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1. That at no time had the council partaken of the opinion given by the minister: and

2d. That this opinion being that of an individual could not possess either the force or the authority of one truly ministerial.

It appears to me, as I think it will appear to your Excellency, that the council have, in these statements, been less correct than is usual to them on similar occasions. If, as they now assert, they have never partaken of the minister's opinion; if they have never even hesitated on the question, whether the decree of November did or did not derogate from the treaty of 1800, why, I ask, suspend the American cases generally? or why decide as they did in the case of the Hibernia? If I mistake not, we find in this case the recognition of the very principle laid down by the minister of marine. That officer says "in my opinion the November decree does not work any change in the rules at present observed with respect to neutral commerce, and consequently none in the convention of the 8th Vendemaire, year 9." And what says the council? "*Admitting* that this part of the cargo (the rum and ginger) was of *British origin*, the dispositions of the November decree *(which contain nothing with regard to their own influence over the convention of the 8th Vendemaire, year 9)* evidently cannot be applied to a ship leaving America on the fifth of the same month of November: and of course cannot have authorised her capture in the moment she was entering the neutral port of her destination." We have here three distinct grounds of exemption from the effects of the November decree.

1. The *entire silence* of that decree with regard to its own influence over the convention of 1800:

2d. The *early period* at which the ship left the U. States, and

3d. The *neutral character* of the port to which she was destined.

If such, sir, were the principles admitted by the council on the 5th of March last, with what correctness can it be now said "that at no period have they partaken of the opinion of the minister?"

The second fact asserted by the council is that the interpretation of the decree in question given on the 24th of December, 1806, was *private*, not *public*—or in other words, that it was the interpretation of the *man*, not that of the *minister*—and as such, cannot outweigh the more recent declaration coming directly from his majesty himself.

On the comparative weight of these declarations I shall say nothing, nor shall I do more to repel the first part of the insinuation *(that the minister's declaration was that only of the individual)*—than to submit to your excellency my letter of the 20th of December, 1806, claiming from that minister an *official* interpretation of the decree in question, and his answer of the 24th of the same month, giving to me the interpretation demanded.

To your excellency, who as late as the 21st of August last, considered the minister of marine as the natural organ of his majesty's will, in whatever regarded the decree aforesaid, and who actually applied to him for information relating to it, this allegation of the council of prizes and the reasoning founded upon it, cannot but appear very extraordinary, and will justify me in requesting that his majesty may be moved to set aside the decision in question, on the ground of error in the opinion of the council.

If in support of this conclusion I have drawn no arguments from the treaty of 1800, nor from the laws of nations, your excellency will not be at a loss to assign to this omission its true cause. It would surely have been an useless formality to appeal to authorities, not only practically, but even professedly extinct. In the letter of the minister of justice of the 18th of September, we are told by his majesty himself, that "since *he* had not judged proper to make any exception in the letter of his decree, there was no room to make any in its execution," and in the report of your excellency's predecessor, of the 20th of November, 1806, we have these memorable words:

"England has declared those places blockaded, before which she had not a single ship of war."

"She has done more, for she has declared in a state of blockade, places which all her assembled forces were incapable of blockading—immense coasts and a vast empire."

"Afterwards drawing from a chemerical right and from an assumed fact the consequence that she might justly make her prey of every thing going to the places laid under interdiction by a simple declaration of the British admiralty, and of every thing arising therefrom, and carrying this doctrine into effect, she has alarmed neutral navigators, and driven them to a distance from ports whither their interests attracted them, and which the law of nations authorised them to frequent.

"Thus it is that she has turned to her own profit, and to the detriment of Europe, but more particularly of France, the audacity with which *she mocks at all rights and insults even reason itself.*

"Against a power which forgets to such a pitch all ideas of justice, and all human sentiments, *what can be done but to forget them for an instant one's self?*"

Words cannot go further to shew the extinguished authority in the one case of the treaty subsisting between the United States and his imperial majesty, and in the other of the law of nations. To appeal to them therefore would be literally appealing to the dead.

