron* William, captain Wells, 43 days from Lisbon, bound to Baltimore. From Mr. Brandram, (a gentleman who came passenger in the above vessel) we have information that he read in a London paper of the 27th or 28th of November, an account of the arrival in London of one of the American commissioners from Paris, but which of them he does not recollect. He further informs, that he had it from the best authority that lord St. Vincent, with his fleet and the whole of the British troops were to evacuate Lisbon in the course of a few weeks. The queen of Portugal had forwarded 80 pounds weight of diamonds to Paris in part payment of the sum stipulated for in the treaty made between her and France.

#### Annapolis, February 15.

Married, on Tuesday last, by the rev. Mr. Higginbottom, John Young, Esq. of Caroline county, to Miss Mary Turnbull, of this city.

How fair, how sweet the blossoming rose! How glorious to the enraptured view! As with aniver's dew it glows All gliding in the morning dew.

By many a soft descending shower  
The beautiful plant is gently fed,  
And many a kind aerial power  
Scent's fragrance o'er its tender head.  
So fast, so sweet the youthful maid,  
O'er whole warm cheek soft blushes fly,  
Her face with beaming smiles array'd,  
While love fits trembling in her eye.

That blushing cheeks love-darting eye,  
That face with beaming smiles array'd,  
A happy bridegroom's thine the joy!  
For thus are all those charms display'd.

Then, lover, seize the present hour  
That views these charms in all their prime,  
Ere winter nips the blooming flower,  
And youth and beauty yield to time.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE, on the 24th of March next, if fair, if not the best fair day, is the late dwelling house of Mr. JOSEPH MARRIOTT.

PART of the PERSONAL PROPERTY of JOSEPH MARRIOTT, jun. deceased, consisting of sundry personal property. The sale to commence between the hours of ten and twelve o'clock in the forenoon, the terms for cash. And on the eighth of March, the residue of the personal property of said Joseph Marriott will be exposed for sale, at the farm of Mr. William Hammond, generally called Catlings, on the same time as before mentioned, and on like terms to me.

JOHN MEEK, Executor of Joseph Marriott. P. S. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those who have claims to exhibit their accounts for payment. February 8, 1798.

In pursuance of a decree of the High Court of Chancery of the State of Maryland, will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, on the fifth day of March next, at Leonard town,

THE following tracts or parcels of LAND, late the property of THOMAS EDEN, deceased, lying in Saint Mary's county, viz. COLLETS ADVENTURE, part of NEALE'S LOT RIVERVIEW, and WOY-HOLDS, containing in the whole about five hundred acres; on this land is a large elegant brick dwelling house, and an abundance of fine oak timber. They will be sold on the following terms; the purchaser to give bond, with security, to pay one half the purchase money, and interest, within one year from the time of sale, and the residue of the principal, and interest thereon, within two years from the time of sale; to be ratified and approved by the chancellor, and conveyances in fee simple for the full property, for all the estate, right, title, and interest, in said lands, which was in Townsend Eden, and now in James Eden, an infant, which hath descended to him from Townsend Eden his father, will be made to the respective purchasers on payment of the purchase money, and not before. A more particular description of the several lands, with their respective advantages and incumbrances, will be detailed at the time and place of sale. The subscriber will sell the said lands at any time to any person disposed to become a purchaser.

RICHARD BOND, Trustee for sale of said lands.

Chaptico, January 29, 1798.

Will be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, at the late dwelling of THOMAS BOYD, deceased, in Prince George's county, on Friday the second of March next,

SUNDY NEGROES, consisting of women and children, also some stock and household furniture. The terms are, for cash only.

MARGARET BOYD, Administratrix of THOMAS BOYD.

February 12, 1798.

AN away from the subscriber, living in Anne Arundel county, on the Head of South river, negro NELL, a bright mulatto slave, about thirty-eight years of age, of a thin visage, about five feet four inches high, with long bushy hair, has been in common used to house work, she is a very good spinner, and, in fact, understands how to do any thing about a house; her cloaths are uncertain, as she has with her more than one suit; she has been long in Annapolis, and it is not unlikely but that she may now be there. I will pay EIGHT DOLLARS to any person that will bring her home, or secure her to that I get her again.

WILLIAM BALL, 30.

February 8, 1798.

COMMITTED to me, as a runaway yesterday, the 4th of this month, a negro man, who says his name is LEWIS, that he was the property of Mr. ROBERT CARTER, who some years ago resided in Virginia, but is now an inhabitant of Baltimore, that he ran away from Virginia near two years ago, ever since which time he has been in this country; he is a likely fellow, of a yellow colour, appears to be about twenty-five years of age, five feet eight or nine inches high; his clothing a striped panty cap, a striped jacket, a broken long breeches, a good stuffed shirt, shoes, stockings, and hat. The owner is desired to take him away within two months from the date, as he will be sold for his price and other charges.

ZACH. FORREST, Sheriff of St. Mary's county.

February 5, 1798.

REWARD, paid by

February 12, 1798.

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ZACH. FORREST, Sheriff of St. Mary's county.

February 5, 1798.

LIST of tracts and residences of said county the year 1797, and the present of the land. The property can be found in A of the same.

#### Names of Land.

1 Lot town of Cumberland  
Good Hope  
The Hotel  
Rik Lick  
Refurvery on Rik Lick  
Stoney Ridge  
Refurvery on Rik Lick  
1 Lot town of Cumberland  
Henry's Meadow and  
Mount Parnassus  
4 Lots town of Cumberland  
Hilton's Chase  
7 Lots town of Cumberland  
Refurvery on Crease's advice  
Refurvery on Crease's Negles  
2 Lots town of Cumberland  
1 Lot town of Cumberland  
Fortlip and Refurvery  
Refurvery on Miller's Delight  
Republican  
Cramberry Swamp  
Joseph's Folly  
Mill Seat  
Loft Glove  
Flowery Meads  
That's All  
Milly's Chance  
Chance  
Biggerstaff's Beginning  
Discovery  
Bottom  
Shamsey Wer  
William and Mary  
Ormes Mill  
Ormes Trouble  
The General's With  
The Granary  
Durham  
Beaver Dam  
Mount Hope  
Come by Chance  
Black Oak Ridge  
Promised Land  
Thomas and Anne  
Peace and Plenty  
900 State Lots  
Three Springs  
Convent Garden  
Mount Pleasant  
The Grove  
Kindness  
Part of Mount Alry  
Lee's Choice  
Savage Ridge  
Small Meadows  
Hunting Ground  
Buck Bones  
Rich Glade  
Blooming Role  
Partnership  
The Refurvery  
Mill Seat  
Felicity  
Princess's Choice  
Black's Discovery  
High Glade  
Good Spring  
The Granary  
James Prince  
Dunham  
Governor's Negles  
Robby's Delight  
Ormes Attention  
Land flowing with  
Milk and Honey  
Clover Bottom  
Cattle Hill  
Dunham  
Widow's Bottom  
Durham  
Shepherd's Path  
Freeman's Friend  
Hogwhey's Negles  
Davis's Luck  
Richard's Fortune  
North Pole  
1 Lot Crease's town  
Coleman  
Bulls  
Disappointment  
Sugar Land  
Patty's Hill  
New Tree  
Sunny Land  
Ball Pasture



**R**AN away from the subscriber, a negro boy named DICKER. Whoever takes up the said boy and delivers him to me, shall receive ONE CENTS REWARD, paid by EDA. TIMMONS, Senr. February 12, 1798.

