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Oct. 18 3w

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Easton, Oct. 4, 1828.—3t eow

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WM. HUSSEY.

Easton, March 15.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

THE Subscriber being desirous of collecting the TAX OF TALBOT COUNTY, due for the present year, in the course of this Fall, respectfully requests all persons, holding Assessable Property in the county, to call on him at his Office in Easton, where he will attend every Tuesday for the reception of the same.

It is hoped that those who cannot make it convenient to call on him, will be prepared for a call from him, or his Deputies, in their respective districts.

SOLOMON MULLIKIN, Collector.

Sept. 13—tf

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Easton, Nov. 17.

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Annapolis, Oct. 4, 1828—

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Sep. 20

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY Virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas, issued out of Talbot county Court, and to me directed against Edward Auld, at the suit of Daniel Martin, and also by virtue of two writs of fieri facias, issued and directed as aforesaid, against said Ed. Auld, one at the suit of Mary McCausland, Admr'x. of Marcus McCausland, and one at the suit of James Armstrong, Jr. will be sold for Cash at the Court House door in the town of Easton, on Saturday the 8th of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A M and 5 o'clock P. M. the following property to wit: One Lot at Easton Point, containing ½ acre of Land more or less, one Lot at Easton Point containing ¼ of an acre of land more or less which he purchased of John L. Kerr, Esq. with the improvements thereon; one other Lot, containing 1¾ acres of land more or less, which he purchased of John Hopkins.—Also, a Lot on the Landing road, containing 1-8th of an acre of Land more or less.—Also, one Sloop called Edward Lloyd, together with the Row-boat, Oars, Cambouse, Anchors and Cabin Furniture, Sails Masts Spars Rigging and Tackling, belonging to the same: Also, one bay Horse called Dick, one brown Horse called Comer, 2 Cows, 2 Looking Glasses, 2 Tables, 4 Beds and furniture, 1 Sideboard, 1 small Clock, 2 Bureaus, 1 Cupboard, 1 horse cart, 1 Dray, 1 Gig and Harness, and one Negro woman called Charlotte, aged about 18 years, all of which Goods and Chattels are subject to a Bill of Sale to Edward N. Hambleton and Thomas Henrix, and also subject to prior Executions. Taken and will be sold to pay and satisfy the aforesaid claims. Attendance by

Oct. 18 ts WM. TOWNSEND, Shff.

Sheriff's Sale.

BY Virtue of twelve writs of venditioni exponas issued out of Talbot county Court & to me directed against Edward Auld, at the suits of John Leeds Kerr, Edward Jenkins, Francis D. McHenry, Benjamin Slocum, and the State of Maryland for the use of Levin Simpson, use of Wm. H. Tilghman Wm. Hubbard and Catharine Summerville, will be sold for Cash at the Court House door in Easton on Saturday the 8th day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. the the following property to wit:—One Lot at Easton Point, containing ½ acre of land more or less —one Lot at Easton Point containg ¼ of an acre of Land more or less which he purchased of John Leeds Kerr, Esq. with the improvements thereon:—one other Lot containing 1 3-4 acres land more or less, which he purchased of John Hopkins.—Also one Lot on the Landing road, containing 1 8th of an acre of land more or less. Also on the same day, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 6 o'clock P. M. at the house of said Auld, the following Property to wit—One Sloop called Edward Lloyd, together with the Rowboat, Oars, Cambouse, Anchors and Cabin Furniture—Sails, Masts, Spars, Rigging and Tackling belonging to the same —Also one bay Horse called Dick, one brown Horse called Comer, 2 Cows, 2 Looking Glasses, 2 Tables, 4 Beds, Bedsteads and Furniture—1 Sideboard, 1 small Clock, 2 Bureaus, 1 Cupboard, 1 Horse Cart, 1 Dray, 1 Gig and Harness, 1 negro woman called Charlotte, aged about 18 years, all which Goods and Chattels are subject to a Bill of Sale to Edward N. Hambleton and Thomas Henrix—Seized and taken to pay and satisfy the above mentioned writs of Venditioni Exponas, debt, interest and costs due and to become due thereon.—Attendance by

THOS: HENRIX, late Sheriff,
Oct. 18—ts of Talbot county.

Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE of six writs of venditioni exponas issued out of Talbot county court & to me directed at the suits of David Fairbanks use Samuel Groome, Joseph Scull, use Conrod Keily & Co. Jacob Cronmiller, Margaret Kirby, Richard Spencer, use of Isaac Atkinson and Joseph Robinson,—also by virtue of two writs of fieri facias issued and directed as aforesaid, at the suit of John Porter, against John Dawson, will be offered at Public Sale on Tuesday the 5th day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. and sold for Cash to the highest bidder at the front door of the Court House in the Town of Easton, the Farm of the said John Dawson on which he at present resides be the quantity what it may; ALSO- the Farm or Plantation of said Dawson, called & known by the name of "Peck's Point" —Also a tract or part of a tract of Land which said Dawson purchased of the Heirs of Owen Kennard, known by the name of the 'Oakfields,' containing thirty Acres of Land more or less, & two Negro women Also will be sold by virtue of the writs of Venditioni Exponas aforesaid, on the next day between the hours aforesaid on the premises of the said Dawson for Cash; six head of Horses, twenty head of Cattle, thirty head of sheep, and four Ox Carts Seized and taken as the Goods & Chattles Lands and Tenements of the said John Dawson, and will be sold to pay and satisfy the writs of Venditioni Exponas and Fieri Facias, and the interest and costs due and to become due thereon.— Attendance given by WM. TOWNSEND, Shff.

Oct. 11 ts

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of three writs of vendi. expo. issued out of Talbot County court and to me directed against James Chambers, at the suits of the following persons, to wit: Edward N. Hambleton use of Jacob Loockerman use of Levin Millis, sen. William Furguson and Eusebius Leonard (Levin Millis, sen. and Wm. Ferguson's parts for the use of Wm. Jenkins) the state of Maryland for the use of Joshua Dixon and Rebecca, his wife, formerly Rebecca Gregory, and George W. Nabb, will be sold on Friday 7th of November, next, at the dwelling plantation of said Jas. Chambers, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A M. and 5 o'clock P M. the following property, to wit: All the estate, right, title, interest and claim of him the said Jas. Chambers, of, in and to the following tracts or parts of tracts of land: that is to say, part of Orem's Delight and Turner's Resurvey, containing the quantity of 10[illegible] acres of land more or less, part Beaver Dam Neck and part of Forest and Dike, containing 113 acres of land more or less, part of Chambers, Adventure, and part of The Adventure containing 21¼ acres of land, part of Locust Grove containing 36¼ acres part Dunmore Heath, in King's Creek, containing 27¾ acres, of land more or less—also the following negroes, to wit:—one negro man called Tom, 1 do. called Jim, 1 do. Greenbury, 1 woman called Patience 1 do. called Annise 1 girl called Charlotte, 1 do. called Mary, 1 do. called Moses, 1 boy called George, 1 called Theodore; all the above negroes are for a term of years; also ten beds, bedsteads & furniture, 1 eight day clock 2 side boards 4 tables, 13 windsor chairs, 2 cupboards, and contents, all the balance of the household and kitchen furniture—also 14 head of cattle, 10 head of horses 40 head of hogs, 24 head sheep, 1 gig and harness, all the crop of wheat seeded on the lands, a quantity of corn housed, and eight stacks of hay—taken and will be sold to pay and satisfy the aforesaid vendi. expo. and the interest and costs due and to become due thereon, Attendance given by

WILLIAM TOWNSEND, Shff.

