In COUNCIL, ANNAPOLIS, January 25, 1803.

ORDERED, That the act, entitled, an act respecting the debts due to this state, and the debtors thereof, and for other purposes, be published once in each day, for the space of four weeks successively, in the Maryland Gazette, at Annapolis; the Baltimore American, the Telegraphe, the National Intelligencer, Mr. Smith's paper, at Easton; Mr. Bartgis's paper, at Frederick-town, and Mr. Grieves's paper, at Hager's-town.

By order,

NINIAN PINCKNEY, Clerk.

An ACT respecting the debts due to this state, and the debtors thereof, and for other purposes.

BE *it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland*, That the treasurers of the respective shores, with the advice and under the direction of the governor and council, be, and they are hereby vested with all and singular the powers and authorities necessary for, and incident to, the demanding, requiring and obtaining, the payment of all arrearages, balances whatever due to the state from the debtors thereof; and the said treasurers of the eastern and western shores, and the auditor, are hereby severally required to furnish the governor and council, when requested, with correct statements of such arrearages and balances; and the governor and council are hereby authorised and empowered to direct suits to be commenced against such debtors of the state as they may think proper and expedient, and appoint an attorney or attornies to prosecute and conduct any particular suit or suits, so directed to be brought and commenced as aforesaid; provided, that all debts due to the state shall be paid to the treasurers of the western or eastern shore respectively, and no other person or persons whatsoever.

And be it enacted, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to make composition with any of the debtors of the state, and direct the respective treasurers to take bonds to the state with sufficient security, and give time for payment, not exceeding two years.

And be it enacted, That the several sheriffs and clerks of the several counties shall make payment of all monies due to the state, and received by them, or which may hereafter be received by them, for fines, penalties, forfeitures and amerciaments, and forfeited recognizances, and for ordinary, retailers and marriage licences, within the time limited by law, and, if necessary, the governor and council may direct suits to be brought against any defaulting sheriff or clerk for recovery of the same, and may credit any money that the party is not chargeable with by law.

And be it enacted, That whenever there shall be occasion to expose to public sale any confiscated British property that remains unsold, or the property of any debtor to the state, or his securities, by virtue of any execution already issued, or to be issued for this purpose, the governor and council shall be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to appoint a fit and proper person to act in his behalf on the part of the state, who is hereby directed and required, before he proceeds to act, to give bond, with sufficient security, to the state, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties required of him; and such sales shall be made upon such public notice, and upon such terms, as the governor and council shall direct; and such person, so appointed as aforesaid to act for and in behalf of the state, in case the sale shall be directed to be made on a credit, which shall in no case exceed two years, take bond to the state, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the treasurers of the respective shores, from the purchasers; and all bonds taken by any person appointed as aforesaid shall be deposited, with an accurate list thereof subscribed by him, in the treasury of the western shore, and shall be a lien upon the real property of such purchasers, and their securities, from the respective dates, or so much thereof as shall be mentioned in a schedule thereto annexed, and the said treasurer shall make report of all such bonds to the next general assembly thereafter; provided nevertheless, that the said person, so appointed as aforesaid, shall, and he is hereby directed, at the time of any sale of any confiscated property in virtue of this act, to make known that he only sells the right of this state thereto, and that the state doth not guaranty the title to the same, or any part thereof, but the purchase must be in all respects at the risk of the purchaser.

And be it enacted, That in all cases of uninstalled debts, where the same shall be considered insecure, and in all cases of suits depending in chancery with any state debtors, the governor and council shall be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to make compromise upon such terms and principles as they shall think equitable and just; and if, under the terms of any compromise made as aforesaid, the property heretofore purchased shall be taken back and revested in the state, the governor and council may appoint a fit and proper person to sell the same at public sale, upon such notice and upon such terms, as they shall direct; and the same person so appointed, before he proceeds to act, shall give bond to the state, with sufficient security, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties required of him, and shall take bonds to the state, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the treasurers of the respective shores, if such sale shall be directed to be on a credit, which shall in no case exceed two years, and the bonds, when taken, shall be deposited with the treasurer of the western shore, and reported by the treasurer to the next general assembly thereafter.

And be it enacted, That in all cases in chancery where no compromise is effected, the governor and council shall be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to direct the attorney general to prosecute and defend the same to immediate final decision, and in cases of difficulty, to direct aid to the attorney general, by employing any person to attend to surveys where necessary, or otherwise to assist in the prosecution or defence of said suits, to be paid out of the contingent fund of five hundred pounds.