**C**OMMITTED to my custody as runaway, two negro men, one committed on January 22d, by the name of DAVY, who says that he belongs to

Mr. WILLIAM HOBBS, of Baltimore, near the Market House on Howard's Hill, he is about 25 or 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, of a dark complexion, his clothing is a white broad cloth coat, black cloth jacket, cleaning shirt, white breeches, and stockings, and old shoes, has a scar on his left foot, and the groove of his right hand, and has a scar over his right eye. The other committed on February 12d, by the name of PETER, has a scar on his face, is about 30 years of age, and that he belongs to Mr. DAVY's master.

of Henric county, State of Virginia, he is about 5 feet 6 inches high, 32 years of age, and chunky built; his clothing is a dark coat cloth coat, striped cotton under jacket, striped shirt, and thick breeches, a pair of white pants stockings, a pair of shoes, and an old hat. Their masters are desired to come and take them away in two months from their several dates, or they will be sold for their prison fees and other expences according to law. JOHN WELSH, Sheriff of Anne Arundel county. February 1, 1798.

**A** LIST of tracts and lots of land in Allegany county, held by persons not residents of said county, the amount of the taxes thereon respectively due for the year 1797, and the names of the persons respectively chargeable with the payment of the same. The taxes thereon being now due and unpaid, and no personal property can be found in Allegany county liable for or chargeable with the payment of the same.

