A Biographical sketch of THOMAS JOHNSON, *Esq. the first Republican Governor of Maryland.*

THOMAS JOHNSON, Esq. the first Governor of the State of Maryland, was born on the 4th day of November, 1732, in Calvert county, Maryland, at the mouth of St. Leonard's Creek, rendered memorable by the battle of the Barges, under the command of Commodore Barney, with the frigates, during the last war with Great Britain. His grandfather, an eminent lawyer of Liverpool, emigrated to this country at a very early period of its settlement. His father, a respectable farmer and planter, lived to a good old age, having the satisfaction of seeing seven sons and four daughters grown to years of maturity, settled in the world, & THOMAS elected Governor. One of them was Joshua Johnson, Esq. the first American Consul in London, whose useful life and kind hospitality has been held in grateful remembrance by all his countrymen who visited England. He was the father of Mrs. ADAMS, the Lady of the President of the United States. Mr. Johnson received the rudiments of an English education at one of the common schools of the country, at that time very inadequate to impart instruction, and capable only of teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic. At an early age, he was sent to Annapolis, to write in the Provincial Court-Office where he continued a short time, until his vigorous judgment and ardent desire for information determined him to commence the study of the Law, which he prosecuted under the auspices of Mr. Bordley. As soon as he was admitted to the bar, he was distinguished equally for the acuteness of his legal knowledge, sound logical disquisition, and above all, for his inflexible honesty and integrity of character. In a very short time, he arose to the first professional rank in the State, and with his compatriots the Chases, Stone, Paca, Tilghman, Goldsborough, and a few others, occupied the highest standing at the bar for several years. On the commencement of the troubles with Great-Britain, he, with the above named gentlemen, stepped forward in the foremost ranks to oppose the unjust demands of the mother country, and never swerved an inch from the straight path that led to independence. In the councils of the State, and at public harangues, he always kept a steady eye towards obtaining redress for our wrongs, and when all hopes of accomplishing that object failed, he manfully supported and asserted our claims to independence. He was a member of the first Congress of 1774, which station he continued to hold until he was called by his native State to higher trusts; was a member of every important committee, distinguished for his patriotic speeches, and nominated General WASHINGTON to be Commander-in-Chief of all the Armies of the United States. During the memorable month of July, 1776, he was absent from Congress, and until the 9th day of November following, was serving in the convention which formed the Constitution of Maryland. It is worthy of remark, that so important were his services estimated, that having refused to represent Anne Arundel county, where he resided, under the instructions of the people, Colonel William Richardson, of Caroline, who had been elected a Delegate, on his arrival at Annapolis, finding that Mr. Johnson was not a member of the Convention, immediately resigned his seat, conveyed him a farm in his county, went home, and had him returned in his place.

