

honor and fair pretensions of the United States as in the relative situation of the two countries, to the undersigned avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the American Plenipotentiaries, the assurance of their high consideration.

Signed **GAMBIER, HENRY GOULBURN, WILLIAM ADAM.**

Ghent, Oct. 31st 1814.

True copy, **G. HUGHES, Jr.**  
Secretary of Legation U. States.

No. 10.

AMERICAN NOTE.

FROM THE AMERICAN TO THE BRITISH MINISTERS.

24th October, 1814.

The undersigned have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the note of the British Plenipotentiaries of the 21st instant.

Amongst the general observations which the undersigned, in their note of the 24th Aug. made on the propositions then brought forward on the part of the British government, they remarked that those propositions were founded neither on the basis of uti possidetis, nor on that of status ante bellum. But so far were they from suggesting the uti possidetis as the basis on which they were disposed to treat, that in the same note they expressly stated that they had been instructed to conclude a peace on the principle of both parties restoring whatever territory they might have taken. The undersigned also declared in that note, that they had no authority to cede any part of the territory of the United States, and that to no stipulation to that effect would they subscribe; and in the note of the 9th Sept. after having shown that the basis of uti possidetis, such as it was known to exist at the commencement of the negotiation, gave no claim to his Britannic Majesty to cessions of territory founded upon the right of conquest; they added that even if the chances of war should give to the British arms a momentary possession of other parts of the territory of the United States, such events would not alter the views, with regard to the terms of peace to which they would give their consent.

The undersigned can now only repeat those declarations and decline treating upon the basis of uti possidetis, or upon any other principle involving a cession of any part of the territory of the U. S. As they have uniformly stated, they can treat only upon the principle of a mutual restoration of whatever territory may have been taken by either party. From this principle they cannot recede, and the undersigned after the repeated declarations of the British plenipotentiaries that Great Britain had no view to acquisition of territory, in this negotiation, deem it unnecessary to add, that the utility of its continuance depends on their adherence to this principle.

The undersigned having declared in their note of 21st of August, that although instructed and prepared to enter into an amicable discussion of all the points on which differences or uncertainty had existed, and which might hereafter tend to interrupt the harmony of the two countries, they would not make the conclusion of peace at all depend upon a successful result of the discussion, and having since agreed to the preliminary article proposed by the British government, had believed that the negotiation, already so long protracted, could not be brought to an early conclusion, otherwise than by the communication of a project, embracing all the other specific propositions which Great Britain intended to offer. They repeat their request in that respect, and will have no objection to a simultaneous exchange of the projects of both parties. This course will bring fairly into discussion the other topics embraced in the last note of the British plenipotentiaries, to which the undersigned have thought it unnecessary to advert at the present time.

The undersigned renew to the British plenipotentiaries the assurance of their high consideration.

Signed **JOHN Q. ADAMS, JAMES A. BAYARD, HENRY CLAY, JONA. RUSSELL, A. GALLATIN.**

To the Plenipotentiaries of H. B. Majesty, &c. &c. Ghent.

True copy, **G. HUGHES, Jr.**  
Sec. of Am. Mission Brit.

No. 11.

Copy of a letter from out-Commissioners to the Secretary of State, dated Ghent, Oct. 31, 1814.

Sir—The detention of the Chancery at Ostend, enables us to send you

enclosed note from the British plenipotentiaries, which we have received.

We have the honor to be, with perfect respect your obedient servants.

Signed **JOHN Q. ADAMS, J. A. BAYARD, H. CLAY, JONA. RUSSELL, A. GALLATIN.**

To the Hon. JAMES MONROE, Secretary of State, No. 12.

BRITISH NOTE.

From the British to the American Ministers.

October 31st.

The undersigned have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the note addressed to them by the American plenipotentiaries on the 24th inst. in which they object to the basis of uti possidetis proposed by the undersigned as that on which they are willing to treat in regard to part of the boundaries between the dominions of his Majesty and those of the U. States.