Names of Land.	Tax.	Names of persons.	Names of Land.	Tax.	Names of persons.
1 Lot town of Cumberland	0 1 12	Herman Aldrich.	1 Lot town of Cumberland	8 10 12	Jacob Shymet.
Good Hope	12 8 12	Jonathan Boucher.	6 4 12	Wm. and Joseph Scott.	
The Hotel	1 0 12	James Brooks.	1 0 12	James Starr.	
Rik Lick	4 0 12	James Beatty.	1 0 12	James Smith.	
Relurvey on Rik Lick	8 5 12	James Beatty.	1 12 12	John Coleman.	
Stoney Ridge	6 8 12	James Beatty.	4 10 12	Frederick Grammer.	
Relurvey on Rik Lick	8 5 12	James Beatty.	3 5 12	Lawrence Hensel.	
1 Lot town of Cumberland	1 12 12	Thomas J. Beatty.	2 10 12	Frederick Grammer.	
Henry's Meadow and	1 7 5 12	John Burgefs.	4 7 12	Jacob Hensel.	
Mount Parnassus	10 5 12	John Beall.	1 12 12	Henry Kemp.	
4 Lots town of Cumberland	12 7 12	John Beall.	8 7 12	John R. Key.	
Hilton's Chase	8 0 12	Blackburn and Breat.	2 12 12	Christopher Kealhover.	
7 Lots town of Cumberland	5 1 12	Charles Beatty.	2 12 12	Christopher Kealhover.	
Relurvey on Cretap's Advice	0 12 0 12	Charles Beatty.	1 12 12	James M'Pherson.	
Relurvey on Cretap's Neglect	15 3 12	William D. Beall.	8 12 12	James M'Callister.	
2 Lots town of Cumberland	1 12 12	William M. Beall.	1 12 12	John Orr.	
1 Lot town of Cumberland	18 5 12	Thomas Beatty.	2 3 12	Francis Thomas.	
Fortip and Relurvey	1 0 3 12	Thomas Beatty.	8 12 12	John Watts.	
Relurvey on Miller's Delight	1 3 8 12	Thomas Beatty.	19 8 12	Thomas White.	
Republican	1 3 8 12	Thomas Beatty.	3 10 12	James Kenny.	
Cramberry Swamp	2 2 5 12	Thomas Beatty.	7 3 12	Hugh Riley.	
Joseph's Folly	2 2 2 12	Thomas Beatty.	15 1 12	Richard Ridgely.	
Mill Seat	1 6 12	Thomas Beatty.	5 11 12	James Smith.	
Loft Grove	18 12 12	Thomas Beatty.	1 12 12	Benjamin Putman.	
Flowery Meads	15 11 12	Jeremiah Berry, 3d.	10 2 12	John Spurrer.	
That's All	18 2 12	Jeremiah Berry, 3d.	13 1 12	Joseph Compton.	
Milly's Chance	8 6 12	Jeremiah Berry, 3d.	15 6 12	Nicholas Gaffaway.	
Chance	6 12 12	William Biggs.	2 10 12	Nicholas Gaffaway.	
Biggerstaff's Beginning	8 12 12	Thomas C. Breat.	10 3 12	Nicholas Gaffaway.	
Discovery	5 8 12	George Cooke.	9 5 12	Nicholas Gaffaway.	
Bottom	1 0 9 12	John Chisholm.	7 2 12	Nicholas Gaffaway.	
Shawney Wer	5 14 7 12	Davidson and Mair.	5 4 12	Thomas Gaffaway.	
William and Mary	8 7 12	Uriah Forrell.	1 9 0 12	Thomas Gaffaway.	
Ormes Millake	7 9 12	Uriah Forrell.	2 10 5 12	Thomas Gaffaway.	
Ormes Trouble	12 7 12	Uriah Forrell.	6 12 12	Sarah Gaffaway.	
The General's With	12 7 12	George French.	1 7 12	Sarah Gaffaway.	
The Granary	14 4 12	Samuel French.	3 5 12	Sarah Gaffaway.	
Durham	14 4 12	Samuel French.	10 3 12	Sarah Gaffaway.	
Beaver Dam	14 4 12	Samuel French.	2 2 12	Sarah Gaffaway.	
Mount Hope	1 14 11 12	Samuel French.	1 9 0 12	William Moore.	
Come by Chance	1 14 11 12	Samuel French.	0 4 8 12	William Moore.	
Black Oak Ridge	3 8 9 12	Thomas Johnson.	6 12 12	Jonathan Swift.	
Promised Land	5 12 7 12	Thomas Johnson.	1 12 12	Jonathan Swift.	
Thomas and Anne	5 12 7 12	Thomas Johnson.	1 3 12	Jonathan Swift.	
Peace and Plenty	5 12 7 12	Thomas Johnson.	5 9 12	Eliza Clifton.	
700 State Lots	33 8 5 12	Baker Johnson.	2 12 12	William Groves.	
Three Springs	6 3 12	Baker Johnson.	1 12 12	William Groves.	
Covent Garden	6 3 12	Baker Johnson.	6 10 12	William Gracy.	
Mount Pleasant	2 17 3 12	Baker Johnson.	3 3 12	William Gracy.	
The Grove	2 9 5 12	Baker Johnson.	2 6 12	Barnet Groves.	
Kindness	5 8 10 12	Baker Johnson.	2 2 12	Joseph Groves.	
Part of Mount Airy	1 2 11 12	Thomas and Baker Johnson.	14 4 12	Thomas Hanson.	
Lee's Choice	1 2 11 12	William Lee.	2 17 5 12	Thomas Hanson.	
Savage Ridge	2 10 12	Randolph B. Latimer.	17 2 12	Thomas Hanson.	
Small Meadows	14 7 10 12	Lloyd and Peca.	1 2 11 12	Thomas Hanson.	
Hunting Ground	2 15 5 12	Lloyd and Peca.	3 4 12	Samuel Jacob.	
Buck Bones	12 8 7 12	Lloyd and Peca.	8 10 12	Samuel Jacob.	
Rich Glade	8 9 12	Lloyd and Peca.	1 3 12	John C. Jones.	
Blooming Role	4 11 7 12	James Marry and	9 5 12	John C. Jones.	
Partnership	1 2 11 12	John Marry.	5 9 12	John C. Jones.	
The Relurvey	1 2 11 12	Ebenzer Macky.	0 1 12	John C. Jones.	
Mill Seat	7 3 12	Jacob Miller.	0 4 10 12	John C. Jones.	
Felicity	7 10 12	John Orme.	1 11 12	John H. Stone, and	
Prima's Choice	2 17 3 12	John Orme.	6 7 12	John Davidson.	
Black's Discovery	2 17 3 12	William Potts.	1 12 12	Henry W. Seld.	
High Glade	2 17 3 12	William Potts.	1 12 12	Patrick Doran.	
Good Springs	2 17 3 12	Thomas Price.	9 9 12	Daniel Grant.	
The Granary	2 17 3 12	Richard Potts.	12 10 12	John Swann.	
Green Ponds	2 17 3 12	Charles P. Pott.	1 1 12	John Swann.	
Doughnut	2 17 3 12	Charles P. Pott.	2 5 6 12	John Swann.	
Governor's Neglect	2 17 3 12	Walter Rott.	13 2 12	John Swann.	
Roby's Delight	2 17 3 12	Gustavus Scott.	17 4 12	John Swann.	
Ormes Attention	2 17 3 12	Gustavus Scott.	2 9 12	John Swann.	
Land flowing with	2 17 3 12	Gustavus Scott.	17 8 12	John Swann.	
Milk and Honey	2 17 3 12	Robert Smith.	2 11 6 12	John Swann.	
Clover Bottom	2 17 3 12	Robert Smith.	1 10 7 12	John Swann.	
Cattle Hill	2 17 3 12	George Scott.	8 11 12	John Swann.	
Dumfries	2 17 3 12	George Scott.	1 10 12	John Swann.	
Walnut Bottom	2 17 3 12	George Scott.	1 4 0 12	John Swann.	
Durham	2 17 3 12	George Scott.	1 12 12	John Swann.	
Shepherd's Path	2 17 3 12	Daniel Tetter.	9 0 12	John Swann.	
Freeman's Friend Detested	2 17 3 12	Arthur Watson.	1 2 12	John Swann.	
Hugon's Neglect	2 17 3 12	Arthur Watson.	0 6 12	John Swann.	
Dave's Luck	2 17 3 12	Richard Davis.	13 17 12	John Swann.	
Richard's Portmanteau	2 17 3 12	Richard Davis.	5 11 6 12	John Swann.	
North Pole	2 17 3 12	Joseph Dis.	9 12 12	John Swann.	
1 Lot Cretap's town	2 17 3 12	Jacob Dis.	1 3 12	John Swann.	
Colonia	2 17 3 12	George Dis.	7 12 12	John Swann.	
Disappointment	2 17 3 12	Thomas Dis.	5 0 12	John Swann.	
Sugar Land	2 17 3 12	John Dis.	8 0 12	John Swann.	
Partridge	2 17 3 12	Henry Dis.	10 0 12	John Swann.	
Sea-tree	2 17 3 12	Lawrence Dis.	2 3 12	John Swann.	
Sunny Land	2 17 3 12	Macmillan Dis.	4 9 12	John Swann.	
Ball Pasture	2 10 12	David Dis.			
		Pearrell & Rogers.			



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Commissioners, shall be sworn to take the following oath, to wit: I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby swear that I will not, nor will I cause any other person to, in any manner, or in any way, or by any means, or by any officer under me, who in my judgment will be influenced in determining any of the matters which shall come before him as a juror by bribery, menace or ill will, fear, favor or affection, nor by any partiality whatever; and that I will not knowingly or intentionally turn as a juror any person, who, in my opinion, or to my knowledge, may be felicitous to be returned upon the panel of jurors;" and that they respectively return a certificate of such oath or affirmation to the clerk of the court of the county for which such person is commissioned as sheriff, or coroner, within twenty days thereafter; there to be recorded by said clerk, whose duty it is hereby declared to be to record the same amongst the proceedings of the preceding county court; and that in case any sheriff or coroner shall neglect to take such oath or affirmation, or return a certificate thereof as aforesaid, the person so neglecting shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered by indictment before the district court of the county for which such person is commissioned, and applied to the use of said county.

INT of LETTERS remitting to the Post-Office, Fort Taberna, which, if not taken up before the first day of April next, will be returned to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

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# MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1798.

In COUNCIL, Annapolis, January 22, 1798.

ORDERED, That the act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be published in the Maryland Gazette, at Annapolis, the Federal Gazette, at Baltimore, the Hydrant, at Edinboro, and in one of the George-town and Frederick town papers, once in each week for the term of eight weeks.

By order,

NINIAN PINNEY, Clerk  
of the Council of the State  
of Maryland.

An ACT to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Marbury be agent of this State, to execute the trust and power reposed in him by virtue of this act, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, until the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

II. And be it enacted, That the said agent superintend the collection of all arrears and balances due from the several collectors of the respective counties within this State, appointed since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the said agent is hereby authorized and required to call upon the treasurers of the respective shires for an accurate statement of all arrears and balances due from such collectors, and such accounts shall be furnished by the said treasurers accordingly.