Shortly after the adjournment of the convention, he was appointed a brigadier-general of the militia, and in the winter of 1776 and 1777, he headed a body of seventeen hundred men, from Frederick county, composed of three regiments commanded by his brothers Colonels James and Barnes Johnson, and William Beatty, which reinforcement formed a large part of General Washington's army in the Jerseys, during that gloomy and critical period. Whilst engaged in the field in defence of his country, he was elected first Governor of the State of Maryland, and immediately repairing to Annapolis, he filled the office at that eventful time, with a diligence, integrity, and patriotic ability, that have not been excelled, if equalled, by any of his successors. After his gubernatorial term expired, he removed to Fredericktown, in Frederick county, which he often represented in the House of Delegates, and shortly after his re-eligibility to the Governor's chair was re-elected; which honor he declined; and, although often frequently solicited, ever refused to occupy the first station in the state. He never refused his services when *he* thought them useful and important to his countrymen, and accordingly, we find him the most conspicuous advocate in the convention which adopted the Constitution of the United States; opposing with success, the transcendent talents of the Messrs. Chases, Martin, & Mercer. The question of adoption was carried by almost an unanimous vote. Upon the decease of Mr. Harrison, Chief Judge of the General Court, Mr. Johnson was appointed to fill the vacancy, which office he held until he was appointed one of the Associate Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States. The feeble state of his health obliged him to resign, in 1793. But so essential were his services thought by General Washington, whose highest confidence he always enjoyed, that he invited him to a seat in the cabinet, which the state of his affairs at that time prevented him from accepting; but he prevailed on him to take the appointment of Commissioner of the City of Washington, with Dr. Stuart and Mr. Daniel Carroll, in conjunction with whom, he laid off the plan, and fixed on the sites of the Capitol, President's House, and other public buildings: a lasting monument of his powerful mind, and devotion to the service of his country, having then attained the advanced age of three score years and upwards. After this, Mr. Johnson lived retired in the bosom of his family, and the society of a few select friends. The last public act of his life, and worthy the closing scene of an honorable career, was his eulogium on the character of his beloved friend WASHINGTON, which he pronounced with a feeling, emphasis, and pathos, that the writer of this article can never forget. It was alike worthy of the occasion, the friend, and the man. Mr. Johnson was about the middle stature, slender in his person, with a keen penetrating eye, and a countenance indicative of his great and capacious mind. Though apparently irascible, and rather of unpopular manners, no man possessed a more generous and feeling heart; all his study and efforts appeared to be for the benefit of his country, rather than himself. He was the sincerest friend, the kindest and most affectionate husband, parent, and relation, and to his domestics, indulgent to a fault. He was extremely abstemious in his living, and alike temperate in the enjoyment of the social glass, by which means he preserved a constitution naturally weak, to the extreme old age of eighty-seven years, when he left the world amidst the sincere lamentations of his family and numerous friends. Every honor that his fellow citizens could bestow, was meanfully performed, and his memory will always be cherished in the grateful recollections of his countrymen, and his example descend to posterity, as worthy of imitation, forcibly impressing upon their minds this useful lesson, that genius, honesty, and industry, can overcome every obstacle, and rise to the highest honors of a state.

Chancery Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Judges of Caroline County Court, dated October Term 1825, to me directed, I will sell at Public Vendue, at Denton, on the 7th of March next, all the real estate of William Tolboy, Sen. deceased, or so much thereof as will pay his just debts. These lands consist of two Farms well improved, laying within three miles of the village of Denton. A further description is deemed unnecessary, as it is presumed the purchasers will view the premises, which will be shown to them by Robert Tolboy, residing on one of the farms, or Samuel Fountain, who resides in the neighbourhood.

The terms of sale will be that the highest bidder will be the purchaser, on a credit of twelve months—who will be required to give bond with approved security to the Trustee, for the payment of the purchase money, with interest from the day of sale.

The creditors of the said William Tolboy, Sen. deceased, are hereby notified to lodge with the Clerk of Caroline county Court, their claims, legally attested, within six months from the day of sale.

WM. POTTER, Trustee
for the sale of the real estate of Wm. Tolboy.

Caroline county, Feb. 4 5w

For Sale,

On a credit, or for good guaranteed paper, a second hand GIG, lately repaired, with harness complete—enquire of the Editor.

Jan. 7

Negroes for Sale.

It being found necessary to sell the negroes of the late Charles Goldsborough, of Talbot county, deceased, in order to pay his debts—

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That the said negroes are for sale; among them are several women who are good cooks and house servants, and valuable men accustomed to farming; also some likely Girls.

They will not be sold to a foreigner, or non-resident of the State, or to any person who will not treat them well. For terms apply to

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH, Agent
for the Admr. of C. G. dec'd.

Easton, Nov. 5

WANTED FOR THE YEAR 1826,

AN OVERSEER.

A man with a small family, who can come well recommended, will meet with employment by applying to

WM. H. DECOURCY.