Oct. 11.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of four writs of venditioni exponas issued out of Talbot county Court, and to me, directed against John Dawson, at the suit of Wm. W. Moore, Isaac Atkinson, Adm'r. of Jos. Edmondson, Robert H. Goldsborough and William Clark, will be sold for Cash at the front door of the Court House, in Easton, on Tuesday the 4th day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. the following property, to wit: the Farm or Plantation of said Dawson where he at present resides, containing 391 acres more or less and known by the name of Shrigleys Fortune, part Rockey Neck, part of Halls neck, and Hoopers Point, situate on Miles River and Third Haven Creek; and also the Farm or Plantation known by the name of Pecks Point, be the quantity what it may, seized and taken, as the property of said Dawson, to pay and satisfy the above writs of venditioni exponas, debt, interest and costs due and to become due thereon. Also, on Wednesday the 5th day of November next, between the hours 10 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. the following property to wit: 10 head of Horses, 28 head of Cattle, 4 yoke of Oxen, 50 head of Sheep and one Gig and Harness, seized and taken to pay and satisfy the above writs of venditioni exponas, debt, interest and costs due and to become due thereon. Atendance by

THOS. HENRIX, late Shff.
Oct. 11. of Talbot County

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of venditioni exponas, issued out of Talbot county Court and to me directed against Enoch Morgan at the suit of James Chaplain will be sold for Cash at the Court House door in Easton, on Tuesday the 4th day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A M. and 5 o'clock P. M. the following property, to wit: part of a tract of land called Powicks or House Manner, containing two hundred acres. more or less, situated near the Trappe—seized and will be sold to pay and satisfy the above writ of venditioni exponas, debt, interest and cost due and to become due thereon, Attendance by

THOS. HENRIX late Shff
Oct. 11 ts of Talbot County

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas issued out of Talbot County Court, and to me directed, against Fiddeman Rolle at the suit of Philemon Skinner, will be sold for Cash at the front door of the Court House in Easton, on Tuesday the 4th day of November next, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and five o'clock P. M. the following property to wit:—The Farm of said Rolle on which he at present resides situate near St Michaels be the quantity what it may, seized and will be sold to pay and satisfy the above writs of venditioni exponas, debt, interest and costs due and to become due thereon. Attendance by

THOMAS HENRIX, late Shff.
Oct, 11.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of Talbot County Court, and to me directed, against Charles Goldsborough, at the suit of Edward N. Hambleton, use of Wm. H. Tilghman, will be sold at Public Sale, at the Court-House door in the town of Easton, on SATURDAY the 8th day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M and 5 o'clock, P. M. the following property, to wit:—All that Tract, or part of a Tract of Land called Part of Mount Hope, containing the quantity of 177 acres of Land more or less:—Also, part of Hickory Ridge, near Easton, containing 190 acres of Land more or less. Taken and will be sold to satisfy the above named fi. fa. and the interest and costs due and to become due thereon.

Attendance by
WM. TOWNSEND, Shff.

Oct. 18. 4w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas at the suit of Solomon Lowe use Samuel Groome and a writ of fieri facias at the suit of Lambert Reardon; issued out of Talbot County Court and to me directed, against Wm. P. Kerr will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Court House in the Town of Easton, on Tuesday the 4th day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. all the reversionary right and interest of the said Wm. P. Kerr, of, in, and to the Farm on which Samuel Elson now resides, situate near the Hole-in the-Wall, be the quantity what it may—Siezed and taken as the lands and tenements of the said Wm. P Kerr, and will be sold to pay and satisfy the writs aforesaid and the interest and costs due and to become due thereon. Attendance given by WM. TOWNSEND, Shff.

Oct. 11.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of three writs of venditioni exponas, issued out of Talbot County Court and to me directed, against Jabez Caldwell, at the suit of James Willson, Jr. use of Hugh W. Evans, Tristram Needles, use of David & J. Buddock, use of the President Directors and Company of the Commercial and Farmer's Bank of Baltimore, use of Richard W. Thompson and the President, Directors and Company of the Farmers Bank of Maryland for the use of Lott Warfield, will be sold for Cash at the front door of the Court House on Tuesday the 4th day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. & 5 o'clock P. M—the following Property to wit: All and singular that Lot or parcel of Ground situate lying and being in the Town of Easton, and all the Buildings thereon, and all the Estate right title or terms of years of Jabez Caldwell, of, in and to the same which James Neall sold and conveyed & assigned to Jabez Caldwell by his Deed, bearing date the eighteenth day of April 1818, as by reference being thereto had will fully appear on the Land Records of Talbot county. ALSO—All and singular that Lot or parcel of Land & Ground situate in the Town of Easton adjoining to Lot No. one hundred and sixteen, at the west end thereof, & on west street, which was sold and conveyed by James Neall to said Jabez Caldwell, by his Deed of bargain & sale, bearing date the 8th day of April 1818 in fee simple, as by reference to said Deed will appear —Seized and taken as the Property of said Caldwell, to pay and satisfy the above writs of Venditioni's Exponas debt, interest and costs due, & to become due thereon.