The American plenipotentiaries in their note of the 13th inst. requested the undersigned to communicate to them the project of a treaty embracing all the points indicated by G. Britain, engaging on their part to deliver immediately after a treaty project, as to all the articles to which they might not agree, and as to all the subjects deemed material by the United States, and omitted in the project of the undersigned.

The undersigned were accordingly instructed to waive the question of etiquette, and the advantage which might result from receiving the first communication, and confiding in the engagement of the American plenipotentiaries, communicated in their notes of the 21st inst. all the points upon which they are instructed to insist.

The American plenipotentiaries have objected to one essential part of the project thus communicated, but before the undersigned can enter into the discussion of this objection, they must require from the American plenipotentiaries that, pursuant to their engagement, they will deliver a contre projet containing all their objections to the points submitted by the undersigned, together with a statement of such further points as the government of the United States consider to be material.

The undersigned are authorised to state distinctly that the article as to the pacification and rights of the Indian nations having been accepted, they have brought forward in their note of the 21st inst. all the propositions they have to offer. They have no further demands to make, no other stipulation on which they are instructed to insist, and they are empowered to sign a treaty of peace forthwith in conformity with those stated in their former note.

The undersigned trust therefore that the American plenipotentiaries will no longer hesitate to bring forward in the form of articles or otherwise, as they may prefer, those specific propositions upon which they are empowered to sign a treaty of peace between the two countries.

The undersigned avail themselves of the present opportunity to renew to the plenipotentiaries of the U. States the assurance of their high consideration.

Signed, **GAMBIER, HENRY GOULBURN, WILLIAM ADAM.**

True copy, **G. HUGHES, Jr.**  
Secretary American Mission.

The reading of the above documents, which occupied the remainder of this day's session, was heard with the deepest attention, and the latter papers, as well as the first, were read over a second and some a third time.

After the reading was finished, some conversation took place as to the number of these documents which it would be proper to print, whether the usual number or 5000 copies.

In the course of some remarks in favor of the latter number, Mr. Pickens took occasion to say, that the letters of our Ministers displayed an ability which was highly honorable to them.

In the end 5000 copies were ordered to be printed.

And the house adjourned.

NOTICE.

The Commissioners of the Tax for Anne Arundel county, will meet on the first Monday in February next.

Amey S. Harwood, Clk. C. T. A. A. C.

December 9, 1814.

## MARYLAND GAZETTE.

ANNAPOIS, THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 1813.

### LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Monday, December 5.

This being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the General Assembly of this State, the following members appeared, viz.

**St. Mary's County.**

Enoch J. Millard.

Gerard N. Causin.

**West County.**

Beddingfield Hands.

Joseph Brown, 4th.

**Anne Arundel County.**

Thomas Hood.

Brice J. Worthington.

**Talbot County.**

Jabez Caldwell.

Edward N. Hambleton.

John Seth.

Alexander Hands.

**Somerset County.**

Esme M. Waller.

**Dorchester County.**

John Stewart.

Richard Tootell.

**Cecil County.**

Abraham D. Mitchell.

Samuel Hogg.

Robert Evans.

**Prince George's County.**

William Dent Beall.

Henry Waring.

Archibald Van-Horn.

**City of Annapolis.**

Dennis Claude.

Lewis Davall.

**Worcester County.**

Littleton Quinton.

**Frederick County.**

John Thomas.

Joshua Howard.

Joseph Taney, sen.

John Hanson Thomas.

**Harford County.**

Francis J. Daitani.

Samuel Bradford.

**Caroline County.**

Matthew Driver.

Richard Hughlett.

William Potter.

William McDonald.

**Washington County.**

Frederick Tugman.

Joseph Schenck.

William Gabby.

**Montgomery County.**

Abraham Jones.

Charles J. Kilgour.

Richard J. Crab.

**Allegany County.**

William Hileary.

William McMahon.

There not being present a sufficient number to form a quorum, the members present adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, Dec. 6.

The members who attended yesterday, except Mr. Waller, assembled according to adjournment.

The following members also attended, viz:

**Saint Mary's County.**

Raphael Naylor.

Thomas Blackstone.