Cheston, Queen-Ann's county, }
Jan. 14, 1826. }

WANTED TO HIRE

For the present year, a Man and Woman; the Man must be a good farm hand, and the Woman a good cook and house servant, apply at this office.

Jan 7

Wanted

A HOUSE WOMAN, (a slave would be preferred) one that can be recommended as a good Washer, House and Chamber Maid—For whom the most liberal wages will be given.

S. LOWE.

Easton, Nov. 12.

FOR HIRE THIS PRESENT YEAR,

Two or three young negro Men—apply to the Printer.

Jan 7

For Rent,



THE FOUNTAIN INN TAVERN,

for the next ensuing year, now occupied by Mr. Richard Sherwood. The rent will be very low to an approved tenant. Apply to

JAMES WILLSON, Jr. Agent
for Mary I. Willson.

Easton July 23 tf

Notice.

Was committed to the jail of Frederick county, on the 17th ult. as a runaway, a negro man who calls himself JAMES MINOR, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, his left wrist out of joint for three years—had on when committed an old blue coat and vest, blue and drab pantaloons, old shoes and half worn fur hat—says he is a freeman and from Waynesburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania. The owner of the above described negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be released as directed by the act of assembly of this state.

THOMAS CARLTON, Shff.

January 7

Valuable Lands
FOR SALE.

To be sold on Monday, the 20th of February next, if fair, if not, on the next fair day, at Centreville, in Queen Ann's county, Maryland, several fine tracts of Lands in Queen-Ann's county, (part of the estate of Edward Tighman, Esq. late of the city of Philadelphia, deceased,) containing about

1900 ACRES

of arable and wood land, which will be divided into farms of convenient size, and into lots of wood land. These lands are about four miles below Centreville, on the post road to Easton, and within 4 miles of navigable water, affording an easy and cheap transportation to Baltimore. The soil is of good quality, and a body of shell marl has been discovered on it. Possession will be delivered on the first day of April next, with a crop of wheat growing; a liberal credit will be given—the terms to be made known at the time of sale.

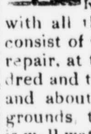
WILLIAM TILGHMAN, Trustee.

Feb. 11 2w

Land for Sale.

The subscriber offers for sale the *FARM* where he lately resided, handsomely situated in Talbot county, about three miles from Easton, and containing about

420 ACRES,



and is as comfortably situated as any in the county, off the salt waters—there is a Brick Dwelling House, Kitchen and Smoke House, together with all the necessary out buildings, which consist of wood; the buildings are not in good repair, at this time—There is about one hundred and twenty acres of wood or timber land, and about twenty acres of good meadow grounds, together with a plenty of marl, and is well watered with never-failing streams, together with as good an assortment of fruit of different kinds as almost any in the county. It can be divided into two farms, one containing about 230 acres, the other about 190, each to have a plenty of timber. I will sell either parcel, or the whole. I deem it unnecessary to say any more about it, as I conclude that no person will purchase without viewing it; the property will be shewn by Mr. Benjamin Kemp, who resides on the premises, and terms made known by the subscriber, near St. Michaels.

JAMES DENNY

Feb. 11

IN TALBOT COUNTY COURT.

NOVEMBER TERM 1825.

Robert Moore, William Jenkins & Peter Stevens and Thomas P. Smith
AGAINST
Charlotte Bowie, widow, and Ann Bowie, John Bowie, Charlotte Bowie, Elizabeth Bowie & Kitty Bowie, children and heirs at law of Allen Bowie,

By virtue of a decree of the Honourable the Judges of Talbot county court, sitting as a court of equity, November Term, 1825, to me directed, for the sale of the Real Estate whereof Allen Bowie died, seized for the payment of his debts; will be offered at Public Vendue, on the premises, on Wednesday the twenty-ninth day of March next, between eleven o'clock, A. M and one o'clock, P. M. the Farm or Plantation, late the residence of the said Allen Bowie, situate on the main road leading from Easton to the Chapel within one and a half mile of Easton, called "Galloway Resurveyed," containing in the whole, *THREE HUNDRED AND FIVE*

