

Wholesale, or in Part-  
biers, at Public Vendue, on  
the Day of March next, at the  
Sign, in Frederick Town,  
at 3 o'Clock in the After-  
noon, Current Money, and Time gi-  
ven, on giving Security, if re-

ing Tracts of Land,  
in Frederick County, viz.  
ing 20 Acres, whereon is a  
mill, double geared, with Geers  
s, with a good Bolting-Mill,  
long and 20 Feet wide, new  
with a strong Stone Dam,  
on the Main Road that leads  
to Annapolis and Baltimore

ing 920 Acres.  
ing, containing 264 Acres.  
containing 45 Acres, all con-  
-Mill aforesaid.  
d, called Hope, containing 32  
Frederick County aforesaid.  
tract, called Bearhead, contain-  
g in Anne-Arundel County, on

to Mr. William Cumming, in  
attend the Sale.  
**Charles Grabame,**  
**John Cooke.**

borough, January 28, 1754.  
the Subscriber's Houfe,  
1749. or 1750, a small Box,  
a Figure of 4, and Crow's Foot  
ers; in which are contained, a  
allico, Ten Yards of Irish Lin-  
d a Piece of Osnabrigs.  
ay have them, on paying the  
advertisement, and applying with  
g, to  
**Benjamin Berry, junior.**

ay from the Subscriber,  
London-Town, on the 30th of this  
an Indented English Servant  
r Bond, about 18 or 20 Years of  
Trade (took a napp'd Duff  
unfinish'd), is much addicted to  
all Stature, has short black Hair,  
the Small Pox; had on when he  
white Linnen Shirt, an old brown  
Breeches, a Russia Drab Frock  
Sleeves, new Worsted Stockings,  
or Hat. He has taken with him  
ring Apparel. Whoever takes up  
y, and brings him to his Master,  
Shillings Reward, (if taken ten  
), and Three Pounds if taken out  
and reasonable Charges, paid by  
**Alexander Ferguson.**

ormable to L A W,  
is hereby given, That  
at the Plantation of John With  
re-Grounds in Anne Arundel Coun-  
a Stray, an Iron Grey Horse,  
h of his Buttocks with something  
may have him again, on proving his  
aying Charges.

persons indebted to the  
the Rev. Mr. John Lang, late of  
with in Anne Arundel County, de-  
those indebted to the Estate of Mr.  
(Widow of the late Rev. Mr.  
d, are desired to make speedy Pay-  
-subscriber, to prevent Trouble: And  
have any legal Claims on either of  
are desired to bring them in to  
**Nes Anderson, Executor.**  
to Mrs. Margaret Lang

TED, a sober, discreet  
n, capable of taking Care of a Fam-  
One may get into a good Place,  
of the Printer hereof.

Office in Charles-street;  
EMENTS of a moderate  
per Week after for Con-

THE  
**MARYLAND GAZETTE,**

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic.

THURSDAY, February 7, 1754.

The following Act of Parliament, which was Pas-  
sed last Year, having occasioned much Specu-  
lation in England, we apprehend it can be no  
ways improper to give it our Readers.

An ACT for the better Preventing of clandestine  
MARRIAGES.

**W**HEREAS great Mischiefs and  
Inconveniencies have arisen from  
clandestine Marriages:  
For Preventing thereof for the fu-  
ture,

Be it Enacted, by the KING's most Excellent  
MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Con-  
sent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Com-  
mons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by  
the Authority of the same, That from and after the  
First Day of January, in the Year of our Lord  
One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty four, all  
Banns of Matrimony shall be published, in an au-  
dible Manner, in the Parish Church, or in some  
public Chapel, in which public Chapel Banns of  
Matrimony have been usually published for the  
Space of Twenty Years last past, or of belonging  
to such Parish or Chapelry wherein the Persons to  
be married shall have dwelt for the Space of One  
Month next before the Publication thereof, accord-  
ing to the Form of Words prescribed by the Ru-  
bric prefixed to the Office of Matrimony in the  
Book of Common Prayer, upon Three Sundays  
preceding the Solemnization of Marriage, during  
the Time of Morning Service, or of Evening Ser-  
vice, if there be no Morning Service in such  
Church or Chapel upon any of those Sundays, im-  
mediately after the Second Lesson: And when-  
soever it shall happen, that the Persons to be mar-  
ried shall dwell in divers Parishes or Chapelries,  
the Banns shall, in like manner, be published in the  
Church or Chapel belonging to such Parish or  
Chapelry wherein each of the said Persons shall  
have dwelt for the Space of One Month, as afore-  
said: And where both or either of the Persons to  
be married shall dwell in any Extraparochial Place,  
having no Church or Chapel wherein Banns have  
been usually published, as aforesaid, then the Banns  
shall, in like manner, be published in the Parish-  
Church or Chapel belonging to some Parish or  
Chapelry adjoining to such Extraparochial Place:  
And where Banns shall be published in any Church  
or Chapel belonging to any Parish adjoining to  
such Extraparochial Place, the Parson, Vicar, Mi-  
nister, or Curate, publishing such Banns, shall, in  
Writing under his Hand, certify the Publication  
thereof in such manner, as if either of the Persons  
to be married had dwelt in such adjoining Parish  
for the Space of One Month, as aforesaid; and  
that all other the Rules prescribed by the said Ru-  
bric concerning the Publication of Banns, and the  
Solemnization of Matrimony, and not hereby al-  
tered, shall be duly observed; and that the Publi-  
cation of such Banns shall be entered and registred  
in the Register Book of such Parish or Chapelry  
wherein Marriages are usually entered and regi-  
stred, by the Parson, Vicar, Minister, or Curate,  
who published the same; and that, in all Cases  
where Banns shall have been published, the Mar-  
riage shall be solemnized in One of the Parish-  
Churches or Chapelries where such Banns have been  
published, and in no other Place whatsoever.