And be it enacted, That if any bond debtor to the state for confiscated property, or otherwise, shall neglect to make payment agreeably to the condition of his bond, and sundry resolves of the general assembly, the governor and council may direct process to issue for the whole principal and interest then due, or may proceed on any execution against any state debtor already issued, and served and suspended, as occasion may require, or may direct any execution to be delayed as long as they may think expedient and necessary; and no process shall issue against any of the public debtors unless by the direction of the governor and council; and all sales of property taken by *fieri facias* at the suit of the state, may be suspended by the governor and council from time to time, as they may think most to the advantage of the state, and may direct execution against the body of any state debtor to be entered "not called by consent."

Whereas many persons have made discoveries of British property, confiscated property, or property liable to confiscation, to the governor and council, the late intendant, and late agents of the state, and have made application to purchase the same upon the terms held out by law to the discoverers: And whereas there is no person invested with authority to estimate the value, or fix a reasonable price for the said property, and to compound with the person or persons making such discovery, or with the person or persons applying to purchase the same, *Be it enacted*, That the governor and council be and they are hereby empowered to compound with all persons who have heretofore made discovery of British property, confiscated property, or property liable to confiscation, either to the governor and council, the late intendant, or any of the state agents, and to allow not exceeding one third of the value of such property to any person or persons having made such discovery, and who shall make application to the governor and council on or before the first day of March next, to compound for and purchase the same, and the said governor and council are hereby authorized to dispose of such property to such applicants, and take bonds with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shore, for the purchase money, bearing interest, payable to the state at the periods that may be agreed on.

And be it enacted, That if such discoveries shall not make known to the governor and council the title of the state to the property aforesaid, on or before the first day of March next, or shall refuse or neglect, on or before that day, to agree for the purchase of the same, that then the governor and council shall be and they are hereby authorized to sell and dispose of the state's right to the said property to any person or persons applying to purchase the same, or may appoint a fit and proper person as aforesaid, who shall give bond as aforesaid, to sell the same at public sale in the manner as herein before directed, without making such discoveries, who refuse or neglect as aforesaid, any compensation.

And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons purchasing as aforesaid any confiscated British property under the authority of this act, to prosecute any suit or suits, either in law or equity, in the name of the state, for recovery of said property for their use; provided that the said state shall not be liable to pay any costs incurred in prosecution of said suits, but that the same shall be paid by the person or persons for whose use said suits shall be prosecuted; and provided also, that in all such sales, so to be made by the governor and council, or under their direction and appointment, it shall be made known, and it shall be a condition thereof, that they only sell the right of the state thereto, and that the state doth not guaranty the title to the same, or any part thereof, but that the purchase must be in all respects at the risk of the purchaser.

And be it enacted, That on all sales to be made by the governor and council, and under their direction and appointment, of confiscated property, in pursuance of this act, deeds shall be executed by the chancellor to the purchaser or purchasers, in the same manner as for other confiscated property heretofore disposed of.

And be it enacted, That in all cases where bonds shall be taken in virtue of this act, such bonds shall be a lien on the real property of the obligors from the date thereof, or on so much of the said real property as the governor and council shall think sufficient, to be particularly mentioned in a schedule to be annexed to the said bond, in which case it shall be a lien on the property contained in such schedule, and no more, such bond and schedule to be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore, and all such bonds shall express the county in which the obligors respectively reside; and the treasurer of the respective shores shall, within one month after they receive them respectively, cause them, with the schedules annexed to them, to be recorded in the office of the clerks of the western and eastern shores respectively, at the expence of the obligors, and a copy of said record, certified under the hand and official seal of the clerk in whose office the same record shall have been made, shall be as good evidence in any court of law or equity in this state as the original bond would be if it was produced.

And be it enacted, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested to make communications to the next general assembly of the several proceedings under this act.

And be it enacted, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized to allow to any person whom they shall think proper to appoint to sell any real property to be directed to be sold in virtue of this act, a sum not exceeding three *per centum* on the amount of any sale.

