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These places are FOR SALE, they are owned by people who must and will sell them LOW.

550 — 170 Acres, Kent County. Price $7,500

120 acres under the plow, balance pine, oak and chestnut. The land is high and medium loam, easy to till and very productive. Divided into 4 fields, fairly well fenced, 2½ miles from railroad station and near wharf, Baltimore and Philadelphia transportation. Close to school, near village, 8 room dwelling, first-class repair, lawn, shade, etc. No. 2 dwelling, with shade, suitable for tenant house. The farm backs on creek which abounds in fish. Barn, with corn cribs, 36x24. 12-stall stable, wagon shed, carriage house. Grapes, Pears, apples and about 1½ acre in asparagus. The neighborhood is desirable. The farm is a bargain at $7,500.

489 — 100 Acres, Kent County. Price $3,400

80 Acres in cultivation, balance in timber, apple orchard; fencing good; near school, church and stores; 7-room frame dwelling, porch, good barn, new stable, carriage house and other outbuilding. Land is a good quality, plenty of shade with a large lawn. Five miles from Tolchester. Easy terms.

486 — 217 Acres, Kent County. Price $6,100

90 acres in good timber, balance under plow; near school, church and stores; 7-room frame dwelling in fair repair; outbuildings in fair condition. Worth fully $6,500 but will sell for $6,100. This is your chance—one-third cash, balance on time.

578 — 121 Acres, Kent County. Price $7,000

Divided into 4 fields, dwelling is frame built out of white pine, nicely arranged 4 rooms, first floor, 8 rooms second floor, halls, 2 porches, cemented cellar, shingle roof, wind mill supplying water to dwelling and out buildings. Large barn 24x40 carriage house, implement shed, cow stable, stable for 8 head of horses. All outbuildings good as new. Near wharf, 4 miles from R. R. Station. Beautiful shade, fine keiffer pear orchard, apples, gooseberries. Near school, telephone, R. F. D. Improvements are worth price of farm.

578 — 131½ Acres, Kent County. Price $3,800

136 acres tillable, 20 acres chestnut timber orchard of peaches, apples and pears. Beautifully situated on Chester River. 6 room frame dwelling in fair repair, tenant house, stable, barn etc., carriage house, all in good repair. Near school, the water abounds in fish, oysters, etc. A splendid water front home.

580 — 130 Acres, Kent County. Price $7,500

The best water front farm at the money in Maryland. All the land is tillable, and the soil is kind and rich. Has about 200 pear trees, 25 apple trees. Beautifully located on Chester River right at Quaker Neck wharf. 8 room frame dwelling, shade, fine drinking water from well. Stable, barn and sheds in good repair. Land produced this year 25 bus. wheat per acre. Unsurpassed in convenience. Desirable neighborhood and one mile from school. Near Church and stores, R. F. D.

555 — 132 Acres, Cecil County, Price $6,000

90 acres tillable, 8 acres in apples, pears and plums, 10 acres in meadow. The soil is level and adapted to any crop of this section, well fenced, one-fourth mile to school, church and stores, 4 miles to railroad station, where 20 to 30 trains stop daily; 7-room dwelling, frame and nicely arranged, stable, wagon shed, cribs, etc., well of fine water, grew 7 tons of tomatoes per acre in 1909. Being located on State road the farm is accessable in every sense, and is in a progressive section.

574 — 35 Acres, Kent County, Price $3,750

Located near Betterton. The land is level and high, giving a good view of the surrounding country, all in cultivation; 500 pear trees of all kinds, also apple and peach orchard; mostly wire fencing, near school, church and stores; 11-room frame house, two porches, in good condition, 5-stall stable, new shed and carriage house, good well of water; 1 acre in asparagus, 2 acres dewberries and blackberries, also some strawberries. Located in a good neighborhood with congenial neighbors. Terms easy.

568 — 121 Acres, Kent County, Price $3,250

91 acres clear and tillable, 30 acres gum and oak timber, apple and peach orchard, meadow, fair fencing, tilled in three fields, near school and 2 miles from Pennsylvania Station; new 6 room dwelling, porch, fair barn and 4-stall stable; good water; has also tenant house of three rooms. Owner in poor health and wants to buy a smaller place. Terms one-half, cash balance on time. To a live man, one-third cash and balance on time would suffice.

