

Extract of a letter from Boston, dated November 7, 1812.

Since the commencement of the present war, the arms of the United States have been unfortunate on land, but the honor of our country has been gallantly sustained on the ocean. The use and necessity of a marine force has been amply demonstrated, and the eyes of our countrymen seem opened to its importance. Is it not then a matter of deep regret, that the government should labor to destroy a navy, while the people are disposed to build it up? The refusal to ratify the exchange of captain Crane, his officers and crew, together with the exchange of captain Daerces for lieutenant Miller, furnish new evidence of inveterate hostility to a navy in the members of the administration. But a late act of the government is calculated to be still more highly injurious to the naval service. I allude to the nomination of lieutenant Charles Morris to be a post-captain. If this nomination be confirmed by the Senate, the immediate consequence will be, the resignation of several, if not all the masters and commanders, who have been superseded by this unprecedented promotion. Among the number of these officers, who will thus be lost to the service, are men whose places cannot be easily supplied—men who have rendered essential services to their country, and only want an opportunity to gather fresh laurels. In the number of these, are captains Lawrence and Jones. Captain James Lawrence, of the Hornet, has been fourteen years in the service, and for the whole of that period has been distinguished as an intelligent, active & valiant officer. Upon one occasion, he stood in the same situation, and performed the same service, for which lieutenant Morris has been promoted. He was first lieutenant under commodore Decatur, and with him boarded and burnt the frigate Philadelphia. This was certainly as gallant an action as the capture of the Guerriere. For this service captain Lawrence has never been rewarded. Commodore Decatur was then raised one grade, and two months additional pay was voted by congress to the officers and men under his command. This captain Lawrence refused to accept. Of captain Lawrence it is said by all the officers in command of his squadron, that he is one of the best officers in the service, and that during their late cruise he was most distinguished for activity and vigilance.

Of captain Jones it is unnecessary to say any thing. His exploit is recent. He captured a British vessel of equal, if not superior force. Of the merit of lieutenant Morris I have the highest opinion—I think he is deserving of the promotion, but not of being promoted over other gallant officers of equal merit, and who have equally distinguished themselves, and rendered equal services to their country. If lieutenant Morris had been promoted a master and commander, he would then have succeeded six lieutenants, all of whom, however, would I believe, have acquiesced.

The current of public opinion sets strong in favor of a navy, and it is morally certain, that an augmentation of the marine will be speedily effected. Can there be any possible injury, then, resulting from the promotion of all the masters and commanders, or at least of such as have been most distinguished? At all events, if more frigates are to be built, will it not be injurious to drive from the service those men who are best qualified for command? Upon the principle now adopted by the executive, the station of a commander cannot be favorable to promotion. Having the command of a small vessel, generally attached to a frigate, he must be fortunate indeed, to have an opportunity to signalize himself by any brilliant achievement. If captain Lawrence should be so fortunate as to fall in with a ship of equal force, the country may depend upon his courage and his skill.

The promotion of an officer, more than one grade, is believed to be without precedent: and to reward the first lieutenant of a frigate for the capture of another frigate, without rewarding the captain, to whom the merit of the action is principally due, is no less singular. All the officers on board the Constitution, at the time of the engagement with the Guerriere, are understood to have discharged their duty with great fidelity and gallantry. But one only has been rewarded. The most certain effect of such discrimination is to excite jealousies and heart burnings, and consequently, to injure very materially the service. Of this opinion I understand commodore Rodgers and Bainbridge to be; one of whom wrote to the Secretary of the Navy to that effect.

The desire to see distinguished merit and gallantry rewarded should not be gratified by doing injustice to the claims of men also meritorious, and for whose services the country is equally indebted. The feelings of brave men ought to be respected, and the government of the country ought not to be stained by an act of ingratitude. This nomination is now before the senate: and the members of that body should reflect upon consequences before they ratify it.

We are authorized to state, that ALFRED H. POWELL, Esq. is a Candidate for the Senatorial District, composed of the Counties of Frederick, Berkeley, Jefferson, Hampshire and Hardy; that office having become vacant by the acceptance of Lewis Wolf Esq. of an office in the Farmers Bank of Virginia. August 29.

Wanted Immediately, TWO APPRENTICES

TO the Barbering business. They will also be taught the minor branches of Surgery, viz.