Accept, sir, &c. &c.

JOHN ARMSTRONG.

His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

(To be Continued.)

Notice.

To be sold at public vendue, on Monday, *the 5th day of December next, on the premises, at 12 o'Clock,*

A VALUABLE TRACT of LAND lying in Caroline county, near *Jesse Connelly's*, and within two miles of Hunting Creek, belonging to the heirs of Henry Williss, deceased, containing about two hundred and twenty-two acres, some of which is cleared and in cultivation—One third part of the purchase money must be paid down, and two thirds on a credit of twelve months, by giving bond or note with approved security; and on the payment of the whole of the purchase money, a Deed will be given for the said Land, conveying all the right, title, claim, interest and estate of the said Henry Williss, deceased, of, in, and unto the said land, agreeably to an order of the court of Caroline county, and the acts of assembly in such case made and provided.

WILLIAM HASKINS, and
FREDERICK HOLBROOK,
Commissioners.

Caroline county, November 22, 1808—2

Public Vendue.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of December next, at the late residence of *John Robinson*, deceased, near the Royal Oak, the following property, consisting of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, together with a variety of articles too tedious to mention. The terms of the above sale will be nine months credit on all sums over five dollars; for five dollars, and all sums under, the cash will be required, the purchaser giving bond or note, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale—on the above day the terms will be more fully made known. The sale to begin at ten o'clock, and attendance given, by

STANLEY ROBINSON, and
JESSE ROBINSON, Adm'rs of
John Robinson, dec'd.

November 22, 1808. 3

WILLIAM NORRIS, JUNIOR.
Sign of the TEA CANISTER,
No. 64, MARKET-STREET, BALTIMORE.

Has for Sale,

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY KEGS English Gunpowder, from the first manufactory in England, and warranted equal if not superior to any in the United States—Also, English Battle Powder, in pound Papers and Canisters, and London patent Shot assorted, from large size, double B. to No. 10, with a complete assortment of Old Wines, Brandies, &c.—which will be sold on pleasing terms.

W. Norris, jun. has for sale, Imperial Gunpowder, Hyson, Young Hyson, Hyson Skin, Pekoe, Padre, and Souchong TEAS, selected from the best cargoes, imported into the United States, by wholesale and retail.

☞ Orders from Country Store Keepers, Private Families, or those who keep Public Houses, attended to with Promptitude and Fidelity. 3q

Edward Markland,

RESPECTFULLY informs the public, that he intends to commence a SCHOOL, in the town of Easton, the first of January, 1809, in that well known room over the Old Market House; where he designs to teach as follows, viz.—The English Language, Writing, Arithmetic, Vulgar, Decimal, and Duodecimal, Mensuration of Superfices and Solids; Gauging, Geometry, Trigonometry, Navigation—with the use of Sea Instruments, Maps and Charts—Surveying, including levelling, and the application of Trigonometry to Altimetry and Longimetry—Geography (if required) with the use and construction of the Maps.

He earnestly solicits the notice and patronage of the respectable citizens of Easton, and others, and will promise, that his endeavours shall not be wanting to promote the improvement of his pupils.

November 22, 1808. tf

Notice.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of *Samuel Black*, late of Dorchester county, deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, properly authenticated to the subscriber without delay, living at Wye-Mill, Talbot county. Those who are indebted to the said estate, in Dorchester county, are requested to pay the same to John Williams Esq in whose hands the books of said deceased are deposited. All other debts due the estate must be paid without any further indulgence to the subscriber.

REBECCA BLACK.

Wye-Mill, November 15, 1808. 3

Notice.

THE subscriber wants to employ a BLACKSMITH, for the next year.

JAMES NABB.

Talbot county, Md. Nov. 15, 1808. 3

Notice.

BY Order of the Orphan's Court of Talbot county, all persons indebted to the estate of *Robins Chamberlaine*, late of Talbot county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment to the subscriber; and all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, properly authenticated, for settlement, on or before the 22d day of May next, or by law they will be barred any benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 22d day of November, 1808.