Provided always, and it is hereby further Enac-  
ed, That no Parson, Vicar, Minister, or Curate,  
shall be obliged to publish the Banns of Matrimony  
between any Persons whatsoever, unless the Persons  
to be married shall, Seven Days at the least before  
the Time required for the First Publication of such  
Banns, deliver to such Parson, Vicar, Minister, or  
Curate, a Notice, in Writing, of their true Chri-  
stian and Surnames, and of the House or Houses of  
their respective Abodes within such Parish, Cha-  
pelry, or Extraparochial Place, as aforesaid, and  
of the Time during which they have dwelt, inha-  
bited, or lodged, in such House or Houses re-  
spectively.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That no Li-  
cense of Marriage shall, from and after the said  
First Day of January in the Year One thousand  
Seven hundred and Fifty-four, be granted by any  
Archbishop, Bishop, or other Ordinary, or Person  
having Authority to grant such Licences, to so-  
lemnize any Marriage in any other Church or  
Chapel than in the Parish Church or public Cha-  
pel of or belonging to the Parish or Chapelry,  
within which One of the Persons to be married  
shall have dwelt for the Space of One Month im-  
mediately before the Granting of such Licence;  
or, where both or either of the Parties to be mar-  
ried shall dwell in any Extraparochial Place, hav-  
ing no Church or Chapel wherein Banns have  
been usually published, as aforesaid, then in the  
Parish-Church or Chapel belonging to some Parish  
or Chapelry adjoining to such Extraparochial Place,  
and in no other Place whatsoever.

Provided always, That nothing herein before  
contained shall be construed to extend to deprive  
the Archbishop of Canterbury, and his Successors,  
and his and their proper Officers, of the Right  
which hath hitherto been used, in virtue of a cer-  
tain Statute, made in the Twenty-fifth Year of the  
Reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, intituled,  
*An Act concerning Peter Pence and Dispensations*, of  
granting Special Licences to marry at any conve-  
nient Time or Place.

And whereas many Persons do solemnize Matri-  
mony in Prisons, and other Places, without Publi-  
cation of Banns, or Licence of Marriage first had  
and obtained; Therefore, for the Prevention there-  
of, Be it Enacted, That if any Person shall, from  
and after the said First Day of January in the  
Year One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty-four,  
solemnize Matrimony within any Prison, or the  
Rules thereof, or in any other Place, without Pub-  
lication of Banns in such Church or public Chapel,  
as aforesaid, or without such Licence of Marriage,  
as aforesaid, first had and obtained from some Per-  
son or Persons having Authority to grant the same;  
every Person, knowingly and wilfully so offending,  
and being lawfully convicted thereof, shall be  
deemed and adjudged to be guilty of Felony; and  
shall be transported to some of his Majesty's Plan-  
tations in America, for the Space of Fourteen  
Years, according to the Laws in Force for Trans-  
portation of Felons: And all Marriages, so had  
and solemnized without Publication of Banns in  
such Church or public Chapel, as aforesaid, or  
without such Licence of Marriage first had and ob-  
tained, as aforesaid, shall, from and after the said  
First Day of January in the Year One thousand  
Seven hundred and Fifty-four, be null and void, to  
all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Provided, That all Prosecutions for any Offence  
of Felony, in solemnizing Matrimony without  
Publication of Banns, or without such Licence, as  
aforesaid, shall be commenced within the Space of  
One Year after the Offence committed.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That, from and  
after the said First Day of January in the Year  
One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty four, all  
Marriages had by Licences, and without such Pub-  
lication of Banns, as aforesaid, where either of the  
Parties shall be under the Age of Twenty one  
Years, which shall be had without the Consent of  
the Father of such of the Parties so under Age (if  
then living) in Writing first had and obtained under  
his Hand, attested by Two credible Witnesses, or,  
if dead, of the Guardian or Guardians of the Per-  
son of the Party so under Age lawfully appointed,  
had and obtained in the same manner, in Writing  
under his, her, or their Hand or Hands, attested  
as aforesaid, in Case any Guardian or Guardians  
shall be appointed, otherwise of the Mother (if then  
living) under her Hand, and attested as aforesaid,  
shall be absolutely null and void, to all Intents and  
Purposes whatsoever: And that such Consent, at-  
tested as aforesaid, shall be entered and registred in  
the same Book or Register wherein the Marriage  
of such Parties shall be registred and entered, by

