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EASTON: TUESDAY MORNING
JULY 14, 1807.

Washington city, July 8.

A Pilot Boat yesterday arrived with an express to the Secretary of the Navy, from capt. Decatur, communicating the following important intelligence:

On the afternoon of the 3d inst. the four British ships of war came into Hampton Roads, and occupied a station between Hampton and Norfolk. Tenders were seen to leave the frigates, and to ascertain the soundings beyond the narrows, in the direction of Norfolk.

This, with other circumstances, led capt. Decatur to believe that their object was to take the Chesapeake and a French frigate lying at Norfolk, if not to threaten the town.

It is represented that the depth of water is sufficient to allow the passage of three of the British ships through the narrows.

On the succeeding morning a private vessel passing from Norfolk to Hampton was stopped by the British ships, and a demand made to carry a letter back to Norfolk. This the captain at first refused, but on the British commander threatening to sink him in case of non-compliance, he agreed to take the letter.—The letter was addressed to the people of Norfolk, and declared that unless they rescinded their resolutions, there should be a rigorous blockade, by which the entrance or departure of all vessels would be prohibited.

So impressed was capt. Decatur with its being the object of the British to take the Chesapeake, that he had his men at quarters during the whole of the night of the 3rd inst. The four gun boats stated to be in readiness at Norfolk had not sailed for Hampton, Capt. Decatur having judgsd it advisable to keep them for the defence of the Chesapeake, with which vesssel the French frigate was ready to co-operate. Four other gun boats in the neighborhood of Norfolk are getting ready.

The express left Norfolk on the 4th late in the day. After the boat had passed the frigates, which was effected with so much success as altogether to escape their notice, the commander saw a boat passing from Hampton towards Norfolk, hailed by the British; and afterwards return back towards Hampton. From this it is inferred that the blockade was then in actual force.

Orders have been issued from the war office to the governors of the several states, making a requisition of one hundred thousand MILITIA, to be ready to take the field at a moment's warning, and authorizing the acceptance of volunteers. Young men of America! rally round the standard of your country, and prepare yourselves in case of necessity, to overwhelm with irresistible energy, the violators of your rights!

In the course of a very short time, between sixty & eighty GUN-BOATS, fully equipped, will be stationed at the most exposed points of the U. States, to repel any aggression that may be offered.

All the lieutenants in the navy and midshipmen are ordered to repair immediately to Norfolk. Those who were in this neighborhood have already set off.

Latest from Norfolk.

[CIRCULAR.]

This day, the following letter was received by Richard E. Lee, esq. mayor of this borough, from commodore Douglas:

[COPY.]

His majesty's ship Bellona, Hampton Roads, July 3, 1807.

SIR,

I beg leave to represent to you, that having observed in the newspapers a resolution made by a committee, on the 29th ult. prohibiting any communication between his Britannic majesty's consul at Norfolk, and his ships lying at anchor in Lynhaven bay; and this being a measure extremely hostile, not only in depriving the British consul from discharging the duties of his office, but at the same time preventing me from obtaining that information so absolutely necessary for his majesty's service. I am therefore determined, if this infringement is not IMMEDIATELY ANNULLED, to prohibit every vessel, bound either in or out of Norfolk, to proceed to their destination, until I know the pleasure of my government, or the commander in chief's on this station.—You must be perfectly aware that the British flag never has nor never will be insulted with impunity. You must also be aware, that it has been and is still in my power to obstruct the whole trade of the Chesapeake since the late circumstance, which I desisted from, trusting that general unanimity would be restored. Respecting the circumstance of the deserters lately apprehended from the U. S. frigate Chesapeake, in my opinion, must be decided between the two governments ALONE. It therefore rests with the inhabitants of Norfolk, either to engage in a war, or remain on terms of peace. Agreeably to my intentions, I have proceeded to Hampton Roads with the squadron under my command, to await your answer, which I trust you will favor me with without delay.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. E. DOUGLAS.

I enclose you two letters to the British consul at Norfolk, which you will be pleased to forward him.

J. E. D.

To which the Mayor returned the following Answer:

Norfolk, July 4, 1807.

Sir,

I have received your menacing letter of yesterday this moment. The day on which this answer is written ought of itself to suffice, to prove to the subjects of your sovereign, that the American people are not to be intimidated by menace, or induced to adopt any measures, except by a sense of their perfect propriety—Seduced by the false shew of sincerity, they may be sometimes surprized, and slaughtered while unprepared to resist a supposed friend. That delusive security, however, is now passed forever. The late occurrence has taught us to confide our safety no longer to any thing but to our own force. We are prepared for the worst which you may attempt and will do whatever shall be judged proper to repel force whensoever your efforts shall render any act of our's necessary—Thus much for the threats of your letter, which can be considered in no other light than as addressed to the supposed fears of our citizens.