WM. HAYWARD, Adm'r of
R. Chamberlaine, dec'd.

Talbot county, Nov. 22, 1808. 3

N. B. Any person in possession of BOOKS, borrowed of the late R. Chamberlaine, are requested to return the same to W. H.

By Order

Of the Orphan's Court of Caroline county,

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the twenty-seventh day of May, 1809, at Denton, in Caroline county, in the Court-House of said county, a dividend of the personal estate of WILLIAM FRAZIER, deceased, will be struck among his creditors, and distribution of the monies then in hand will be paid as the law directs; at which day and place the creditors are required to appear, with their claims against the deceased, properly authenticated, by WILLIAM RICHARDSON, for

HENRIETTA M. FRAZIER, Ex'trx.

November 22, 1808. 3q

November Term, 1808.

ORDERED, by the Orphan's Court of Kent county, that *Samuel Chew* Esq. administrator of *John Chew*, deceased, cause to be inserted in the "Star," at Easton, the following notice for three weeks successively.

Test,
RICHD. BARROLL, Reg'r.

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber hath obtained from the orphan's court of Kent county, Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of *John Chew*, late of said county, deceased—All persons having claims against said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at or before the first day of July next, ensuing; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.—Given under my hand this 5th day of November 1808.

SAML. CHEW, Adm'r of
John Chew, dec'd.

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the Firm of *Nelson and Moore*, late of this city, grocers, &c. by bond, note or book account, are requested to make immediate payment to WILLIAM JONES, acting assignee, No. 53, County Wharf; who hereby forewarns all the aforesaid debtors from making payment to any person but himself or order, he holding the books and papers of the said Firm, legally assigned to the subscribers.

WILLIAM JONES,
CHARLES GWYNN.

For sale,

A VALUABLE tract of LAND, called PROGRESS, containing four hundred and fifty Acres, lying in Caroline county, within a few miles of colonel KEENE's, and on which *Elijah Pippin* formerly lived. Any person wishing to view said land, will please to call on colonel Keene; and the terms of sale will be made known by

HENRY BRICE, Baltimore, or
JOHN TILGHMAN, Centreville.

Centreville, February 16, 1808. tf

JOHN MEREDITH,

Has just opened a handsome assortment of

FALL GOODS:—

AMONG WHICH ARE,

SUPERFINE and second cloths, coarse do. and coatings, cassimeres, swandowns, flannels, blankets, bocking baizes, marseilles, president's and other cords, peleisse and common velvets, men and women's worsted and cotton hosiery, women's black and white silk do. do. rabbit furr, silk and leather gloves, men's mill'd and buckskin do. cambric muslins, fancy and second mourning calicoes, black cambric muslins, black and white leno shawls, linen and cotton checks, bedticking, ticklenburg and hemp linen, &c. &c. &c. together with a good assortment of

Hardware and Groceries—

All which he will sell on the most reasonable terms for cash. He returns his thanks for the liberal encouragement he has met with while in business here, and hopes to merit a continuation of favours from his friends and the public.

Easton, November 15, 1808. 3

Notice.

ALL persons who purchased property at the sale of the personal estate of *William Sherwood*, late of Talbot county, deceased, are notified that their notes are now due—The above property was sold for the payment of the deceased's debts, therefore no indulgence can be given.

ROBERT KEMP.

11th mo. 15th, 1808. 3

A miller wanted,

FOR the ensuing year, that can come well recommended for his honesty, sobriety and knowledge of the above business, will meet with employ by applying to the subscriber, in Talbot County.

SAMUEL ABBOTT.

November 8, 1808. tf

Thomas H. Dawson, & Co.

EASTON,

HAVE JUST RECEIVED—

200 lb. best Peruvian Bark
100 lb. Orange Peal
100 lb. Alexandria Senna
100 lb. Gum Guaiacum
200 lb. Castile Soap
100 lb. Columbo Root.
Gentian Root
Spanish Flies
Camomile Flowers
Calomel
Jalap
Opium
Rhubarb
Madder
Indigo
Copperas
Allum
Windsor and Violet Soap
Wash Balls
Teeth Brushes
Tooth Powder
Court Plaister
Durable Ink
Shining Liquid Blacking, for Boots and Shoes
Patent Medicines
Surgeons Instruments, &c. &c.