ACRES OF LAND,

one hundred acres of which is Wood Land, and thirty acres of prime Meadow Land—The improvements on this farm consist of a



large and commodious Two Story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE in good repair, with four rooms in the lower and three in the upper story, also a Frame Kitchen adjoining, a Quarter, Granary, Carriage and Corn House: there is an excellent Well of water in the yard, and the Garden is well enclosed.—The soil is of good quality and susceptible of improvement, and the meadow, with a small expense, might be made very productive.

ALSO, on the same day, on the premises, between three and four o'clock, P. M will be offered at Public sale, a LOT OF GROUND in the town of Easton, situate on Cabin street, containing in the whole, four and a half acres of Land, on which there is a Frame Stable, Carriage House and Granary, under one roof; all nearly new and in good repair.

And on the day following, between twelve o'clock, M. and two o'clock, P. M. on the premises, will be offered at Public Sale, a FARM or PLANTATION, situate near the Head of Wye, late the residence of Mr James Battie, being part of a tract of land, called 'Noble's Chance,' and part of other tracts containing *ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY*

ACRES OF LAND:



The improvements consist of a *FRAME DWELLING HOUSE*, Kitchen, Smoke House, Carriage House, Stable and Corn House, all in tolerable repair—A further description of the above mentioned property is deemed unnecessary, as it is presumed that persons desirous of purchasing will view the premises, which they are invited to do.

The terms of sale will be, that the highest bidder or bidders will be the purchaser or purchasers, on a credit of one two and three years, equal installments from the time of the sale; the purchase money with interest from the day of sale to be secured by bond to the Trustee, with such security as he may approve: and on the ratification of the sale by this court, and on the payment of the purchase money, the Trustee will by a good and sufficient deed or deeds, convey to the purchaser or purchasers and his, her and their heirs the property to him, her or them sold, free and clear from all incumbrances of dower.

The Creditors of the said Allen Bowie are hereby notified to exhibit their claims and file the same with the Clerk of Talbot county court, within six months from the day of sale, with the vouchers thereof

EDWARD N. HAMBLETON, Trustee
for the sale of the real estate of Allen Bowie.

Feb. 11 7w

CASH.

AND THE HIGHEST PRICES GIVEN FOR

NEGROES,

by the Subscriber, who has just received in addition to his former stock, a fresh supply of that much wished for article *CASH*; which he is willing to change for Slaves, on the most favourable terms to the owners.

JOSEPH B. WOOLFOLK,
at S. Lowe's Tavern.

Aug. 6

COACH, GIG AND HARNESS



Making.

The subscriber begs leave to return his sincere thanks to his friends and the public, of this and the adjacent counties, for the liberal encouragement he has received for the last year; and now wishes to inform them, that having concluded to continue the above business, at his old stand, foot of Washington street. He has just received from Philadelphia and Baltimore, a handsome and well selected assortment of materials of the first quality, with a good stock of prime seasoned timber, which will enable him with the assistance of first rate workmen, to execute all orders in his line at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms. He flatters himself that with the stock he has now on hand, with the experience of his workmen, that he can have his work done in such a manner that it shall not be excelled, and assures the public that nothing shall be wanting on his part to merit a continuance of their patronage. His work will be done on the most approved plan, of the best materials, and of fashions suited to the various tastes of his customers. Those gentlemen wishing to deal in his line, will please to give him a call, hear his prices, view his stock, and judge for themselves. All new work will be warranted for twelve months, and repairs done in a neat and durable manner. Orders from a distance thankfully received and punctually attended to.

Easton, Jan. 7 JOHN CAMPER.

WORTHY OF ATTENTION.

