

On Saturday evening the new bridge erected over the Hockack river, Schaghticoke point, where Chace's bridge formerly stood, was completed; on which occasion, there was an elegant entertainment given, to a large number of the citizens of that place, and the adjacent country; the day was spent with great decorum and cordiality. The bridge received the name of the Union bridge, and the point the name of Frankfort.

NORFOLK, December 31.

The following intelligence is extracted from papers received by the schooner Fame, captain Webb, arrived here yesterday, in eighteen days from St. Kitts.

BASSETTRE, November 29.

A small schooner from Anguilla arrived here on Wednesday last, with intelligence that a French frigate, a brig, and two other vessels, had arrived there early on that morning from St. Martin's, with troops for the purpose of invading that island. We have since had no vessel from Anguilla; but by one which arrived this morning from St. Bartholomew's, we learn, that the French had effected a landing and committed many acts of barbarity. A fire was seen there on Saturday night, supposed to be of the house which the French had committed to the flames. His majesty's frigate Lapwing arrived here on Friday last, being appointed to this station; she sailed again the same evening, it is supposed to Anguilla.

The second October packet sailed from Falmouth the 28th October, and arrived at Barbadoes in 22 days—previous to her sailing, accounts had been received from France of the arrival of lord Malmesbury, whose reception was with demonstrations of joy. An escort had been sent from Paris, to conduct him to that capital, and it was the expectation of all that his mission would have the desired effect.

Dec. 2. By a letter from Martinique we learn, that his majesty's ship Regulus, of 44 guns, has arrived at Barbadoes; she was sent out with dispatches for the commandant in chief on this and the St. Domingo stations; on her passage she was fired into, in the night time, by a Spanish frigate, who took her to be a transport; the Regulus answered with two broadsides, by which 14 Spaniards were killed. The Don then struck his colours, and confessed that war had been declared at Cadiz two days before he sailed. The Regulus has conducted her prize safe into Barbadoes. The truth of the above intelligence may be depended on.

Dec. 6. On the 23d ult. a dispatch boat arrived here from Anguilla, giving an account of an attack having been made on that island by a French frigate and a brig, on board which were a number of troops. At the time of the arrival of the boat, none of his majesty's ships were at this island; on the 25th his majesty's frigate Lapwing, captain Barton, arrived and sailed the same evening for Anguilla, taking on board the master of the boat as a pilot. The winds being fair to the northward she did not reach Anguilla till late at night on the 26th—Signals having been made at St. Martin's of the Lapwing's approach, the troops were all embarked, after having burnt the town, murdered numbers of the inhabitants and loaded their vessels with the plunder. At 1 in the morning of the 27th, the Lapwing ran within pistol shot of the frigate and brig, which were endeavouring to make their escape at the mouth of the harbour, when an action commenced which continued 1 hour and 52 minutes. Favoured by the darkness of the night, the French frigate made her escape through a narrow channel between a small island and Anguilla;—the Lapwing having had her pilot killed on the first broadside would not venture through. At day break both vessels were seen at anchor near St. Martin's; on the Lapwing's approach, the brig in attempting to warp to the frigate which had her rigging much cut, was fired on so heavily by the Lapwing that she was destroyed and most of the sailors and soldiers drowned: the frigate, after one broadside from the Lapwing, struck her colours, and proved to be the Decius of 26 guns. The brig mounted three 24 pounders. There were 128 soldiers and sailors killed and wounded on board the Decius, and 189 made prisoners. She was so much damaged in the action, having nine shot holes through the bottom, that after keeping possession of her for two days, captain Barton finding it impossible to get her into port from her leaky condition; and two French frigates of 44 guns each, being in chase of her about eight miles to leeward, after taking out all the prisoners, the Decius was blown up, and all the plunder consigned to the deep. The Lapwing arrived in this road the night after, having no other man killed in the action but the pilot.

It will be regretted that the Lapwing did not arrive at Anguilla in time to frustrate the designs of the French, and prevent the depredations committed; but we believe there never was a case where an expedition was so completely destroyed and the hopes of an hostile ally so entirely blasted, as in this. The valour and good conduct of captain Barton and his brave crew are so manifest, that the bare narrative of such a them so much honor, as to render unnecessary any circumlocution.