Which they will sell wholesale and retail.

☞ Orders from physicians, druggists, store-keepers and families, executed with fidelity and dispatch, on very reasonable terms, for cash or the usual credit.

Medicine chests for plantations and families of any description, put up and repaired at the shortest notice.

Easton, October 18, 1808. tf

For sale,

THAT beautiful situation on Choptank river, opposite the town of Cambridge, known by the name of Akers's Ferry, and now in the possession and occupancy of JAMES SAUNDERS. It consists of one hundred and thirty-three acres and one third of an acre of LAND—thirty-three acres of which are in excellent wood and timber, the remaining one hundred acres are arable, and lie along Choptank river and Bolingbrook creek, binding therewith, and contain the Ferry House, and all the other necessary out buildings, with garden, orchard, &c. This is a most delightful situation for the residence of a private gentleman, or would be a most lucrative stand for a Tavern and Ferry. This place is remarkably healthy, and abounds in all the delicacies desired from the salt rivers, viz. fish, oysters, wild fowl, &c. For terms apply to James Saunders, living on the premises.

October 11, 1808. tf

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber of Worcester county, hath obtained from the orphan's court of Worcester county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of *Elijah Stevenson*, late of said county, deceased—All persons having claims against the said deceased, are warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at or before the 9th day of May next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.—Given under my hand this 8th day of November, Anno Domini 1808. 3

WILLIAM STEVENSON, Adm'r.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post-Office, George-Town Cross Roads, Nov. 4, 1808.

BENJAMIN BARGER, W. Briscoe, Harriet Boyer, Richard Blackiston (2) Eleonor Brooks, Eliza Berry, Kennard Blackiston, Richard Bryon (2) Daniel Bussard, William Bachhouse, Charles Barrie, Joshua Browning, Milcha Blackiston, Samuel Casey, Campbell Cornelius, Thomas Chears, Elizabeth Crabbin, William Copper, Cornelius Comegys (4) Margaret Downs, J. W. Doweli, John Dawson, Thomas Etherington, James Fields, John Glann, Dr. Joseph Gordon (3) John Griffin (2) William Gino, Samuel Granfield, Mrs. George (2) Mary Green, capt. John Gray, Abraham Henry, Samuel Hoxter Samuel Johnston, Joseph Jackson, Wm. Knight (2) William Kindle, Thomas Lusby, Wm. B. Lambden, Jane Moles, Aquilla Meeks, Jesse Massey, Lancelot Moffett, Nathl. Newnam, Amelia Price, Wm. Price, Bartis Piner, Joshua D. Robinson, Samuel Rasin, Stephen Richardson, Jno. Somerville, Wm. Stewart, Oliver Smith, Christopher Spry, Gracy Scott, Jas. Stoops, Richard Stocket, John Savin, Alexander Sanderson, Thomas Sewell, William Spearman, Joshua Starr, Elizabeth Thomas, Lody Tharp, Jane Wiley, James Wingate, Edwd. Wilkins, R. F. Wilmer, Woolman Warner, John Williamson (2.)

To be let,

THAT large and convenient TAVERN, in Centreville, Queen-Ann's county, at present occupied by Mr. *Benjamin Hatchison*. This house is well calculated for a Tavern; it is roomy and convenient, and is an excellent stand for business. There is also on the premises, a large and convenient stable and carriage-house, a well of good water and a large garden; the premises are in good repair, and will be let for one year or a term of years, and possession given the first day of January next. For terms apply to

JAMES BROWN.

Queen Ann's county, Nov. 8, 1808. 4

To be rented,

THE HOUSE where Mr. Abbott now lives, and the middle one adjoining him. These houses are as well situated as any in Easton for business. For terms apply to the subscriber.