Attendance by THOS: HENRIX, late Shff.
Oct. 11—ts

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of eight writs of venditioni exponas issued out of Talbot County Court and to me, directed against Fayette Gibson, at the suit of John Welsh alias John J. Welsh, Edw'd. Auld, Adm'r. of Jos. Parrott, Philemon Thomas & William H. Groome, use of Philemon Thomas, William W. Moore, Francis D. McHenry, Edward Lloyd, William Farlow, Adm'r. of Thomas Harrison of Jos. and James Tilton, Ex'r. of Jas. Tilton, will be sold for cash, at the front door of the Court House, in Easton, on Tuesday the 4th day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M and 5 o'clock P. M. the following Property, to wit:—A tract of Land called Marengo, containing five hundred and fifty acres of Land, more or less, seized and taken to pay and satisfy the above writs of venditioni exponas, debt, interest, and costs due, and to become due thereon. Also on Thursday the 6th day of November next between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. at the House of said Gibson, will be sold, for Cash, the following property, to wit:—13 head of Horses, 40 head of Cattle, 52 head of Sheep, and 20 head of Hogs, seized and taken to pay and satisfy the above writs, debt, interest and costs due and to be come due thereon. Attendance by

THOS. HENRIX, late Shff.
Oct. 11.

MARYLAND:
Caroline County Orphans' Court.

30th day of Sept. A. D. 1828.

ON application of Clement Eaton Administrator of Peter Eaton, late of Caroline county, deceased—It is ordered that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that he cause the same to be published once in each week for the space of three successive weeks, in one of the newspapers printed in the town of Easton.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of proceedings of Caroline county Orphans' Court, I have hereunto set my hand, & the seal of my office affixed, this 30th day of Sept. in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & twenty eight.

Test, JAS: SANGSTON, Reg'r.
of Wills for Caroline county.

In compliance with the above order,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That the subscriber of Caroline county hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of said county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Peter Eaton, late of Caroline county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof to the Subscriber on or before the 18th day of April next 1829; they may otherwise by law, be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 30th day of Sept. A. D. eighteen hundred and twenty eight.

CLEMENT EATON, Adm'r,
of Peter Eaton, deceased.

Oct. 18, 1828.

A GOOD STORY.

Extract of a letter written in the year 1793.

—— Well, then, I have seen your friend J—; and find him exactly what you described him as being—a humorist. He seems to have imparted much of that character to every thing around him, both animate and inanimate. His servants are all admirably disciplined to second his whims, and his very furniture is, for the most part, adapted to the same purpose. Upon my arrival for instance, after receiving me with much cordiality, in consequence of your letter of introduction, he invited me to sit down in an easy chair that stood by the fire-place, but I had scarcely complied with his request, when I started with horror from my seat upon the supposition that I had crushed a cat and her whole litter of kittens to death, so completely were the mangled and discordant tones of the animals imitated by the mechanism of the chair. This put me on my guard, and there was hardly any thing in the house afterwards that I did not touch without apprehension. No other trick, however, was practised on me; and, as I found afterwards, I was indebted for such indulgence to one which they reserved for me at night, and which was such as, perhaps, all my English phlegm would not have enabled me to bear with patience. I escaped, however, being put to the proof, by the merest accident, the arrival of a poor Scotch Surveyor, who was thought a fitter subject for the often repeated experiment.