The Subscriber is very thankful for the encouragement he has received since he has been in Easton, at the

Tailoring Business,

and in consequence of the great pressure of the times, proposes to work at lower rates than formerly, for cash; he does not propose to do an extensive business, but wishes constant employment, and pledges himself to give perfect satisfaction to all that may employ him, and can give reference to the most respectable gentlemen in Talbot county, if required. JOHN ARMOR.

Easton Jan. 14, 1826.



Sweepstakes.

The following Sweepstakes to be run for, *in addition to the Subscription Purses*, over the Canton Course at the ensuing Spring Races in the month of May next, are now open and will be closed on the 10th day of March next.

4 mile heats, $250 entrance, $50 forfeit, free for horses bona fide owned in Maryland or District of Columbia.

3 mile heats, $200 entrance, $50 forfeit, free for horses bred and raised in Maryland or District of Columbia

1 mile heat, $100 entrance, $50 forfeit, free only for 3 years old Colts, bred and raised in Maryland or District of Columbia.

The horses must be entered and the forfeit deposited on or before the 10th March.

E. L. FINLEY.

Baltimore Feb 11 4w

EASTON HOTEL.



The subscriber informs his friends and the public, from whom he has for so many years received the most flattering patronage, that he will continue to keep the Easton Hotel—where his customers will be accommodated with the best of every thing, in season, afforded by the markets of the place—where they will receive, not only his sincere thanks, but the utmost and most diligent endeavours to please—and an assurance that their past kindness shall stimulate him to still greater exertions. The above establishment is large and very spacious with twenty one lodging rooms.

The public's obedient servant,

SOLOMON LOWE.

Easton, Dec 25

N. B. Horses, Gigs and Hacks can be furnished to any part of the Peninsula at the shortest notice. S. L.

HILLSBOROUGH TAVERN.



The subscriber has the pleasure of informing his friends and the public generally, that he has opened a House for the accommodation of travellers in the house opposite to where Mr. Samuel Hardcastle now resides, formerly occupied by Mr Benjamin R. Meredith, well calculated for the business with good stabling; added to which, his own personal exertions to please, flatters himself to be able to give general satisfaction, and to receive a share of public patronage.

HENRY CLIFT.

Hillsborough, Caroline county, Nov. 19.

N. B. Boarders will be taken by the day, week, month, or year, and the subscriber obligates himself to furnish his table with the best that the market will afford. H. C.

$20 Reward.

Ranaway from the subscriber on or about the 29th July last, a negro boy called FRANK, aged about 16, formerly the property of John M. Wise of Talbot county. This boy was hired to Robert Dawson, of said county, and left the employ of said Dawson on the day above mentioned. This boy I purchased at public sale. I will give the above reward if said boy be secured in the jail of said county, or delivered to me, and all reasonable charges paid. It is most likely this boy has made for Poplar Island, as his former master now resides on said Island.

JOHN A. HORNEY.

Aug. 20

$100 Reward.

Ranaway from the subscriber's farm, on the Head of South River, in Anne Arundel county, on the 30th May, negro man CHARLES, who calls himself CHARLES BUTLER; he is about 26 years of age, six feet one inch high, the clothing he had on when he absconded, was a domestic cloth coat and Osnaburg shirt and trowsers, and old wool hat. I will give the above reward, and all reasonable charges if brought home, or secured in any jail so that I get him again.

THOMAS SNOWDEN.

June 4 tf

Sale Postponed.

The intended sale of the personal estate of the late William Hemsley, (deceased) is postponed until further notice.

E. F. CHAMBERS, Adm'r.

Chestertown, Feb. 11, 1826.

Notice.

The Subscriber wishes to employ TWO or THREE *JOURNEYMEN TAYLORS*, to whom liberal prices will be given, if immediate application be made.

BENJAMIN R. MEREDITH.

Denton, Feb. 4.

WOOL COMMISSION

WAREHOUSE.