III. And be it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of balances due to the State on the auditor's books, or on open account; and the said agent shall have power to require payment of, and, if necessary, to sue for and recover the same; and the said agent, with the approbation of the governor and council, may make composition with any such debtors, and take bonds to the State, with sufficient security, and give time for payment, not exceeding two years from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all monies due to the State for naval duties, fines, penalties, forfeitures and amerciaments, and forfeited recognizances, and for ordinary, retailers and marriage licenses, and to require payment, and, if necessary, sue for and recover the same; and the said agent may allow for disbursements, and credit any money that the party is not chargeable with by law, and for his information of the law, he may take the advice of the attorney-general in writing.

V. And be it enacted, That whenever there shall be occasion to expose to public sale the property of any collector, or his securities, by virtue of any execution already issued, or to be issued for this purpose, the said agent shall cause at least thirty days public notice to be given of such sale, and shall attend the same, and if it shall appear that there is danger of losing any part of the debt due to the State, and not otherwise, shall purchase any property so exposed to sale for the use of the State, in payment, or part payment, as the case may be, of the arrears due by the collector, whose property may be so purchased, and that no purchase authorized by this act shall be considered as made, on the part of the State, unless a public declaration to that effect be made by the agent, or his deputy, immediately after such sale and purchase; and any property so purchased for the use of the State, the said agent may again expose to public auction on the most advantageous terms, for the use of the State, and if the same be sold on credit, which shall in no case exceed the term of two years, the said agent shall take bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shire, from the purchasers of such property, and all bonds by him so taken shall be deposited, with an accurate list thereof subscribed by him, in the treasury of the western shire, and shall be a lien upon the real property of such purchasers, and their securities, from the respective dates, on which thereof as is mentioned in the schedule thereto annexed.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said agent is hereby directed to dispose of all confiscated British property that remains unsold, and take bonds to the State, with sufficient security, and give time for the payment thereof, not exceeding two years from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and that where the quantity of land in any one lot sold to such sale exceeds the quantity of fifty acres, such land shall be disposed of at public sale, or the time and place of which sale at least thirty days previous notice shall be given by public advertisement, and that at the time of any sale by virtue of this act, the said agent shall make known that he only sells the right of this State therein, and that the State does not guarantee the title to the same, or any part thereof, but that the purchase must be in all respects at the risk of the purchaser.

VII. And be it enacted, That no payment in future by any officer or person indebted to the State shall be valid and effectual, unless made to the treasurer of the western or eastern shire, or to the agent for the time being, or unless made to the clerks and sheriffs of the several counties, in the cases where the said clerks and sheriffs are by law authorized to receive the same.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the agent shall have full power and authority, by and with the advice of the governor and council, in all cases of unsatisfied debts, to take back any property heretofore purchased by any person, and not yet paid for, in cases where the person is having purchased, and his securities, are not capable of paying for the same, and to compromise the same upon terms and principles of equity and justice, by and

with the advice and consent aforesaid; and the agent is hereby required to lay a particular statement of his proceedings under this section before the next session of assembly.

IX. And be it enacted, That the agent, with the approbation and consent of the governor and council, he and he is hereby authorized and empowered to compromise any suit depending in chancery with any State debtor, upon any terms in their judgment calculated to promote the interest of the State, and to obtain the speedy receipt of the sums due.

X. And be it enacted, That if, under the terms of any compromise made as aforesaid, the property heretofore purchased should be taken back and resold in the State, the same may be sold by the agent, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sell the same at public sale, giving thirty days notice, on a credit of two years, payable one half of the principal, and the whole interest, annually, on the first day of December in each year, and the bonds, when taken, shall be returned to the treasury of the western shire, and reported to the general assembly at their session next ensuing the taking of such bonds.

XI. And be it enacted, That all cases in chancery, where no compromise under this act is effected, shall be placed under the direction of the agent, who is hereby authorized and required to call on the attorney-general to prosecute or defend the same to immediate final decision; and the governor and council are hereby authorized and empowered, at the request of the agent, in cases of difficulty, to aid the attorney-general, by employing any person to attend to surveys where necessary, or otherwise to assist in the prosecution or defence of said suits, which person or persons are to be paid out of the contingent fund of five hundred pounds; and the names of the persons so employed, together with the sum allowed for their services, to be laid before the general assembly at their next session.

XII. And be it enacted, That if any bond debtor to the State for confiscated property purchased, or otherwise, shall neglect to make payment agreeably to the condition of his bond, and thereby refuse of the general assembly, the said agent shall cause process to be filed for the whole principal and interest then due, or shall proceed on any execution already issued, and served and returned, as occasion may require, or under the direction and with the approbation of the governor and council, he is hereby authorized to delay any execution as long as they may think expedient and necessary.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all balances due on bond taken for taxes due before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the said agent shall also superintend the collection of all balances due on bonds issued, or otherwise, for the emissions of paper money of seventeen hundred and sixty-nine, and seventeen hundred and seventy-three.

XIV. And be it enacted, That no process shall issue against any of the public debtors, unless by the direction of the said agent.

XV. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall have power to fix such days of sale of property taken by *ieri factis*, at the suit of the State, as he may think proper, always taking care to give at least twenty days public notice thereof; and the said agent shall also have power to suspend the sales, from time to time, as he may think most to the advantage of the State.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall pay into the treasury, in specie, the amount of all specie by him received in the discharge of the duties of this act.

XVII. And be it enacted, That in all cases where bonds shall be taken in virtue of this act, the bonds shall be a lien on all the real property of the obligors from the date thereof, or on so much of the said real property as the governor and council shall think sufficient to be particularly mentioned in a schedule to be annexed to the said bond, in which case it shall be a lien on the property contained in such schedule; and no more such bond and schedule can be lodged with the treasurer of the western shire.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That all bonds taken in virtue of this act shall express the county in which the obligors respectively reside, and the treasurer of the western shire shall, within one month after he receives them respectively, send them, with the schedule annexed to them, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the general court of the western shire, at the expense of the obligors; and a copy of the said record, certified under the hand and official seal of the said clerk, shall be a good evidence in any court of law or equity in this State as the original bond would be if it was produced; and if any of the obligors in any such bonds reside on the eastern shore, the said treasurer shall, within six months from the time he receives the same respectively, transmit to the clerk of the general court of the eastern shire, in the same manner as papers on public taxes are transmitted, a copy of such bonds and schedules, certified as aforesaid by the clerk of the general court of the western shire, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the general court of the eastern shire, at the expense of the obligors, and in such case a copy of the said record, certified as aforesaid by the clerk of the general court of the eastern shire, shall be good evidence as aforesaid.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall render to the treasurer of the western shire distinct quarterly accounts of his receipts of all monies, certificates and bonds, in virtue of this act, and shall immediately thereupon pay and deliver the same to the said treasurer who shall, in his annual report to the general assembly, state fully and particularly the monies, certificates and bonds, by him received from the said agent, and the times when the same were received and accounted for.