**Anne Arundel County.**

Richard Hopkins.

Thomas B. Dorsey.

**Calvert County.**

Benjamin Gray.

Thomas Reynolds.

Samuel Turner.

**Charles County.**

Nicholas Stoneacre.

John E. Ford.

Henry H. Chapman.

John J. Jenkins.

**Somerset County.**

Thomas Bayly.

Henry K. Long.

**Dorchester County.**

Benjamin W. Lecompte.

Edward Griffith.

**Queen Anne's County.**

Thomas Emory.

Thomas Wright, of Sol.

**Worcester County.**

Thomas N. Williams.

**Baltimore City.**

Thomas Kell.

A sufficient number of delegates being convened, all the delegates present severally qualified by taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, by subscribing a declaration of their belief in the Christian religion, and by taking and subscribing the oath to support the constitution of the United States.

The house proceeded to ballot for a speaker. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared that Henry H. Chapman, esq. was elected.

Mr. Chapman accordingly took the chair.

The house proceeded to ballot for a clerk and assistant clerk. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported that Upton S. Reid was elected clerk and Sidney Pearce

assistant clerk. Ordered that they

brought information, that no reinforcements had lately been made in the garrison, but that it was well mounted and manned. Gen. Jackson's force is about 6000, militia and regulars, he has plenty of cannon, &c. and no doubt is entertained of a successful attack. General Taylor's brigade, of militia infantry, had not arrived in time to join the main army.

In addition to the above, a strap of paper was received here yesterday, containing the following words: "General Jackson will capture Pensacola to-morrow." Dated 5th inst.

**New requisition.**—The 3000 militia infantry commanded to rendezvous here on Sunday last, have come forward with that promptitude which has heretofore characterized the state, and every measure is now taking to organize and prepare them for a movement to the place of destination, with the least possible delay. It is expected that a great portion will be ready to embark in the course of the present week. They are generally provided with arms, &c. at their own expense.

NEW ORLEANS, OCT. 21.

Report of Capt. Psychaud to Col. George T. Ross, of the 44th infantry.

Powder-Magazine Barracks, October 17, 1814.

Sir,

Pursuant to your order of the 9th of October, 1814, to me, I proceeded to reconnoitre the Lakes of and adjacent to Burrataria, the temple, &c. On my arrival in sight of Grand Terre the privateer schr. (formerly your prize) fired several guns at me, night approaching and a strong head wind compelling me to make a harbour, I thought proper to approach her in character of a truce, they then ceased firing, but when at musket shot distance she resumed her fire, to which I replied with my four pounder, but I was compelled by the wind and tide against me, & from the inferiority of my force (being but 14 in number) and a desire to forward your views, to retire; previous to this dernier resort I used every effort to progress, but my ammunition being nearly exhausted, rendered my retiring more necessary.

I scoured the lakes and bayous in conformity to your orders and could neither see nor learn any thing of the enemy said to be in those waters.

I have the honor to be sir, respectfully your humble and obedient servant, A. PEYCHAUD, Junr.

Col. Gen. T. Ross, 44th Infy.

NOTE.—We are told that the pirates alluded to in the above report, had since been captured in the harbor of Grand Terre, by two gun boats; her crew with the exception of two men, deserted her on the approach of the gun boats.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 29.

**DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.**

On the night of the 25th instant, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock, a frame building, in Miles' lane, near Front-street, belonging to John Davis, (oakum picker) a coloured man, was consumed by fire, and with it two of his children burnt to death. The particulars of which, as stated by the unfortunate father, are as follows—That whilst he was absent at a meeting of worship the mother and her eldest child were sitting in the lower room, (having previously put the youngest child to bed) the mother thought she heard the report of a Pistol, and saw the flash or fire, communicated with the oakum, which was instantly in a blaze, and whilst she ran for water, her eldest child went up stairs, thinking to save the infant, but was burned to death, to gether with the child, being unable to escape the flames, with which by this time, the house was enveloped.

Lucy, aged ten years, retained her limbs, and features of face, with some exception—but Margaretta, the youngest aged 3 years, lost her arms and legs, from her body, which was burned to a coal.