Reading, Tooth-drawing and Cupping. Advantageous births will be allowed them, and good treatment guaranteed. Apply to

JOHN FREDERICK, Barber.
Winchester, May 23, 1819. 162

The Subscriber

WISHES to sell the property belonging to the estate of the Rev. John Lyle, dec'd. in and near Springfield, Hampshire county, Virginia. This property consists of two Lots on the main street, on which there is a good Dwelling House, Kitchen, Smoke House and Stable, with a Store House lately occupied as such by Messrs. Morrison and Brady. Also a two acre Lot of excellent Meadows, and about twenty acres of Land near the town, a part of which is cleared. This property is well situated for a store or tavern, or it would suit a mechanic; a Weaver, Blacksmith or Tanner being very much wanted in the place. The whole of this property is offered very low (for 500 dollars) in order to render a sale of it certain and settle the business of the estate. Enquire of Mr. Isaac Henkel in Springfield or of the subscriber near Winchester.

JOSEPH GLASS.

Notice

A PETITION will be presented to the next General Assembly of this state, praying that a law may pass to erect a Toll Bridge across the Shenandoah River, at the eastern end of the Snicker Gap Turnpike Road.

July 18.

Ten Dollars Reward

DESERTED from my Recruiting Rendezvous in Stanardsville, Orange county, Va., on the night of the 11th inst.

BENEDICT ATHEN,

a soldier about 23 years of age, five feet ten and three quarter inches high, ruddy complexion, dark eyes, sandy hair, and the fore finger of his left hand has been taken off at the middle joint; by occupation a schoolmaster; had on at the time of his desertion, a Black broad cloth coat, Black pantaloons and black taffers round his hat. I will give Ten dollars reward for apprehending the said deserter and delivering him to me or any Commissioned officer of the United States Army.

MICAJAH LYNCH, Lieut.
23th Reg't. Inf'y. U. S. A.
September 16, 1813. 80.

NOTICE

THE Stockholders in Ashby's Gap Turnpike Company, are requested to attend at Samuel Henderson's in the Town of Middleburg on the first Monday in December next to elect a President four Directors and one Treasurer to conduct the business for one year.

By order of the President & Directors,
A. GIBSON, Treasurer.
Middleburg Oct 17

An Overseer Wanted.

THE SUBSCRIBER

WISHES to employ a person in the above capacity for the ensuing year. A married man with a small family will be preferred. A good birth will be given to a person well qualified and who can come well recommended. It is needless for others to apply.

RICHARD P. BARTON.
Near Newtown, Oct. 18 3.

ATTENTION!

THE SUBSCRIBER

BEGS leave to inform his friends and acquaintances, and the public in general, that he has removed his TAILOR'S SHOP to the well known stand, a one story house, next door to Joseph Gamble, Esq. and opposite to Mr. Heronimus's tavern, where he carries on the TAILORING BUSINESS in the same attentive manner as before. He, in a most particular manner, desires to return his most sincere thanks, to the good and generous inhabitants of this place and its vicinity, for their particular favors and esteem. He again assures all those who feel disposed to favour him with their patronage, that their work, plain as well as uniform dresses, shall be executed in the newest and most elegant manner, at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms. The newest fashions to be particularly attended to.

W. W. VERNON.

Oct. 3

20 Dollars Reward.

DESERTED from the detachment under the command of Col. Thomas Parker, between the Blockhouse and Peters' camp, on the 18th ult.

WILLIAM FUGLER,

born in Virginia, aged twenty-one years, five feet nine inches high, fair complexion yellow hair and by profession a Joiner.—Also,

WILLIAM KNOX,

born in Sussex county, state of Delaware, aged twenty-one years, five feet and three quarters of an inch high, dark complexion, black eyes, black hair, and by profession a labourer. The face of the latter is remarkably round, full and plump.—Just before they deserted they had purchased themselves new fur hats. They had with them white summer clothing, but probably would change it as soon as possible. Whoever apprehends said deserters, and secures them so that any officer of the U. States Army can get them, shall receive the above reward.

WILLOUGHBY MORGAN,
Capt. 12th Infantry

Williamsport, Pen. Oct. 3.

NOTICE.

A PETITION will be presented to the next General Assembly of this commonwealth praying that a law may pass authorizing the OPIQUON MANUFACTURING COMPANY to make use of a part of the stream of water called Opiquon Creek whereon the works belonging to the said company are erected, in a manner calculated to facilitate the operations of the said manufactory, and productive of little, if any, inconvenience to other persons owning land on the said creek.

October 3. 2m81

Notice.

THE SUBSCRIBER have taken out letters of administration on the estate of Elijah Littler, dec'd. requests all those indebted to said estate to come forward previous to the first December next, and discharge their respective dues.—Persons having claims against the estate, are also requested to present the same for adjustment.