XX. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall render a fair and full account of his several proceedings under the authority of this act to the general assembly at their next session, and within the first ten days after its commencement, in which account shall be specified, under distinct heads, his own receipts, and those of the treasurer, and of all transfers of stock upon which he may be entitled to commission, and in which shall also be contained a particular estimate of his commissions, shewing how and upon what the same arose due.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall be allowed for his services the following commissions, to wit: for all payments actually made to either of the treasurers in virtue of this act, three per cent, and for all bonds with security taken by the said agent in virtue of this act, three per cent, provided that the whole amount of his commission shall not exceed five hundred pounds current money, and he shall lay an account of the same, on oath, before the next session of assembly.

XXII. And be it enacted, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the agent, and the treasurers of the western and eastern shires respectively, to receive, as well the fifteen per cent. interest, if any shall have accrued, as all other the arrears that are now, or may hereafter become due from fines, forfeitures, and amerciaments, ordinary, retailers, marriage, hawkers and pedlers licenses, and which fifteen per cent. so collected, shall be the only fund out of which the agent shall draw his commission of three per cent. for collecting the same; provided that the said agent shall not be entitled to any commission upon the monies arising from fines, forfeitures, amerciaments, ordinary, retailers, marriage, hawkers and pedlers licenses, unless in cases where the same shall not be paid by the sheriff and clerks respectively, to the treasurer within one month after the time prescribed by law, and unless the said agent shall thereafter receive the same from the said officers respectively, and the same pay to the said treasurer.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the said agent, before he enters upon the execution of the duties of this act, shall give bond to the State, before the governor and council, in the penalty of sixty thousand dollars, with such security as the governor and council shall approve, for the faithful performance of the said duties, which bond shall be lodged with the treasurer of the western shire, and shall also take an oath before the chancellor, that he will well and faithfully discharge the duties as agent under the act, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, to the best of his skill and judgment, the certificate of which oath shall be annexed to, or endorsed on, the said bond.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That if the said agent shall not accept his appointment, or if after his acceptance he shall not give bond, and take the oath aforesaid, before the first day of February next, or shall die, the governor and council are hereby authorized and requested to appoint a fit and proper person in his place, who shall have and execute all the authorities and powers vested in the said William Marbury by this act, such person first giving security, and taking the oath aforesaid.

## NOTICE TO STATE DEBTORS.

PROCESS will certainly be directed against all delinquent State debtors who fail to make their payments by the 10th day of March next.

WILLIAM MARBURY, Agent.

HAGUE, November 21.

ADMIRAL WINTER's account of the naval engagement of the 12th ult. is now printed, and the convention have resolved.

1. That the admiral's ship the *Fryheit*, was defended to the last.
2. That the English fleet, though only equal in the number of the ships of the line to the Batavian fleet, was superior in force.
3. The English covered more sea, and were also better in concert with each other.
4. That the English fleet had the advantage of the attack.
5. That the retreat of six of the Dutch ships was the chief cause of the loss of the battle.

Our two State prisoners, the physician and count Bentinck, will be exchanged with England, it is said, for admiral Winter and another of our naval commanders.

LONDON, December 11.

The Portuguese minister at Paris, has received, by an extraordinary courier, from his court, the unconditional ratification of the treaty of peace concluded between the two countries. It was at first doubted whether the Directory, in consequence of her majesty's tardiness, would conclude the ratification on their part; yet it was hoped that the minister, M. d'Armo, might be able to appease them; and it is now generally believed, that the ratification has taken place.

While Bonaparte is proceeding on the business of the congress at Rastadt, general Defaix concludes the organization of the army of England. Instructions are said to be sent to Spain, relative to the part which the navy of that country is to take in an expedition against Britain.

The Directory intend to appoint a minister extraordinary to the court of Berlin, to compliment his Prussian majesty on his accession to the throne; a



mission which they consider, at this time, very important, when England and Russia endeavour to circumvent the young king, that they may get possession of his mind, which is said to be held in a state of suspense, and secure in their favour the influence of the cabinet, which will be very considerable in the congress at Rastatt.

The Hambourg mail of the 28th ult. says, that the Russian court has entered into a new connexion with a German power; but neither the name nor terms are mentioned.

December 14.

Thomas Muir, president of the Scotch defenders, who was banished to Botany Bay, whence he effected his escape, has arrived at Bourdeaux, and is on his way to Paris.

#### NORFOLK, February 6.

At a late hour last night, captain Colley of the ship *Flores*, arrived in town from Hampton Roads, where his ship now lies, after a passage of 44 days from Guernsey. Captain Colley politely handed us London papers of 11th, 15th and 19th December; he gave a few to some of the officers of the British ships of war lying in the Roads. From those we received we hasten to give the following crude summary of

#### LATE EUROPEAN NEWS.

That generals Buonaparte and Joubert had arrived on the 6th of December at Paris; that a great part of the army of Italy had returned into France; that a new conspiracy had taken place in Paris, and that a number of the conspirators were committed to the temple; that the pope refuses to acknowledge the independence of the Cisalpine republic, in consequence of which 10,000 republicans are marching towards Rimini, to support the demand of the Cisalpine ambassador; that every exertion is making in France to organize the army which is to act against England. It is also said at Paris, that the pope has entered into a secret treaty with the emperor of Russia; that the king of Prussia is dead; and that in consequence of the ratification of the treaty between Portugal and France, the English troops at Lisbon are reduced to extreme want; and St. Vincent still continues off the harbour of Lisbon.

Stocks experience but little variation—on the 11th December, consols were at 49 1/2.

On the 14th December, Messrs. Fox, Sheridan, and other members of the opposition, attended in their places in the house of commons: their attendance was occasioned by the general alarm which Mr. Pitt's new financial bill has caused in all parts.

#### Of our Commissioners.

We have no other account, than what was received by a vessel from Havre, which had put into Guernsey in distress, prior to captain Colley's sailing, which informed that there were three commissioners appointed on the part of the French republic to treat with ours—and that the general opinion was that matters would be amicably adjusted.

#### BALTIMORE, February 14.

##### A MELANCHOLY FACT.

By a gentleman, just from the Susquehanna, we are informed, that on Saturday the 10th instant, some malicious persons wilfully set fire to and burnt a house near the canal, wherein were six persons, all of whom were consumed. The particulars, as far as we can understand, are, that some people belonging to the canal lodged with the people of this house, who disagreed, and the party of the house having proved too strong for the others, they went off; but returning some time after with several others, entered the house by violence, killed two children, and threw them behind the fire; then fastening the others in, set fire to the house and burnt it, with all its contents. The above gentleman further adds, that he saw the body of one person, not wholly consumed, and that five of the perpetrators of this villainous deed were taken, and are in confinement.