In answer to that part of it which is particularly addressed to me, as the first judicial officer of this borough, I have but to say, that you must be aware, that the judiciary of no country possesses any other powers, than those conferred upon them by the laws.

The same channels through which you have derived the intelligence stated by yourself, must also have announced to you that the act of which you complain, is an act of individuals, and not of the government. If this act be very wrong and illegal the judiciary of this country, whenever the case is properly brought before it, will take care to do its duty. At present they have no judicial information of any outrage on their laws, and therefore cannot act.

If you, sir, please to consider this act of individuals as a measure "expressly hostile," and shall commence hostility, without waiting the decision of our two governments, (although you yourself acknowledge that it properly belongs to them alone to decide) the inhabitants of Norfolk will conform to your example, and protect themselves against any lawless aggression which may be made upon their persons or property—They therefore leave it with you, "either to engage in a war, or to remain in terms of peace,', until the pleasure of our respective governments shall be known.

Your letters to the British Consul at this place have been forwarded to him.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

RICHARD EVERS LEE, Mayor
Of the Borough of Norfolk.

To com. J. E. Douglas commanding his Britannic majesty's ship the Bellona, now lying in Hampton Roads.

[The above answer was taken on board the Bellona, by L. W. Tazewell, Esq. of Norfolk, when a lengthy discussion took place between him and the several captains on that station, in which captain Douglas, supported by the others, positively denied a wish to commit any hostility on, or menace the citizens; and returned the following reply to the Mayor of Norfolk. The discussion is given at length in the Norfolk paper of the 8th by Mr. Tazewell, its length precludes its insertion in this morning's Star.]

His Majesty's ship Bellona, Hampton Roads, 6th July, 1807.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, in answer to mine of the preceding day, requesting that the British consul might be restored to his powers.

As every circumstance relative to the above communication was so fully discussed in presence of the gentlemen deputed by the magistracy of Norfolk, as bearers of dispatch, I have only in addition to remark, that as far as I am individually concerned, every exertion shall be used that can, consistent with the honour and dignity of the British flag, tend to an amicable termination.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

J. E. DOUGLAS.

RICHARD E. LEE, Esq. Mayor of the borough of Norfolk, Virginia.

On the 4th of July, 1807, a number of the citizens of Queen Ann's county, in the state of Maryland, assembled at the house of Benjamin Hatcheson, in the town of Centre-Ville, and having called Henry Darden, Esq. to the chair, and appointed Daniel C. Hopper, Esq. secretary. The object of the meeting having been explained by a short address—A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions, to meet the feelings of the occasion.

The committee composed of the following citizens, Samuel T. Wright, Richard T. Earle, William Chambers, Stephen Lowrey, Perry E. Noel, Robert Goldsborough, William H. Nicholson, and John E. Spencer, having retired a few minutes, reported the resolutions following, which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas it is the decided opinion of this meeting, that whenever the sovereignty of our country shall be violated by foreign outrage and insult, it is the duty of the people to express to their government and fellow citizens those sentiments which actuate and warm their feelings—Therefore,

Resolved unanimously, That this meeting view the British enormities lately committed on the frigate Chesapeake, with resentive indignation, and consider the authors of them as the bitterest of our country's foes.

Resolved unanimously, That we repose full confidence in the constituted auhorities of our country, and without intimating what course they may pursue to obtain satisfaction for the national wrong—we pledge our lives and fortunes to support those measures that the wisdom of our government may dictate—whether of vengeance or retaliation.

Resolved unanimously, That we recognize in the resolute conduct of the inhabitants of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Hampton, a renovation of the spirit of seventy-six, and earnestly recommend their patriotic exertions to the imitation of our fellow citizens in every part of the United States.

Resolved unanimously, That whoever shall attempt to justify or palliate this unprovoked and base aggression, are in our estimation, enemies to our country, traitors to national honor, and merit the contempt, reproach and scorn of every friend to the union.

Resolved unanimously, That copies of the proceedings of this meeting be transmitted by the chairman to the President of the United States, to the Governor of Maryland, and that they be published in the Republican Star, at Easton.

Signed in behalf of the meeting.

HENRY DARDEN, Chairman.

Teste,

DANL. C. HOPPER, Sec'ry.

To the citizens of Talbot.

Your attendance at Easton, on Tuesday 21st, is particularly requested at this momentous crisis; your independence, (the legacy of the heroes of '76) has been attacked by a band of sea robbers and pirates; you are now called upon to assemble around the standard of your country, and adopt measures that will convince the *cowardly assassins*, that we are the descendants of those heroes who once drove them from our country, and that *We* are willing and ready to do it again, or perish with our constitution.