FRANCIS STRIBLING, Admr
of the Estate of Elijah Littler, dec'd.
October 17, 1812. 83 13

NOTICE.

THE annual meeting of the Stockholders, in the Little River Turnpike Company, will be on the first Monday in December next at the City Hotel, in Alexandria; at which time an Election will be held, for a President, four Directors and Treasurer—a statement of the accounts will be reported to the meeting. The Stockholders on the last subscription are notified, that the whole of the instalments on each share by them respectively subscribed, will have become due on the first of January, 1813, which they are requested to pay to Jonah Thompson in Alexandria.

By order of the Directors.
JONAH THOMPSON, Treas'r.
October 31, 1812. 58

Notice.

THE SUBSCRIBER having taken out Letters of Administration on the estate of John Mufe, dec'd. requests all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those who have claims against the estate are also requested to present the same for adjustment.

DOLPHIN DREW,
October 17, 1812. 83th

An Estray.

TAKEN UP by the subscriber living near Berry's Ferry, Frederick County Va. the 10th of October, 1812

A BAY HORSE,

off hind foot white, no mark or brand, fifteen and an half hands high, eight years old, appraised to Seventy Dollars. The owner is desired to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away.

JOHN MORGAN.
November 7, 1812. 3186

10 Dollars Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber, on the 1st November, living on Hog Creek, Frederick County, Va. a Negro man named

BILL,

He is about five feet eight or nine inches high, 24 years of age, and is well made, had on when he went away, an old wool hat, the crown sewed in with white thread, a cotton linsley coat very much torn, a pair of drab patched pantaloons and an old pair of shoes; a mark which is very perceptible, is two of his teeth out before and also a scar in his forehead. It is highly probable the said negro may change his clothing. I will give the above reward and reasonable charges to any person who will apprehend said negro and bring him home, or secure him in any goal so that I get him again.

JACOB BAKER.
November 14, 1812. 187.

VIRGINIA

IN the high court of Chancery holden at Staunton, 22 July, 1807,

BETWEEN JOHN FREDERICK, sen. and Lydia his wife, late Lydia Earhart, and John Frederick, jr. and Rachael his wife, late Rachael Earhart—PLAINTIFFS

—AND— Mary Earhart, widow of Philip Earhart, dec'd. Jacob Earhart, John Earhart, Philip Earhart, John Arnold and Mary his wife, John Winder and Betty his wife, Susan Earhart, which Jacob, John, Philip and Mary Arnold, Betsy, and Nancy Castleman and Susan Earhart, are sons and daughters of Philip Earhart, dec'd.—DEFENDANTS.

THIS cause came on the 22 day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1807, to be heard on the bill, the several orders of publication in this cause, against the absent defendants named therein, and it appearing to the court that the conditional decree as to these absent defendants, hath also been duly published, and that the subpoena has been returned, executed against the other defendants, and the bill filed more than three months, to which bill the said defendants have yet failed to answer, whereupon it is adjudged, ordered and decreed, That John Milton, Bulbrod Taylor, and George H. Norris, or any two of them, do go upon the lands of Philip Earhart, dec'd. and after allotting to Mary Earhart, his widow, her dower in the mill and ten acres of land appurtenant to said mill, that they do then make partition of the other two thirds of the mill and ten acres aforesaid, as also of the lease hold lands; in which lease hold lands the court supposed the said widow not entitled to dower, among all the children of the said Philip Earhart dec'd. as well plaintiffs as defendants according to quantity and quality: taking into view however, any lands which any of the said children shall have received from their said father, by way of advancement, which must be brought in to Hotehpor before any child so advanced shall be entitled to a share in the partition, and if necessary that the commissioners shall take the surveyor of Frederick county to aid them in the said partition, and that they do report their proceedings to the court in order to a final decree.

A Copy, Teste,
HENRY J. PEYTON, c. c. c.
THE above named defendants, to wit, Jacob Earhart, John Arnold, and Mary, his wife, Betty Winder, widow and relict of John Winder, deceased, and James Castleman and Mary his wife, being non-residents of this state, are hereby notified, that on the second Monday in January next, we shall proceed to execute the foregoing decree.