Chester Town Primary-School AND *Kent County Academy.*

THE Reverend JOSEPH DOUGLAS having purchased the house in Chester Town, in which the late Mrs. MANSELL kept her Boarding School, on purpose to accommodate the schools he has in view, takes the liberty to inform the enlightened citizens of the State of Maryland, that a *Seminary* for the *Education of Youth* will be opened there on the first day of March next, by himself and his brother Samuel Douglas; and one or two assistants shall be employed as soon as necessary. The System of Education that shall be adopted in this Institution is upon a plan, new in practice, upon the Eastern Shore at least; that plan is perhaps best described by the name given to it above. The Gentlemen who will conduct it have the fullest confidence in the excellence of its regulations, and that their course of instruction is concise and expeditious, yet complete. But they readily acknowledge that they are entitled to claim only a small portion of its merit. Their Institution is *part* of a *plan* of an *uniform system* of *National Education*, the outlines of which have been drawn by the Rev. Samuel Knox, of Frederick Town, in his ingenius "Essay on the best System of Liberal Education adapted to the genius of the Government of the United States." His excellent production obtained the *premium* of the enlightened and patriotic *American Philosophical Society*. And the *General Assembly of Maryland*, at their session of 1801, honored his academy, *conducted* upon *this plan*, with a *substantial proof* of their approbation.

The conductors of the *Chester Town Institution*, relying upon their characters as men, and christians; and encouraged by the very flattering approbation they have received in this county as teachers, the one for *two* and the other for *three years*; indulging, moreover the pleasing hope that their humble endeavors will assist in carrying into effect a "system of National Education" that must one day, and (it is to be hoped) will shortly attract the attention and obtain the sanction of the enlightened Legislature of the United States; and not doubting but that the patriotic citizens of Maryland will be among the first to patronize an Institution undertaken with such views; humbly propose the following plan, viz.

The Seminary shall consist of two Schools, an under, or Primary School, and an upper or County Academy.

In the Primary School, Pupils of both sexes shall be taught *Spelling* and *Reading* at three dollars per quarter; *Writing*, *Arithmetic*, and *English Grammer*, four dollars; and the *practical branches* of the *Mathematics*, eight dollars each.

According to the system of Education alluded to above, their ought to be about ten other Primary Schools in this County, all using the same books, subject to the same regulations, and all of them, as also the County Academy, under the direction of a *County Rector*, or *Superintendant*.

In the Academy shall be taught the *Roman* and *Grecian Languages*, in little longer than the one half of the time ulually wasted in a dull, uniform and tedious course. And besides, as it ought to be the grand object of every teacher of youth to refresh the faculties and enliven the genius, by gratifying the taste for variety, which may be called the mental appetite, two hours every day shall be devoted to the learning of *Ancient History*, *Grecian* and *Roman Antiquities*; the *Element of Euclid*, *plain* and *spherical Trigonometry*, and *Algebra*, *Geograghy*, the *use of the Globes*, and *Astronomy*. And when boys are not prepared for these branches, they shall be indulged with two hours in the lower School, if required. The salary for the full course in the Academy shall be seven pounds ten shillings per year, and if Latin and Greek only are required, six pounds.

Four years are considered to be sufficient to accomplish the course in the Primary School, and as many in the Academy.

After finishing the latter course the Pupil will be fully prepared for college. In which he should acquire a critical knowledge of the Latin and Grecian Classicks; learn French, Rhetorick, and Belles Letters, Logic and Metaphysicks, Moral and Natural Philosophy; the latter illustrated by a course of experiments, and its principles mathematically demonstrated.

The man of science should complete his studies in the University of the United States, in which a sufficient course will yet remain to be taught. There lectures on the sciences will admit of great minuteness. The experiments on Natural Philosophy, and observation on Astronomy, will be suited to the magnificence of the National Apparatus, and the Mathematical Typo may follow his solutions in projectiles, fluxions, conic sections, &c. through the trackless highways of the mental kingdom. This short, imperfect sketch being sufficient, as a *hint to the public*, we return to the subject of our Advertisement. Both Schools shall be called in at the same hours by the ringing of a bell, and shall be daily opened and closed with prayer, without presuming to interfere with the creed of any church; each Pupil shall be taught the tenets of his own, and such moral and religious instructions and rebukes shall, from time to time be given, as are approved of by all christian denominations.

N. B. As circumstances prevented the Rev. J. Douglas from examining his present School in December last, an *Examination* will be held on the *last Tuesday of February next*, when those who wish for further information as to this Seminary, may be better satisfied.