565 — 80 Acres, Kent County, Price $3,250

65 acres under the plow, 15 in oak timber, 500 peach, apple, pear and plum trees, meadow, well-fenced, very close to school, church and stores, and 1 1-4 miles from Rock Hall which has steamer connections with Baltimore; 11-room frame dwelling with two halls, fine outbuildings; there is a stream of running water through the farm and the drinking water is of the best. One-half cash, balance on time.

558 — 122 Acres, New Castle Co., Del. Price $3,600

75 acres under the plow, 47 acres in oak and chestnut timber; peaches pears and apples, wire fenced; 1 mile from school and church and 3 miles from railroad station. This farm is adapted to wheat, corn and grass; frame house of 7 rooms, 2 halls, painted and in good repair, plenty of shade, good outbuildings; produced 5 tons tomatoes per acre, good producer of wheat, corn and hay. One-third cash.

110 — 120 Acres, Kent County. Price $6,100

Practically all tillable, located on Chester river and Jarrett creek, affording fine harbor for motor boats. The land is high and drains well, the soil is a light medium loam very productive, dwelling is small and frame and has 5 rooms. The stable and barn are combined and is well built. Beautiful shade. There are about 2,000 pear trees, Keifer, Manning, Lawrence, etc. Small asparagus patch. For tomatoes, corn, hay, wheat, fruit, etc., the farm is well adapted. Meadow of about 6 acres. Terms easy.

573 — 20 to 60 Acres, Kent County. $50 Per Acre

Located on water and a tract running from 20 to 60 acres, may be bought without buildings at $50 per acre. This land lies on the Chester river, with the river to the south and west and affords a pleasant and Delightful location. The land is of the medium loam and drains gradually and is in an agreeable neighborhood. It is close to wharf, and shipping facilities are excellent. A great many desire about the number of acres as above mentioned and with a house and barn costing $1,500, you would have an inexpensive home.

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THE DUCHE INCIDENT

The Sun of Dec. 10th contained an engraving of Washington representing him at that critical moment when, discouraged and broken down with anxiety, he received the insidious Duche letter, is from a little known plate by Edward S. Bert, in the private collection of W. Roby Purnell, of Baltimore. It is considered one of the most significant and valuable portraits of the Father of His Country in existence.

The history of the Duche incident and this picture which memoralizes it has been most exhaustively investigated by Mrs. Louise Tull Baker, wife of Mr. J. Henry Baker, of Baltimore, and well-known in Kent as the son of Hon. Jas. H. Baker, and her conclusions are published in an interesting article in the Journal of American History for the current quarter. It opens up a remarkable and little-known chapter of American history.

Jacob Duche, it seems, was a prominent clergyman of Philadelphia, at the beginning of the War for Independence. Because of his supposed strong American leanings he was made chaplain of the Continental Congress. At the opening of that session, wherein the Declaration of Independence was ratified, he delivered a prayer so stirring that every American was fired by it to greater ardor for the cause of freedom.

What was the astonishment then to learn that, shortly after the war had opened, and while Washington was beset with difficulties on every side. Duche wrote the commander aa epistle, entreating him to use his influence to have the Declaration of Independence rescinded and, if neccessary, to turn against his countrymen and put down the revolution with the army.

So great was the feeling against Duche that he had to flee to England with his family to save his life. There he received a comfortable charge and lived in comfort until he returned to his native country in 1790, where he died in 1794 an object of general dislike.

Conveyed By A Woman.

This extraordinary letter was conveyed to General Washington by an American women, Mrs Hugh Ferguson, daughter of Dr. Thomas Grame, of Pennsylvania. Though the wife of an enemy of the country, nevertheless she was in no wise an accomplice of Duche. The letter is too long to be quoted in full.

Washington's Action.

Washington made no reply, but turned the letter over to Congress, together with his official reports. One can easily imagine how such a communication from a man of Mr. Duche's reputation and one supposed to loyal to the American cause must have wounded Washington, already burdened, as it would seem, beyond human endurance.

Writing of "Letters of the American Revolution Hitherto Unpublished," by Mrs. Baker, the editor of the Journal of American History, states:

"The author of these researches is a graduate of Goucher College, of Baltimore, and was also a graduate student of Bryn Mawr. She made a diligent research and inquiry into the text of the Duche letter and authenticity of the engraving, which is now treasured in a private collection in Baltimore. The original plate has been broken and there are but a few rare prints in existence.