Annapolis, January 12.

Rippleton Towns, of the ship Columbus, arrived here from Liverpool, on the 12th of December; in lat. 36° 49' and long. 67°. We spoke the schooner William, of Marblehead; William Bowditch, master, bound to Baltimore. And

On the 22d of December, in lat. 37° 28' and long. 72° 20', we spoke the sloop Martin, of Fredericksburg; Henry Howle, master, from Martinique.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

DECEMBER 27, 1796.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised 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 July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

2d. 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 July next, and that no interest on any certificates heretofore issued, which shall accrue after the said first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, shall be paid thereafter; nor the principal sum until after the end of the next session of assembly.

3d. 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 July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, be not paid to any person or persons demanding any part of the same until after the end of the next session of assembly.

4th. RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised to pay off and discharge the amount of principal and interest of such bills of credit of the emission under the act of June session, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, as may be produced and brought into the treasury on or before the first day of July next.

5th. RESOLVED, That if any of the holders of bills of credit emitted in virtue of the act of June session, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, do not bring the same into the treasury of the western shore for payment, on or before the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, that all interest from that time cease thereon, and the principal not be paid until after the end of the next session of assembly.

6th. RESOLVED, That the above resolutions be published for eight weeks successively in one of the Philadelphia and Alexandria news-papers, and in one of the Baltimore, Frederick-town and Easton papers, and the Maryland Gazette, that the creditors of the state may be notified that funds are prepared for the discharge of their claims.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, Clerk.

The VESTRY of WILLIAM and MARY PARISH, in Charles county, will EXPOSE to PUBLIC SALE, on Wednesday the 8th of February next, at the house of Mr. ELISHA EVANS, at Allen's Fresh,

UPWARDS of fifty likely and valuable NEGROES, who will be sold on a credit of five years; the purchasers must give their bonds, bearing interest from the date, with such security as the vestry shall approve of.

Charles county, January 10, 1797.

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

GEORGE LEE, Esq; Poplar Hill, near Port-Tobacco, (2).

John Booth, Nanjemoy.

Thomas Gilmore, jun. Poplar Hill, Charles county.

Anna Harlan, Port-Tobacco, estate of W. B. Magruder.

William Leigh, near Port-Tobacco.

Charles Sewall, near Port-Tobacco.

James Brown, merch. Allen's Fresh.

Hugh Cox, Port-Tobacco.

Henry Manderson, care of Mrs. Dodson, Port-Tobacco.

Charles Robey, Port-Tobacco, Charles county.

William Swan, Allen's Fresh.

Thomas Marshall, Port-Tobacco.

William Brawner, Chickamuxon.

Ignatius Matthews, near Port-Tobacco.

Mary Reeder, Port-Tobacco.

John Bruce, near Allen's Fresh.

C. C. McGrath, comedian, Port-Tobacco; (2).

John Ward, of Augusta, Port-Tobacco.

Theophilus Garner, Charles county.

Henry Barnes, Port-Tobacco.

Richard Mason, Newport.

Miles E. Lee, Blenheim, near Port-Tobacco.

Amelia Smoot, near Port-Tobacco.

Alexander Schott, Port-Tobacco.

Samuel Middleton, Nanjemoy.

John Barnes, clerk Charles county.

William B. Smoot, of Wm. Barton, near Port-Tobacco.

Benjamin Marshall, jun. Port-Tobacco.

Elizabeth Scroggins, Charles county.

Thomas W. Goode, near Port-Tobacco.

Capt. William Wilkinson, Charles county.

Mr. Francis Digges, attorney at law, Allen's Fresh.

Henry M. Dodson, Port-Tobacco.

Port-Tobacco; January 1, 1797.

THIS is to give notice to all whom it may concern, that I intend to apply to the next county court of Calvert county, for a commission to mark and bound the lines of a tract of land called BACHELOR'S QUARTER, lying in the county aforesaid.

JOSEPH SPRIGG.