February 19.

We are happy in being able to confirm the intelligence we stated on Wednesday respecting the relinquishment of the posts on the Mississippi, within the American line, by the Spanish government; at least so far as relates to the intentions for this purpose; for we were rather premature in stating the business as already accomplished. Thomas Stoughton, Esq. his Catholic majesty's consul for this city, has received a letter from his excellency Don Gavito de Lemos, the present governor of New Orleans, dated the 18th January, stating particularly, that orders had been received from his majesty for the immediate delivery of the posts, &c. and that preparations had been, and were still making, for carrying these orders into effect with every possible expedition.

New-York D. Adv.

Extract of a letter from a Spanish gentleman in New Orleans, dated January 18, addressed to a respectable merchant of this city.

"Since writing you on the 26th of December, the long contested limits have been ceded to the American general. The post of the Natchez, not far from our capital, now belongs to that nation, which will make them our near neighbours. They have besides the free navigation of the Mississippi."

Translating extract from a paper, entitled, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*, printed at New Orleans, dated January 15, 1808.

"The governor of this province having received by the last courier the orders of his majesty to evacuate the forts of Walnut Hills and Natchez, immediately

took proper measures for their execution, having sent off the necessary advice for Natchez."

The above leaves no doubt of the important fact of the evacuation of our posts by the Spanish. The Gazette containing the article we have seen.

Extract of a letter dated New Orleans, January 18, to a person in this city.

Orders have been received from the court of Spain to deliver up the posts without any farther delay, and the garrisons of Walnut Hills and Natchez will evacuate those places on the news reaching them. The orders have come by the September packet, via the Havana, and have relieved the governor from the greatest difficulty he ever experienced.

The demarcation of limits will take place it is supposed in March. This information has not yet been officially announced here, although an express was sent with the news two days ago to the Natchez.

#### From BROWN'S PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE.

PHILADELPHIA, February 15.

In the house of representatives this morning, previous to order, an affair took place, within the bar, between Messrs. Griswold and Lyon. The particulars we have not been able to learn with any degree of precision or accuracy.

[Since writing the above, we have received the following from a gentleman of the first respectability, who was present.]

Mr. Brown,

LEST the affair which took place this morning between Mr. Griswold and Mr. Lyon should be misunderstood, I send you the following account, which having been shown to several gentlemen who were eye-witnesses, may be relied on as accurate and authentic. Before the house was called to order Mr. Griswold came into the hall, and took his seat with a cane in his hand. He was reading a letter, when Mr. Lyon, who had not before appeared since he finished his defence, came into the hall with a cane in his hand also, and took his seat; the house not being yet called to order. He placed his stick beside his chair or behind it, and began to write or look at papers. Mr. Griswold perceiving him, took up his stick, advanced towards him in front, from the opposite side of the house, and struck him with the stick. Mr. Lyon, either immediately on receiving the blow, or immediately before, rose, advanced towards Mr. Griswold, and endeavoured to close in with him, this Mr. Griswold avoided, and repeated the blow nine or ten times, striking sometimes on the head, and sometimes on the shoulders. At length they closed, Mr. Griswold threw Mr. Lyon, fell with him, and in that situation, gave him a blow in the face with his fist—when they were separated.

#### A BYSTANDER.

The house adjourned at 1 o'clock.

[The following account differing in some measure from the foregoing, is taken from Claypoole's Daily Advertiser.]

Feeling as we do for the honour and dignity of our national legislature, it is painful to us to recount any thing which may have a tendency to lessen that honour and dignity in the estimation of our fellow-citizens, and of the world at large. It excited unpleasant sensations in us to recount to the public, the gross indecency and insult committed upon the person of Mr. Griswold by Mr. Lyon, and the lengthy proceedings which have been had thereon. It is with deep concern, therefore, that we are again called upon to relate another fracas which this day took place on the floor of the house of representatives, in consequence of the former insult and indecency. Since, however, it has taken place, and must be known, we shall relate the circumstances as accurately as we are able, without comment or remark.

About a quarter after eleven o'clock, after prayers, whilst the speaker was in his chair, and many members in their places, but before the house had been called to order, and before the journals had been read, Mr. Griswold entered the house, and observing Mr. Lyon in his place (who sat writing) he went up to him with a pretty strong walking stick in his hand, with which he immediately began to beat him with great violence. Mr. Griswold's approach was observed by Mr. Lyon, but before he could get from behind his desk, he had received some blows. As soon as he got on the floor of the house, he endeavoured to lay hold of G. (having no stick or weapon in his hand) but he was prevented from doing so by Mr. G's falling back, and the continual blows with which he was assailed. At length getting behind the speaker's chair, Mr. L. snatched up the tongs from the fire: the combatants then closed, and came down together upon the floor; Mr. Griswold being uppermost. The members in the house, who till now seemed to look on with amusement at the scene, without an attempt to put an end to it, got round the parties, and separated them, but not before Mr. Lyon had aimed a blow at Mr. Griswold's head with the tongs, but which he parried off.

The speaker was now called upon to desire members to take their seats, and form the house. Whilst this was doing the two enraged members met again without the bar, and, but for the door-keeper and some gentlemen present, would have renewed the combat. Order having been obtained (at least as much as it was possible to obtain from the agitated state of the house) the clerk proceeded to read the journals, and the business of the day was entered upon. It continued till one o'clock, when from the perturbation which was naturally occasioned by such a scene, and it being evident that business was very little attended to by a great part of the house, a motion for adjournment was made and carried. It will appear that no notice was taken of this proceeding in course of the sitting.

#### Annapolis, February 22.

### CONGRESS.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY—FEBRUARY 15.

The house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the committee of privileges, when, after considerable discussion, Mr. R. Williams moved to amend the resolution reported, by striking out the words "be for this disorderly behaviour expelled" and insert in their place, "is highly censurable, and that he be reprimanded by the speaker, in the presence of this house."

This amendment called forth a number of observations; the question was, however, at length taken upon it, and it was negatived 52 to 44.

The question was then taken upon the resolution as reported for the expulsion of Mr. Lyon, which was agreed to 51 to 45.

The committee then rose, and reported the amendment to the resolution which had been agreed to (which was what related to the second offence of Mr. Lyon) together with the evidence which had been taken before it.

The house took up the report, and the question being put upon the amendment, it was agreed to 45 to 46.