My substitute was treated with great, indeed with extreme hospitality: he was helped to every thing to excess; his glass was never allowed to stand full or empty for one minute. The potations were suspended not until, and only, while the cloth was laying for supper, during & after which they were resumed with renovated energy. Our entertainer was like the landlord described by Addison; the liquor seemed to have no other effect upon himself than any other vessel in the house. It was not so with his Scotch guest; who was by this time much farther advanced upon the cruize of intoxication than half seas over; he was literally dead drunk. In this state he was conducted to his chamber, a fine lofty Gothic apartment, with a bedstead that seemed co-eval with the building. I say seemed, for that was by no means the case, it being in reality a modern structure; and entirely of the invention of our host —It was dark Mahogany, with its four posts extending completely to the ceiling of the chamber. The Scotchman, with a good deal of assistance, was soon undressed, and his body politic deposited in the place of repose. All the party then retired, wishing him a good night, and removing the candle for fear of accident.

When the door was closed, I was for the first time made acquainted with the structure of the bedstead, which our host considered as his masterpiece. Upon the touching of a spring outside the door, the bed was so acted upon by a pully, that it ascended slowly and smoothly through the four posts, until it came within two or three feet of the ceiling. The snoring of the Scotchman was the signal for touching the spring and he was soon at the proper altitude. The trick, to be sure, might have cost him his neck, but Deuce may care was the reply of J—— to my suggestion to that effect The servants, as I before observed, are all so disciplined, to second the mischievous fun of their master that they required no instructions how to act. In one moment the house was in an uproar; cries of fire!! fire!! were heard in different directions. A pile of shavings was set in a blaze opposite the very window where poor Sawney slept. J——'s voice was continually heard, exclaiming, "Good Heaven! save the poor Scotch gentleman, if possible—the flames have got into the room just under him!"—at this moment we heard him bellow out!!

A sudden silence took place—every light was extinguished and the whole house seemed to be buried in the most profound repose.—The Scotchman's voice could alone be heard, roaring out in the high dialect of his country for assistance. At length, two of the men servants in their shirts entered the room with a candle just lit, and yawning, as if immediately roused from their sleep. They found him sprawling on the floor—'Lord bless us, sir! what is the matter?' Matter! (says he)—why, isn't the house on fire?' God forbid, sir!'—'What was the reason of the cries of fire, fire, then?'—'Bless you, sir, you must have been dreaming why there's not so much as a mouse stirring, and his honor and the whole family have been asleep these three hours. The Scotchman now gave up all testimony of his own senses—'I must ha' been dreaming, indeed, and ha' hurt myself by falling out of the bed.' 'Hurt yourself, sir—not much I hope, the bed is so low;' and by this time it had been made to descend to its first level. The poor Scot was quite confused—quite ashamed at disturbing the family; begged a thousand pardons—accompanied the servants to the door, closed it after them and was left once more in the dark.

But the last act of the pantomime was not yet performed.—The spring had been immediately touched, upon closing the door, and the bed was soon beyond the reach of our guest. We could hear him groping about, and uttering frequently ejaculations of astonishment. He easily found the bed posts: but it was in vain for him to endeavour to get in. He moved his hands up and down. His leg was often lifted by way of steping in, but always encountered the floor by its decent. He uttered curses not loud but deep for fear of again disturbing the family. He concluded himself to be in the possession of the devil. In short, when it was found, by his silence that he had given up the task as hopeless, and had disposed of himself upon one of the chairs, the bed was allowed to slide down again, and in the morning Sawney could not but express his astonishment at not having been able to find it in the dark.

A singular old gentleman, in a neighboring county, was waited upon the other day, with a surgeon's bill, for the purpose of being paid. After cogitating over its contents for some time, he desired the person in waiting for his answer, to tell his master that the medicine he should certainly pay for; but *that he should return the visits.*

An Irishman swearing the peace against his three sons, thus concludes his affidavit: "and this deponent fur her saith, that the only one of his children who showed him any real filial affection, was his youngest son Larry, for he never *struck him when he was down.*"

Jere Snow, whose pecuniary concerns were always uppermost in his mind, was once travelling in company, and very early in the morning was waked by his companion, who said, "Come, Snow, day is breaking." "Well," says Snow, "let it *break*, it don't owe me any thing."

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