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BOSTON, NOV. 29.

**MURDER.**

At the Navy-Yard, a Charles-town, on Sunday evening last, a Marine of the name of Travers became very riotous, and, loading his musket, declared he would shoot any person who came to secure him. This conduct being reported to Sergeant James McKim, he went to the barracks to restore order. On entering the room where Travers was, the latter fatally fulfilled his threat by discharging his piece. Two balls pierced the body of the unfortunate McKim, and of a Marine who was

standing near him, killed both on the spot, and then lodged in the wall.

Mr. McKim was in his 24th year, and was highly respected by his brother soldiers, and greatly esteemed by the Officers, and by the Citizens to whom he was known.

NOTICE.

A list of tracts and lots of land in Calvert county, held by persons not residents of said county, with the names of the persons charged with the same. The taxes and list being now due and unpaid, and no personal property can be found on the same, or in the county liable for, or chargeable with the payment thereof.

Leonard Cornington, Sealmore's Neck and Addition to ditto.

Barth Chilton's heirs, 1 Lot in Lower Marlborough.

John A. Frazier's heirs, part of Stirling's Chance, and part of Stirling's Neck.

William Harrison, part of Islington.

William Lambeth's heirs, part of Smith's Lot.

Eleanor Lyles, part of Brooke Partition.

Vellinda Mitchell, part of Bradford.

Thomas Miles, part of St. James's.

Notice is hereby given, that unless the county tax, proportion of adjecting, and other legal charges due on the lands aforesaid, shall be paid to Benjamin Leach, collector of the first district of Calvert county, on or before Tuesday the 3d day of January next, the lands so charged as aforesaid, or such parts thereof as may be necessary to raise the sum due thereon shall be sold to the highest bidder for the payment of the same.

By order of the Commissioners of Tax for Calvert County,

John Turner, Clk.

December 8, 1814.

**Coroner's Sale.**

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of the court of appeals, western shore, returnable to December term, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, on Saturday the 31st of December at 11 o'clock, A. M. at the Sheriff's Office, in the City of Annapolis, for cash, the following property, to wit:

One parcel of Land called Clarke's Inheritance, containing one hundred acres, more or less. Also three negro men called Joe, Charles, and Will.

The above is taken as the property of James Sanders, and will be sold to satisfy a debt due John F. Cox, and wife.

James Hunter,

Coroner A. A. county.

Dec. 8.

**Anne Arundel County Country, September Term, 1814.**

Ordered by the judges of Anne Arundel county court, that the said court stand adjourned from the third Monday of September last, until the 1st Monday of February next, on which day all jurors and witnesses summoned to the said September term, and all other persons having business in the said court, are hereby notified to attend on the said first Monday of February.

Test

Wm. S. Green, Clk.

Dec. 8.

**A STRAY.**

Taken up by the subscriber, living near Bladensburg, in Prince-George's county, a trespassing stray gray Mare, about 13 hands high, 10 years old, or upwards, shod before, paces, and has no perceptible brand; her mane appears to have been cropped some time past. The owner of the above described mare is requested to apply, prove property, pay charges and take her away.

James Crawford, of Basil.

Nov. 3, 1814.

**Prince-George's County, to wit:**

I hereby certify, that Mary Digges, of Melwood Park, brought before me the subscriber, as estrays trespassing on her enclosures, a dark bay MARE, about 14 hands high, 6 or 7 years old, without any mark and rather thin flesh, without shoes. One white COW about 7 years old, with red ears, and a slit in each ear; the other cow of a dark red and small, has a slit in the left ear, with a cross and under bit in the right.

Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of November, 1814.

R. W. West.

The owner or owners of the above described mare and cows must come, prove property and take them away.

Mary Digges.

**By the Committee of Claims**

The Committee of Claims will sit every day, during the present session, from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon.

By order,

William K. Lambden, Clk.

**By the Committee of Grievances & Courts of Justice.**

The Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice will sit every day during the present session, from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon.

By order,

Louis Gassaway, Clk.