The question was then about to be put upon the resolution as amended, and the yeas and nays taken (which had been called for and agreed to) when Mr. R. Williams renewed his amendment, for confining the punishment of Mr. Lyon to a reprimand by the speaker in the presence of the house.

The yeas upon this question were the yeas upon the final question; and *vice versa*, without an individual variation.

The amendment of Mr. Williams being negatived, the question then returned upon the resolution for an expulsion.

Upon which question, the yeas and nays were as follow:

#### AYES.

Messrs. Baer	Holmes
Barlett	Imlay
Bayard	Kittera
Brooke	J. man
Bullock	Machir
Champlin	Matthews
Chapman	Morgan
Cochran	Morris
Colt	Orin
Critt	Parker
Dana	J. Parker
Davis	Reed
Dennis	Rutledge
Dent	Schureman
Evans	Sewall
A. Foster	Shepard
D. Foster	Sinickson
J. Freeman	Sitgreaves
Glenn	N. Smith
Goodrich	Sprague
Gordon	Thacher
Grove	Thomas
Harper	Thompson
Hardy	Tillinghast
Hindman	Van Allen
Holmes	Wadsworth—57.

#### NAYS.

Messrs. Freeman	Virg.	Harrison
Skinner	Jones	
Varnum	New	
N. T. Elmesdorf	Nicholas	
Havens	A. Trigg	
Livingston	J. Trigg	
Van Cortlandt	Venable	
Penn. Bard	N. C. Brown	
Findley	Bryan	
Gallatin	Collespie	
Gregg	Locke	
Hanna	Mason	
McClensahan	M. Dowell	
Mar. S. Smith	Stanford	
Sprigg	R. Williams	
Virg. Brent	S. C. Benton	
Cabell	W. Smith	
T. Claiborne	Switzer	
Clay	Geor. Baldwin	
Clopton	Milledge	
Dawson	Ken. Fowler	
Giles	Tenn. W. Claiborne.	

The speaker then declared the yeas to be 53, and the nays 44; and as the constitution required two thirds of the members present to carry a resolution like the present, it was not agreed to.

"An amendment alluded to in the following words: 'and for a gross indecency of language in his defence before this house.'"

THE subscriber hereby forewarns all persons from hunting with either dog or gun on his land, or in his enclosures, in Anne Arundel county, lying between Shorter's and Fishing creeks, and from Shorter's Gut to Hackett's Point, or trespassing in any manner after the date hereof.

JAMES MOSS.

February 19, 1798.

THE subscriber hereby forewarns all persons from hunting with either dog or gun on his land, lying in Anne Arundel county, on Deep Creek, formerly the property of Stephen Howard, deceased.

JOHN GWINN.

#### For

The subscriber will send on Monday the 10th inst. on the 10th inst.

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On the same day, a number of women and children, forty or fifty head of corn and hay, on the purchaser's servants, for sale.

#### Prince-George's

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Covert court



## FOR SALE

The subscriber will SELL, at PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday the 28th of February next, at 12 o'clock, on the premises,

**THAT** beautiful tract of land called **CHELSEA**, lying in Prince George's county, containing about five hundred acres; this land is situated in the forest of Prince George's county, near the brick church; it is distant about seven miles from Queen Anne's, five from Upper Marlborough, and eleven from the city of Washington; it lies nearly in a square, is extremely level, and the soil is of the first quality, well adapted for the cultivation of tobacco, Indian corn, and (small grain); there is a considerable quantity of meadow ground, well set with timothy, and a sufficiency of timber; the improvements are valuable, consisting of a comfortable dwelling house, with out-houses, and several tobacco houses and other buildings, suitable for a plantation. A more particular description is not deemed necessary, as those who are inclined to purchase this valuable estate will have an opportunity of viewing it before the day of sale. The terms of sale are as follows: the purchaser to pay on the day of sale two thousand pounds; on the first day of December, 1798, two thousand pounds, and the residue on the first day of December, 1799, with interest.

On the same day and at the same place, will be sold, a number of valuable negroes, consisting of men, women and children; likewise a number of horses, forty or fifty head of cattle, and a considerable quantity of corn and hay. Nine months credit will be given, on the purchaser giving bond with approved security. There will be sold likewise several valuable house servants, for sale.

HUMPHREY BELT, Sen.

Prince-George's county, January, 1798.

IT being determined by the War Department of the United States to establish a recruiting rendezvous at Port Tobacco, in the State of Maryland, under the direction of Lieutenant Samuel T. Dyson, notice is hereby given, that proposals will be received, until the fourth day of March next, at the subscriber's office, in Gay-street, Baltimore, or by Samuel Hanson, (of Walter) Esq; at Port Tobacco aforesaid, for furnishing, by contract, during the present year, 1798, such rations and quarter-masters articles as may be required for the use of the recruits at the said rendezvous. The rations are to be composed of

One pound of bread or flour,  
Ditto of beef, or 2 of a pound of pork,  
Half a gill of rum, brandy or whiskey,  
One quart of salt,  
Two ditto vinegar,  
Two pounds of soap,  
One ditto of soap.

JOHN KILTY, Supervisor of the revenue for Maryland.

February 15, 1798.

**WAS** committed to Kent county gaol, on the 10th instant, a negro man named **SQUIRE**, says he belongs to **THOMAS LAW**, Esq; of the Federal City, about twenty-three years of age, five feet eight or nine inches high, black complexion; his cloaths are a blue round cloth over jacket, white cloth trousers. Unless his owner releases him he will be sold for his gaol fees agreeable to law.

BEN. HATCHESON, Sheriff  
Kent county.

February 14, 1798.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE, on the 5th of March next, if fair, if not the first fair day, at the late dwelling house of Mr. JOSEPH MECK, Sen.

**PART** of the PERSONAL PROPERTY of **JOSEPH MECK**, Jun. deceased, consisting of sundry personal property. The sale to commence between the hours of ten and twelve o'clock in the forenoon, the terms for cash. And on the eighth of March, the residue of the personal property of said Joseph Meck will be exposed for sale, at the farm of Mr. William Hammond, generally called **Callings**, on the same time as before mentioned, and on like terms, by me.

JOHN MEEK, Executor of Joseph.

P.S. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those who have claims to exhibit their accounts for payment.

February 8, 1798.

Will be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, at the late dwelling of **THOMAS BOWEN**, deceased, in Prince-George's county, on Friday the second of March next,

**SUNDRY NEGROES**, consisting of women and children, also some book and household furniture. The terms are, for cash onlv.

MARGARET BOYD, Administratrix of  
THOMAS BOWEN.

February 25, 1798.