JOHN MILTON,
BUSHROD TAYLOR, } Com'rs.
GEORGE H. NORRIS. }
November 7, 1812. 18mJg3.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

THE Subscriber, who expects shortly to remove with his family to this town, will open a

SELECT SCHOOL,

if reasonably encouraged, where he will instruct the youth of both sexes, in ENGLISH GRAMMAR, WRITING

AND ARITHMETIC generally. Terms will be FIVE DOLLARS per quarter, with some additional charge for firewood, to be paid in advance, quarterly, at the time of entering. A subscription will be opened at his residence, on the dock or Market-street, nearly opposite the Rev. A. Balmains, where in his terms and regulations will be more particularly set forth; and no scholar will be admitted into the school until those terms and regulations are subscribed to; particular attention will be paid to the conduct of the pupils while at school. The subscriber will bind his patrons to procure such books as he shall approve; and no other, as class books, will be admitted into the school; those books will be Murray's Grammar and compilations generally, with Walkers pronouncing dictionary; as also some approved abridged American and English History and Geography, when the improvement of the pupils shall render it advantageous. If a small number of scholars can be had, the school will commence with the next year. Those persons who may feel disposed to patronize this school, are referred to the gentlemen of Charlestown, Jefferson, where the subscriber taught school for several years, for information respecting his qualifications as a teacher.

WELDON BRINTON.
Winchester, 14th Oct. 1812. 37

Penmanship.

Mr. SWEET, WILL again commence his courses of instruction in the useful and polite art of

PENMANSHIP, in Winchester. A fair, regular hand is acquired in the short practice of twenty four hours; or no charges will be made for tuition. Those who may desire to attend will please to make immediate application to Mr. McGuire. A night SCHOOL will be opened, and classes attended to in the country. Ladies will be waited upon, if requested, at their own houses. Tuition and Stationary 86, November 18. 1187

NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

THE SUBSCRIBER respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has just received from Baltimore, an

Extensive Assortment OF GOODS, well adapted to the present and approaching seasons, which were selected with great care, and will be sold low for cash or any article of produce that will answer the market.—He tenders grateful acknowledgments to those who have favored him with their custom, and earnestly solicits a continued share of public patronage.

GABRIEL JORDAN.
THE subscriber has on hand 400 YARDS OF Striped and Plain LINSEY'S G. J.
Winchester, Nov. 14, 1812. 31

This is to certify,

THAT on the 2d October, I left Washington county Pa. in company with George Kirk, who was in a state of partial derangement; that on the night of the 6th ultimo we lodged at John McCormick's, (a house formerly kept by Joseph Carter)—Previous to my leaving the house, the said Kirk expressed some uneasiness about his family and some money he had in his possession, and at his request I consented to take charge of it to deliver to his family—I received every cent he had in his possession, which amounted to 68 dollars. I then left him and proceeded on to Cannonsburg, since when I have been informed, that he suddenly disappeared and that reports injurious to Mr. McCormick's reputation are in circulation, such as, that he defrauded said Kirk, and robbed him of his money. In justice to Mr. McCormick, I again state explicitly that I did not leave a cent in the possession of said Kirk.

GEORGE MCCOKE, jun.
November 14, 1812. 87.
The above facts were sworn to before me, a Magistrate of the Peace for Frederick county, this 7th Nov. 1812.

BUSHROD TAYLOR.

Land for sale,

THE Subscriber has for sale a Tract OF LAND, on Long Marth, about three miles from Berryville, containing 296 Acres, about 220 acres of which are cleared.—The improvements consist of a frame House Kitchen and other out houses—a fine Orchard—about Thirty acres of excellent Meadow; the Land is inferior to none in the county.—For terms apply to the subscriber, near Berryville.

WARNER THROCKMORTON.
November 7, 1807. 186

TO PRINTERS.

Constant Employ and Liberal Wages will be given to a Journeyman Printer, if immediate application be made at this Office.

A Runaway Negro.

WAS committed to the Goal of this County on Sunday the 15th inst. a Negro Man who calls himself

AARON.

About 45 years old, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, thick lips; is not remarkably black nor can he be called a mulatto. He says he is the property of Chichester Esq. of Fairfax County Va. His owner is desired to come forward prove property and take him away or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

GEORGE TRISSLER,
Gaoler F. C.
Nov. 21, 1812. 88

Notice

THE President and Directors to the Snickers Gap Turnpike Road, will receive proposals from now till the 10th day of November next, at which time they will meet at Bacon-Fort to let the paving of the road from the bridge over the Beaver dam stream to Bacon-Fort, and from Bell's Spring in the ridge to Shenandoah river.

By order of the President & Directors,
LEVEN LUCKETT, Treas'r.
Oct. 3. 81

Deeds

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.