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"CIVIS" and others, shall appear.

A meeting

Of the Citizens of Caroline County, is requested at Denton, on the twenty first day of July, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of adopting certain resolutions expressive of their indignation of the recent assassin-like attack, and murder of our fellow Citizens by the Leopard, a British Ship of war, on the United States Ship Chesapeake.

Citizens of Tulbot County!

*** *AN interesting and important occurrence having recently taken place, intimately involving our national character and the public interest, it is all important that the sense of the people should be known. You are therefore hereby invited to attend in general meeting, at the Court-House, in Easton, on Tuesday the 21st July, instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon.* *July 7, 1807.*

Will be Sold at Public Sale,

At Gallaway, the farm of *Henry Nicols*, Esq. on *Wednesday* the 22d instant, on nine months credits, a variety of *Household, and Kitchen*

FURNITURE;

Also some Bacon, Lard, Corn, and Brandy. Attendance given by

SARAH WILSON,
ELIZABETH WILSON,

July 14, 1807.

Journeymen Carpenters.

THREE or Four Journeymen *House Carpenters*, that understand, and will attend to their business, will meet with good wages and constant employ, by an early application at the Star Office, Easton, Maryland.

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Chester-Town, June 10, 1807.

ORDERED, by the Commissioners of the Tax for Kent county, That the following advertisement be inserted once per week for and during four weeks successively, in the "Federal Gazette," printed at Baltimore, and in the "Republican Star," printed at Easton.

By Order,

GIDEON PEARCE, Clk.

A LIST

Of the Tracts and Lots of Land in Kent county charged for the payment of county taxes, and the amount of the taxes thereon respectively due for the years 1804, 1805, and 1806, with the names of the persons respectively chargeable with the payment of the same; the taxes thereon being now due and unpaid, and no personal property in the said county, liable for, or chargeable with the same, could be found by the collector of the county aforesaid, as by his return to the commissioners of the tax for the said county, appears.

Persons names.	*Names of Tracts & Nos. of Lots.*	*amo't. of taxes due*
Brown Morgans heirs,	Part of Batchelors hope, Reardon, and part of Meconican,	2 94
Copper James,	Part of Hinchingham,	1 98
Gettings Arael's heirs,	Part of Hinchingham,	1 16
Smith James' heirs,	Part of Smith's chance, & part of Skinner's marsh,	1 16
Tilghman Matthew's heirs,	Part of Standaway part of Cooper's Folly, part of Comegy's Farm, part of Warner's Levels, a lot of ground in Chester town, no. 22, Mount Pleasant, or Derry & Bryan's Delight,	39 23
Thistlewood William,	Part of Tilghman's Farm	0 46
Vaux James of Philadelphia,	Part of Fair Harbor and Broad Knox,	6 13
In the Second District.		
Anderson Roberts's heirs	Part of Worton Manor, pt of Cornwallis's Choice, & Carroll's long slipe, part of Budd's Meadows, Budd's Discovery, and the meadows, lots, nos. 11 & 13, in Chester town,	21 74
Beck Saml. jun.	Part of Gamble's Farm,	0 87
Black John, of New Jersey,	Part of Warner's Levels,	4 79
Clarkson Levinus,	A lot in Chestertown, no. 75,	9 92
Crockett Richard's heirs,	ditto ditto no. 75,	10 50
Maxwell Alexander,	lots no. 23 and 81 in Chester town,	11 59
M'Clure Thomas's heirs,	A lot in Chestertown, no. 88,	12 59
Story Ralph's heirs,	lots in Chestertown, nos. 24 & 84,	5 98
Thos. Milcah,	Part of Ashley's Green,	0 53
Young John,	lots in Chestertown, nos. 52 and 54,	1 10
In the Third District.		
Brooks John's heirs,	Rebecca's Desire, part of Good Hope, & addition to Good Hope,	1 78
Ford William's heirs,	Chance & Broomfield,	3 34
M'Call Archibald,	Part of Standaway and part of Bennett's Regulation,	0 78
Stavely William's heirs,	Part of Stavely's lot,	5 75
Woodland Jnos heirs,	Part of Partnership Point, Knesbury and Harbolt, Chance, part of Wright's Chance James's Addition, Plain Dealing, and part of Partnership,	20 64
Woodall James' heirs,	Part of Smothers' Plains, part of Grantham, part of Forest & Stepneyfields,	1 64
In the Fourth District.		
Bostick Eleanor (widow)	Mitchell's Chance	5 22
Bantham William,	Part of Cock-stall	2 95
Boyer Augustine junior.	Rich Level,	24 90
Bishop Risdon,	Hicks's Hazard,	6 26
Blackiston Jacob (free negro)	A lot near Geo. Town Cross Roads,	0 90
Baird Alexander's heirs,	Forest-Place,	7 50
Beck Samuel's heirs,	Fair Dealing,	8 16
Covington Joshua,	Part of Hope,	3 84
Calbert Isaac's heirs,	A lot at the Head of Chester,	16
Empson Thomas's heirs,	Rich Level, Chance and Adventure,	12 31
Elliot Robert rev.	A lot at Georgetown,	2 92
Elaison Elijah	A lot near the Head of Sassafras	3 45
Fields John	A lot at the Head of Chester	1 64
Falconar Mary, widow of Gilbt.	lots at the Head of Chester	4 57
Greenwood William,	Part of Deer Park and part of Adventure,	3 70
Gilpin's Lydia, Joshua and Thomas.	London Bridge renewed, & Hall's Harbour, Commons, &c. and a number of lots at the Head of Chester,	116 2
Hurtt Richard's heirs,	A lot at Georgetown ⋈ Roads,	2 33
Jervis Mary	Part of Angel's Rest,	4 79
Jervis John	A lot at Georgetown	1 85
Leonard Francis	A lot near Geo. Town ⋈ Roads	2 70
Massy Daniel's heirs,	Part of Partnership	0 70
Massey Sarah	Whaley's Addition resurveyed	5 42
Miers Elizabeth's heirs,	A lot of 12 acres near the Head of Chester	2 86
Miers Williams's heirs,	Bordley's Gift & Resurvey, & a lot at the Head of Chester	6 63
Massy Stephen's heirs,	Two lots at the Head of Chester	10 7
Piner Philip, free negro	A lot near Geo. Town ⋈ Roads	0 94
Richardson William	Adventure	3 35
Rochester Daniel,	A lot at Massey's Cross Roads	1 16
Strawbridge Jas. Philadelphia,	Part of Fork's New Addition	1 60
Smith Nathl.	A lot near Massey's ⋈ Roads	2 25
Samuel, a free negro	A lot near Geo. Town ⋈ Roads	0 94
Thomas Joshua of Q. Ann's cty.	A lot at the Head of Chester	5 41
Vansant Geo. Taylor's heirs	A lot near Geo. Town ⋈ Roads	2 30
Williamson Alexander's heirs	A lot in George-Town	8 53