## For SALE

**A FEW** families of NEGROES, consisting of four families, the first, two women and four children, all boys, two fit for service; the second, one ditto, four ditto, two boys fit for service; the third, one woman and two children, both boys; the fourth, a young man, his wife and child; they have all had the small pox except a few small ones. They are as fit for service as any in America. The women that have been purchased in the same neighborhood.

GEORGE SMITH.

Georgetown, Lyb's creek, Dec. 2, 1797.

In pursuance of a decree of the High Court of Chancery of the State of Maryland, will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, on the sixth day of March next, at Leonard town,

**THE** following tract of LAND, late the property of **TOWNSEND EDEN**, deceased, lying in Saint Mary's county, viz. **COLE'S ADVENTURES**, part of **NEALE'S LOT RESERVATION**, and **WOLF HOLE**, containing in the whole about five hundred acres; on this land is a large elegant brick dwelling house, and an abundance of fine oak timber. They will be sold on the following terms: the purchaser to give bond, with security to pay one half the purchase money, and interest within one year from the time of sale, and the residue of the principal, and interest thereon, within two years from the time of sale, to be ratified and approved by the chancery, and conveyances in fee-simple for the said property, for all the estate, right, title and interest, in said lands, which was in **Townsend Eden**, and now in **James Eden**, an infant, which hath descended to him from **Townsend Eden** his father, will be made to the respective purchasers on payment of the purchase money, and not before. A more particular description of the several lands, with their respective advantages and incumbrances, will be detailed at the time and place of sale. The subscriber will shew the said lands at any time to any person disposed to become a purchaser.

RICHARD BOND, Trustee  
for sale of said lands.

Chaptico, January 29, 1798.

**COMMITTED** to my custody on the 28th day of this present month, a negro man who says his name is **JOHN**; that he was sold about five years ago from the estate of captain **RICHES**, near **Hobb's Hole**, in Virginia, to **PHILIP PAYNE**, who lived in Campbell county, in the state of Kentucky, where he continued four years, and ran away in March last; he is a likely black fellow, about five feet six or seven inches high, about twenty years old; had on a striped cloth coat, with large metal buttons, old cotton velvet breeches, his other cloaths very sorry, his feet appear remarkable small for his size. His master is desirous to take him away in two months from this date, or he will be sold for his prison fees and other expenses agreeable to law.

ZACH. FORREST, Sheriff  
of St. Mary's county.

December 30, 1797.

## A Bargain Offered.

I will SELL, on moderate terms,

**THAT** valuable FARM on Kent Island, lately occupied by Dr. **JONATHAN ROBERTS**. It is situated immediately opposite to the city of Annapolis, is healthy and commands a very extensive view of the Chesapeake. It contains about three hundred acres of land, and is in very high cultivation. The soil is well adapted to the production of wheat, corn and tobacco. The improvements consist of a good frame dwelling house, a large commodious brick quarter, two valuable tobacco houses, a very convenient cow house, two stables, a granary, carriage house, and every other necessary building that the accommodation of a family could possibly require. There is a very choice collection of every kind of fruit. The apple orchards have not yet reached maturity and now yield about thirty hogheads of cider, and several hundred bushels of excellent winter apples. The former proprietor of this place being a man of considerable industry and taste has taken uncommon pains to procure not only valuable fruit, but every other tree that are calculated to beautify and adorn a farm. There are several acres covered with locust and black walnut trees, planted by him, and now in perfection. The houses are all in excellent repair, and the fences in good order. There is feed for the benefit of the purchaser between seventy and eighty bushels of wheat. A small part of the purchase money must be paid on the delivery of the place, which will be on the first day of January next, and an extensive credit will be given for the residue. Bonds, with approved security, will be exacted from the purchaser, and an indisputable title will be given him by

JONATHAN R. WILMER.

November 7, 1797.

**STOLEN** from the subscriber, living about two miles from Mount Pleasant ferry, and the same distance from Mrs. Rawlings's tavern, on the 26th of December, 1797, an iron gray HORSE, about fourteen hands high, half high, he is shod all four, has a split in one of his houghs, and a remarkable short head, his brand is unknown, he is a strong well made horse, blows very much when he gallops; by what information I have I am apt to believe he is about Patuxent ferry, or in that neighbourhood, or Elk Ridge Landing. Any person that takes up the said horse, and brings him to me, shall receive SIX DOLLARS, paid by

THOMAS LANE, Mount Alry.

## One Hundred Dollars Reward.

**ON** the first day of December some wicked person or persons let fire to my corn house and stables, in the dead of night, whereby they were totally consumed, with a quantity of wheat, hay, plank, and scumling, and a fine brood mare with foal, and a saddle horse perished in the flames. Whoever will discover the perpetrator or perpetrators of so abominable an act, in such manner as may bring him or them to condign punishment, shall receive the above reward, from

ROBERT LAIDLER.

Laidler's Ferry, December 23, 1797.

## PROPOSALS FOR PRINTING A DIGEST OF THE LAWS OF MARYLAND,

FROM THE YEAR 1785, TO THE PERIOD OF PUBLICATION:  
Containing all the Laws from that to the present time, inclusive.

**THE** object which this intention contemplates, is to publish every Law, now in force, in periodical order, with marginal references and notes, to obviate obscurities created, the consequences of progressive subdivisions, which necessarily retained, to answer the annual purposes of legislative convenience. The Laws within this space of time, include all our STATUTES, since **HANSON'S COLLECTION**, and many of them, of the first importance to the people.

The complaints which have been frequently made by the student, in tilling through the dreary course of many perplexing sessions, unavoidably clouded by enumerated additions, amendments and repeals, often produce to his inquiries both doubt and uncertainty. The **MERCHANT** and **FARMER** have also frequently evidenced a solicitude, that these Laws were comprised in a clearer view, to abate the difficulties that occur in perusal. Hence it becomes the duty of the citizen, during intervals of leisure from necessary avocations, to digest a plan to remedy the evil.

The multiplicity of Laws is one of the grievances attendant on free governments, for when a Law, which is the "rule of our civil conduct," is enacted at the will of a despot, or aristocratic body, it generally remains fixed, and without frequent alteration or addition. On the contrary, when a REPRESENTATIVE, or FREE GOVERNMENT, like our own, act in a legislative capacity, from the very freedom and spirit of the organization, our codes are naturally swelled to a more bulky size; sometimes from the frequency of change in our representation, and sometimes from kindred causes. Though this is one of the consequent defects (for human perfection is unattainable) of free governments, yet when we consider the unparalleled privileges and blessings we enjoy, under our Constitution and Laws, unknown to any nation in the civilized world, we should not be unmindful of our duty, unanimously to co-operate in the most earnest and zealous benedictions to Heaven, for such signal marks of divine favour.

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WILLIAM HALL, 3d.

February 8, 1798.

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December 18, 1797.

MARY WATSON.