the Parson, Vicar, Minister, or Curate, by whom  
such Persons are married.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That, from  
and after the said First Day of January in the  
Year One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty-four,  
all matrimonial Contracts, where either of the  
Parties shall be under the Age of Twenty one  
Years, which shall be entered into either *per verba  
de presenti*, or *per verba de futuro*, without such  
Consent of the Father, Guardian or Guardians, or  
Mother, of the Party so under Age, had and ob-  
tained in Writing under their Hands, and attested,  
as aforesaid, in the respective Cases before speci-  
fied, shall be absolutely null and void, to all In-  
tents and Purposes whatsoever.

Provided always, That nothing in this Act con-  
tained shall extend to the Marriage of any Person  
under Age, as aforesaid, whose Father or Mother  
shall be *Non compos mentis*, or shall be in Parts be-  
yond the Seas at the Time of such Marriage.

And whereas it may happen, that the Guardian  
or Guardians of the Parties to be married, or One  
of them, so under Age as aforesaid, may be *Non  
compos mentis*, or may be in Parts beyond the Seas,  
or may be induced unreasonably, and by undue  
Motives, to abuse the Trust reposed in him, her,  
or them, by refusing or withholding his, her, or  
their Consent to a proper and advantageous Mar-  
riage; Be it therefore Enacted, That in case any  
such Guardian or Guardians, or any of them,  
whose Consent is made necessary, as aforesaid,  
shall be *Non compos mentis*, or in Parts beyond the  
Seas, or shall refuse or withhold his, her, or their  
Consent to the Marriage of any Person under his,  
her, or their Guardianship, it shall and may be  
lawful for any Person desirous of marrying, in any  
of the before mentioned Cases, to apply, by Peti-  
tion, to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or the  
Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal of Great  
Britain for the Time being, who is and are here-  
by empowered to proceed upon such Petition in a  
summary Way, and to consider the Marriage pro-  
posed, and all Circumstances relating thereto; and  
in case the same shall, upon Examination, appear  
to be proper and unexceptionable, the said Lord  
Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners  
of the Great Seal, for the Time being, shall judi-  
cially declare the same to be so, by an Order of  
Court; and such Order shall be deemed and taken  
to be as good and effectual, to all Intents and Pur-  
poses, as if the Guardian or Guardians of the Per-  
sons so petitioning had consented to such Marriage.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That no Mar-  
riage heretofore lawfully solemnized, or which  
shall at any time hereafter be lawfully solemnized,  
shall be defeated, or made void, or declared to be  
so, by any Sentence or Decree in any Ecclesiastical  
Court, by reason of any Pre contract of Matri-  
mony made with any other Person or Persons be-  
fore the said Marriage, by either or both the Per-  
sons so married; but the said Marriage shall be,  
and shall be deemed and taken to be, valid, to all  
Intents and Purposes, in like manner, as if no such  
Pre contract had been made; and that, in no Case  
whatsoever, shall any Proceeding be had in any  
Ecclesiastical Court, in order to compel a Celebra-  
tion of Marriage *in facie Ecclesie*, by reason of any  
Pre contract of Matrimony; any Law or Usage to  
the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall  
extend to any Suit, for the Purposes aforesaid,  
commenced in any Ecclesiastical Court whatsoever,  
before the Nineteenth Day of March in the Year  
One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty three.

And it is further Enacted, by the Authority afore-  
said, That if any Person shall, from and after the  
said First Day of January in the Year One thou-  
sand Seven hundred and Fifty-four, insert, or cause  
to be inserted, in the Register-Book of such Parish  
or Chapelry, as aforesaid, any untrue Entry of the  
Consent of the Father, Guardian or Guardians, or  
the Mother, to any Marriage, or of any Publi-  
cation of the Banns of Matrimony, or of the So-  
lemnization