Notice is hereby given.

THAT unless the county charges due on the lands as aforesaid, proportion of advertising, and other legal charges thereon due, shall be paid to *William Moffett*, Esquire, the late collector of the said county, on or before the third day of September next, (or "*within the space of thirty days after the publication of this notice is completed*,") 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, pursuant to the directions of an act of the general assembly, entitled, "an act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in the several counties of this state,"—passed at November session, in the year 1797.

By Order of the Commissioners of the Tax for Kent County.

Attest,

GIDEON PEARCE, Clk.

Chester-Town, Kent county, June 10, 1807.

NOTE.—It is not my intention to authorise any person to receive for me any of the taxes due as above; so therefore those persons who are interested in the property above described, are requested to pay the taxes due thereon, with charges of advertising, to no other person but

WILLIAM MOFFETT,
Late Collector of Kent County.

For Rent.

And possession given the first day of January next,

THAT large and commodious two story *Brick House* and Lot, at the corner of Goldsborough and Harrison streets, at present in the occupancy of Nicholas Hammond, Esq. For terms apply to the subscriber, in Easton.

MARY TRIPPE.

July 14, 1807. tf

Partnership Dissolved.

THE partnership of *Benjamin and William S. Richardson*, was dissolved on the first instant, by mutual consent—all persons having claims against said Firm will please to bring them in for settlement; and all those indebted to said Firm are desired to make immediate payment to Benjamin Richardson, in Easton, who will remain for a short time to close the business of said Firm.

BENJ. RICHARDSON,
WM. S. RICHARDSON.

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N. B. The business will in future be carried on by the subscriber, at the Trappe, in this county, where he intends keeping a good assortment, and will sell low for cash or country produce.

WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON.

July 14.

Will be rented,

For the remainder of the year,

THE *Dwelling House* and *Store*, opposite the Court House, lately occupied by them, and possession given immediately—the whole is in good repair. For terms apply at the Star Office, or to

BENJ. RICHARDSON.

Six Cents Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber living in Caroline county, on or about the 20th of May last, an apprentice boy named JAMES GEELAND, *aged about nineteen years, or thereabout. Whoever will apprehend said boy and deliver him to the subscriber, shall receive the above reward.*

JAMES PLUMMER.

Tuckahoe, July 14, 1807. 3q