ROBERT LLOYD NICOLS.

October 4, 1808. tf

Wanted,

AN OVERSEER for Blooming Dale. Apply to TURBUTT HARRIS, near Queen's-Town.

November 15, 1808. 3

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel County, Orphan's Court. MAY 3, 1808.

ON application by petition, of SOPHIA MERCER, executrix of the last will and testament of *Richard Sprigg*, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered, that she give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette, one of the Baltimore papers, and the paper at Easton.

JOHN GASSAWAY, Reg. Wills
for Anne-Arundel county.

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphan's court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Richard Sprigg, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased.—All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the third day of November next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this third day of May, 1808.

SOPHIA MERCER, Ex'trx. 6m

Valuable Land for sale.

THE subscriber will sell about eighty acres of very valuable land, adjoining one of the largest and best marshes on Choptank River, being part of the land whereon I now reside, with a proportion of marsh, and being but a short distance from Easton—To accommodate purchasers, it will be divided into lots for the advantage of the marsh. For terms apply to Joseph Haskins, in Easton, who will shew the plat, or to the subscriber.

SOPHIA HARRISON.

October 4, 1808. tf

For sale,

A TRACT of LAND, containing about six hundred acres, and situate on Blackwater River, in Dorchester county, four miles from Cambridge.—The soil is rich and the land remarkably well timbered. The buildings and improvements are not considerable. Any person wishing to purchase may view the premises and know the terms of sale, by applying to Doctor *Richard Goldsborough*, in the town of Cambridge, or the subscriber, living near Annapolis.

HORATIO RIDOUT.

September 13, 1808. 13

For sale,

A FARM containing one hundred and thirty-five acres of LAND, eighty-five acres of which is arable, the remainder in wood: This farm is in Oxford-Neck, on the waters of Third-haven and Island creeks, the situation is handsome, in a genteel neighbourhood, and the soil equal to any in the county.—For terms apply to Doct. T. Thomas, in Easton, or to the subscriber.

WM. THOMAS.

Talbot county, Sept. 27, 1808. tf

Notice

IS hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, that I, Nathan Maloney, of Talbot county, carpenter, intend to apply after two months from this notice, to the judges of Talbot county court, or to one of them, for the benefit of the act of assembly of Maryland, entitled, "an act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors," passed at November session, 1805, and of the supplements thereto.

NATHAN MALONY.

October 11, 1808. 8

Notice.

WAS committed to the gaol of Frederick county, Maryland, on the 10th instant, as a runaway, a negro man, who calls himself Billy Cooke, alias, Adam Goodlet; he is a smart active fellow, very black, appears to be about 27 or 28 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, well made; he had on when committed a mix'd colored cloth coatee, a white Marseilles waistcoat, a pair of striped nankeen pantaloons, black worsted stock, a furr hat, white linen shirt, with a gold breast pin, likewise a silver watch; he has a large bundle of clothing of various kinds, has a small scar above his eye, slightly pitted with the small pox in his face, and wears his hair platted over his forehead—He says he belongs to Mr. Seth Barton, of Frederick county, in the state of Virginia. The owner is hereby requested to come and release him, otherwise he will be sold for his prison fees agreeably to law.

GEORGE CREAGER, Jun.
Sheriff of Frederick county, Md.

Oct. 29 (Nov. 15) 1808. 8

Notice.

WAS committed to the custody of the sheriff of Harford county, a bright mulatto lad named Ned, 5 feet 9 inches high, about 19 years of age, rather full faced, says he belongs to a Dr. Turner, near Port Tobacco, in Charles county, Maryland—Had on when committed a blue broad cloth coat, corduroy pantaloons much worn, and an old coarse linen shirt, a pair of boots, and a tolerable good hat. The owner is hereby requested to release the said negro, otherwise he will be sold for his prison fees and other charges, agreeably to law.

BENJ. G. JONES.
Sheriff of Harford county.

The Editors of the George-town and Easton papers are requested to copy the above.

Sept. 20, (Nov. 8) 1808. 8