THIS WAS "SOME" SHOOTING

Sportsmen will look with envious eyes upon Grant Brewington, a farmer living near Allen, when they learn of his prowess as a marksman.

It seems that the marksman, who is well known in Salisbury and throughout the lower part of the county, has for some time been having troubles with the crows and had about determined that he would exterminate, annihilate or drive to the four corners of the earth the whole crow faimily, even if it took all the powder and shot in Christendom to do it.

With a friend he set out early Saturday to "do" the crows or die. He had not gone far before the crows swooped down in his cornfield and set to work "husking" corn. Mr. Brewington, with his blunderbuss, crept carefully to the birds, the friend closing in on them on the opposite side of the flock. Brewington's gun nwas loaded to the king's taste. The "crucial moment" arriving, Brewington gave a war whoop, and up flew the crows. When they were about on a level with a man who is on his knees, Brewington pulled both triggers, and there was death in the air.

When the smoke of battle had cleared away Brewington went to the scene of carnage. There on the ground lay 64 crows and two old ewes that had been out for a stroll, besides his friend, who had several shot comfortably fixed in his skin to aid him along in executing a war dance.

Grant then looked a little further and discovered that he had also set fire to his granary with the gun wadding. This was enough for him He now declares that ever after this "shoot" he will allow the crows to have full sway on his premises.

Debate at College.—The Mt. Vernon Literary Society at Washington College held it annual open meeting and reception Saturday evening. This society is the oldest college literary society in the State, having been formed in 1847, and has been in existence ever since. Many of its ex-members are among the most prominent men in Maryland. This is an annual event when the student body and friends of the organization are invited so that they may see the work the society is doing. Although the weather was inclement on account of a heavy snowstorm, a large company was in attendance.

The program was much enjoyed and the debate, "Resolved, That Good Citizenship Does Not Call for Disregard of Party Allegiance in Elections," was exceptionally good.

The judges were Dr. James W. Cain, president of the college: Miss Hannah E. Snodgrass, president of Pieria Literary Society, and Mr. Henry Sasscer, president of Adelphia Literary Society. They decided the debate in favor of the negative. After the decision of the judges, Mr. B. A. Johnson, president of Mount Vernon Literary Society, invited all those present to adjourn to Mount Vernon Hall. The guests here were entertained by the society and refreshments were served.

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M. KRAMER, - ROCK HALL, MD.

State of Maryland—Treasury Department.

$250,000

Series "A" 4 Per Cent. Public Highways Loan of 1910

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Dec. 1st, 1910.

The undersigned, Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of Chapter 116 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1910, will receive proposals for $250,000 4 per cent. Public Highways Loan of 1910, Series "A".

$250,000 of Series "A" of the Public Highways Loan of 1910, issued under the provisions of Chapter 116 of the Acts of 1910, will be dated January 2nd, 1911, bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of July and January in each and every year, and the principal will be redeemable at the pleasure of the State after the first day of January in the year 1921, and the whole debt will be payable on the first day of January, 1926.

The said debt is exempt from State, County and Municipal taxation, and will be issued in bond form with coupons attached.

Said proposals must be delivered, sealed, to the Treasurer of the State, at Annapolis, on or before 12 o'clock NOON of the 2nd day of January, 1911 and must be at the price, accrued interest to date of delivery in all cases to be added thereto, and have endorsed on the envelope "Proposals for Public Highways Loan of 1910." Each bid must be accompanied with a certified check on some responsible banking institution for five per centum of the amount of such bid, and the same will be opened in the office of the State Treasurer in the City of Annapolis, at 12 o'clock NOON, January 2nd, 1911, in the presence of the undersigned.

On the opening of such proposals so many of said coupon bonds as have been bid for, not exceeding, however, the amount for which proposals are invited, may be awarded by said Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and Treasurer, or a majority of them, to the highest responsible bidder or bidders for cash; and when two or more bidders have made the same bid, which bids are the highest, and if the amounts so bid for by the highest responsible bidders are in excess of the whole amount of said bonds so offered for sale, then such bonds may be awarded to such highest responsible bidders bidding the same price in the proportion which the amount each has bid for bears to the whole amount of said bonds so offered for sale.

These bonds will be issued in the denomination of $1,000, and subject to registration as to principal, and will be deliverable January 10th, 1911, at the office of the Stare Treasurer, in the City of Annapolis.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
Governor.

WM. B. CLAGETT,
Comptroller of the Treasury.

MURRAY VANDIVER,
Treasurer.