December 20, 1796.

NOTICE.

THE partnership of Henry & Thomas Dorsey being dissolved by mutual consent, it is therefore necessary that those concerned should be informed that the books and papers remain in the hands of Thomas H. Dorsey at this place, where they will remain until he is furnished with accounts from those to whom the partnership is indebted; we earnestly solicit those that are owing us money to call us above and close their accounts, either by making payment or giving their obligations; in case of non-compliance with this reasonable request, no one concerned can expect further indulgence.

HENRY H. DORSEY.

Indian Landing, November 21, 1796.

NOTICE is hereby given, that we shall make application to the next Charles county court, for a commission to mark and bound the three following tracts of land, situated in the said county, viz. FRIENDSHIP, RUN AT A VENTURE; and LAUREL BRANCH, as also our particular parts of the said lands, pursuant to an act of assembly, entitled, An act for marking and bounding lands.

THOMAS H. MARSHALL,
THOMAS MARSHALL,
PHILIP I. FORD,
JOSIAS B. FORD,
PHILIP STEWART,
ANNE TARVIN,
MARY LANCASTER,
JOSEPH HERD.

Charles county, January 10, 1797.

COMMITTED to my custody, on the 3d inst. as a runaway, a negro woman, by the name of NAN, her cloathing is a stamped cotton jacket and petticoat, of Joan's spinning, and says she belongs to HUGH DRUMMOND. Also on Monday the 9th inst. was committed a negro man by the name of MOSES, his cloathing is an old blue coat, plush breeches, and yarn stockings, and says he belongs to HENRY WINE MILLER. Their masters are hereby requested to take them away in two months from the day of their commitment, or they will be sold for their prison fees, and other expences.

RICHARD HARWOOD, Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.

January 9, 1797.

Will be landed to-morrow from on board the brig WILLIAM, from MALAGA, and to be sold cheap, wholesale, or by the box or package, at the store of

JOHN RANDALL.

Lemons in boxes.

Oranges, ditto.

Figs, ditto.

Bloom, Sun, Muscatel, and Lexia raisins in boxes and jars.

Green grapes in jars.

Soft shell'd almonds in frails and baskets.

Annapolis, 5th January, 1797.

To be SOLD, on or before the 10th of April next, about two miles from the city of Annapolis,

A TRACT of LAND, containing 686 acres, with a commodious brick dwelling-house two stories high, four rooms on a floor, a new brick kitchen adjoining, all in good repair; also a new stable, with other convenient out houses and an excellent garden, containing a choice collection of fruit trees, &c. &c. Great part of the said land is well timbered and lies convenient to the town. There are two tenements; one of them situated on a hill about one mile from the city, commanding a beautiful prospect, and would answer to be sold separate from the other dwelling, with any number of acres that may best suit the purchaser. Any one inclined to treat for the said plantation may be made acquainted with the terms of sale, by applying to Mr. PHILIP ROGERS, Baltimore, or to JOHN HESSELIUS.

Primrose Hill, near Annapolis.

January 3, 1797.

N. B. It is desired immediate possession will be given, with an indisputable title.

In CHANCERY, December term, 1796.

John Hamm,

against

John German Thomas. A deed, executed on the 8th day of March, 1796, by John German Thomas, for conveying to him, the said John Hamm, and his heirs or assigns; all his title, &c. of, in; and unto 50 acres of land due to him the said Thomas, for services as a soldier; the bill states, that the said Thomas hath, since the execution of the said deed, removed from the state; it is thereupon adjudged and ordered, that the complainant cause a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette, at least three weeks before the first day of February, next, to the intent that the said John German Thomas, or his heirs, devisees, or representatives, or any other person that may conceive himself interested, may have notice of the complainant's application; and may be warned to appear here on the first Tuesday of June next, to shew cause, if any there be, wherefore a decree should not pass agreeably to the prayer of the complainant.

Test. SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD,

Rec. Cur. C. C.

FOR SALE.

A Likely MULATTO WOMAN, who is a good, plain Cook, Washer and Ironer. Inquire at the Printing-Office.