J. & M. BROWN, & M. D. LEWIS,

No. 159 MARKET ST. PHILADELPHIA,

Receive on consignment, WOOL of all descriptions. Being the Agents of a large number of Manufacturers, for the sale of

DOMESTIC WOOLEN GOODS,

they possess superior facilities for its disposal. Liberal advances made when required.

Refer in Easton to WILLIAM CLARK.

Philadelphia, Nov. 26.

Notice.

The subscriber hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the estate of John Chapman, late of aforesaid county, deceased: all persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber on or before the first day of August 1826—they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 12th day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty six.

JOHN COUTMAN, Ex'r.
of John Chapman, deceased.

Feb. 4 3w

TALBOT COUNTY, to wit:

On application to me the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the Orphans' Court, of the county aforesaid, by petition in writing of William Chance stating that he is in actual confinement, and praying for the benefit of the act of Assembly, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the several supplements thereto, on the terms mentioned in the said acts—and the said William Chance having complied with the several requisites required by the said acts of assembly—I do hereby order and adjudge that the said William Chance be discharged from his imprisonment, and that he be and appear before the judges of Talbot County Court, on the first Saturday of May term next, and at such other days and times as the Court shall direct, the same time is appointed for the creditors of the said William Chance to attend, and shew cause, if any they have, why the said William Chance should not have the benefit of the said acts of Assembly.

Given under my hand the eighteenth day of January 1826.

LAMBERT REARDON.

Feb. 11

TALBOT COUNTY, TO WIT:

On application to me the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Orphans' Court, of the county aforesaid, by petition in writing of Archibald Taylor, stating that he is in actual confinement, and praying for the benefit of the act of Assembly, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the several supplements thereto, on the terms mentioned in the said acts—and the said Archibald Taylor having complied with the several requisites required by the said acts of assembly—I do hereby order and adjudge that the said Archibald Taylor be discharged from his imprisonment, and that he be and appear before the judges of Talbot county court, on the first Saturday of May Term next, and at such other days and times as the Court shall direct, the same time is appointed for the creditors of the said Archibald Taylor to attend, and shew cause, if any they have, why the said Archibald Taylor should not have the benefit of the said acts of Assembly.

Given under my hand the eighteenth day of January, 1826.

LAMBERT REARDON.

Feb. 4. w

TALBOT COUNTY, TO WIT:

On application to me the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the Orphans' Court of the county aforesaid, by petition in writing of Alexander Hemsley, stating that he is in actual confinement, and praying for the benefit of the act of Assembly, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the several supplements thereto, on the terms mentioned in the said acts—and the said Alexander Hemsley having complied with the several requisites required by the said acts of assembly—I do hereby order and adjudge that the said Alexander Hemsley be discharged from his imprisonment, and that he be and appear before the Judges of Talbot county court, on the first Saturday of May Term next, and at such other days and times as the Court shall direct, the same time is appointed for the creditors of the said Alexander Hemsley to attend, and shew cause, if any they have, why the said Alexander Hemsley should not have the benefit of the said acts of Assembly.

Given under my hand the thirty-first day of January, 1826.

LAMBERT REARDON.

Feb. 4 w

A RUNAWAY TAKEN UP.

Was committed to the jail of Charles county, on the 25th day of September last, a yellow man, who calls himself DANIEL, he acknowledges himself to be a slave, and that he was sold by John Nevet, of Dorchester county, Eastern Shore of Maryland, last fall, to a negro trader, from whom he made his escape, some where in the State of Virginia; Daniel is about 22 or 3 years old, middle size, slow in speech, and from the description he gives of himself and the people living in the county from where he was sold, no doubt but his statement is correct; had on when taken up, a coarse shirt and pantaloons. The owner is requested to come prove his property, pay the charges and take him away, otherwise he will be released according to law.

HUGH COX, Sheriff
of Charles county, Md.

Feb. 4 3w

ALMANACS
For the Year 1826,

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE AT
THIS OFFICE.

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