☞ A genteel family calculated to accommodate Borders, will find a *house ready to be rented*, and *good encouragement* by applying within a month at the Academy.

Boarders are accommodated in town from thirty to forty pounds per a num.

Chester Town, (Md.) Jan. 25, 1803. } n

☞ *The editors of newspapers, throughout the United States, who may be disposed to promote such a plan of National Education, are requested to insert the above.*

In pursuance of a decree of the Chancellor of Maryland, will be exposed to public sale on the premises, on Saturday the twelfth day of March next,

THE Real estate whereof William Biggs, late of Kent county, died seized; being part of a tract of land called *Stratford Manor*, lying in Kent county. This estate is conveniently situated on Chester River, at the distance of eight or nine miles from Chester Town, and possesses advantages that may render it a very eligible purchase to any one, but particularly to an industrious enterprising farmer, who would reside on it.—The terms of sale are, the purchaser must give bond to the trustee as such, with approved security for paying the purchase money with interest, within twelve months from the day of sale.

The creditors of William Biggs are requested to exhibit their claims with the vouchers thereof to the Chancellor, within four months from the 12th of March next. JAMES HOUSTON, *Trustee.*

Chester Town, Feb. 8. 1803. 3

Notice.

WHEREAS my wife Elizabeth Blackiston hath eloped from my bed and board—this is to forewarn all persons from dealing with her, or entertaining her on my account, as I intend to pay no contract of hers.

THOMAS BLAKISTON.

Queen Ann's county, Feb. 8, 1803. 3t

By Virtue of a Decree of the Chancellor of Maryland, will be exposed to public sale on the premises, on Monday the twenty-first day of March next,

Three Lots of Land,

LYING at Sudler's Cross Roads, in Queen Ann's county, late the property of Thomas Sudler, deceased: One of the said lots contains an acre and three quarters, and has a log dwelling house thereon; the other two lots contain about an acre each, and are without improvements.—The said lots will be sold on a credit of fifteen months, the purchaser giving bond with approved security to the subscriber as trustee, for the payment of the purchase money with legal interest thereon from the day of sale.

RICHARD T. EARLE, *Trustee.*

Centreville, Jan. 18, 1803. ts

Locust and Mulberry Posts.

FOR SALE,

And ready to be delivered as soon as the Navigation will permit,

A NUMBER of LOCUST and MULBERRY POSTS, five feet long, designed for a Bank and Board Fence.—The Mulberry is of excellent quality, and the Locust of the best old yellow kind. They will be delivered at any convenient landing, on the waters of Choptank, Miles, Wye, or Chester Rivers, as may suit the purchaser. For terms apply to

HENRY HOLLYDAY,

Talbot county, Feb. 8, 1803, tf.

Notice.

THE subscriber has just commenced the *Boot & Shoe-making Business* in Easton, next door to Mr. Abbott's Store, nearly opposite the Market house, where he intends carrying on that business in all its various branches—He has a stock of excellent leather of every kind necessary to carry on that business—he has also supplied himself with workmen from Baltimore. Those that may please to favor him with their demands may depend on his making use of every necessary exertion to give them satisfaction.

WM. PATTON.

January 18, 1803. tf

The subscriber, intending to leave the Eastern Shore of Maryland, offers at private sale, the following

VALUABLE PROPERTY, VIZ.

THE Farm, formerly the residence of the late Dr. Maynadier, within five miles of Easton, containing two hundred and eighty-two acres, on which is a large and convenient dwelling house with almost every necessary out-house; also the stock on the said place, consisting of horses, horned cattle, sheep and hogs, with the farming utensils;

A water lot in the town of St Michaels, 60 feet front and 140 feet deep, on which is a good dwelling house, kitchen and smoak house, also, convenient to the said lot, twelve acres of highly manured ground under a post and rail fence on which are a dwelling house, carriage house and stable, with a well paled garden.

A Schooner, burthen one hundred tons, with the carpenter's and joiner's work complete, now on the stocks and ready to be launched; half of the Schooner Argus, just returned from her first voyage and now ready for sea, burthen ninety-seven tons.

Any person disposed to purchase the above named property, or any part thereof, will, on application to the subscriber, find accommodating terms.

THOS. L. HADDAWAY.

Talbot County, Md. Jan. 11, 1803.

Valuable Lands for Sale.

I WILL sell about fifteen hundred acres of LAND, situated on the head of Moni Creek, about four miles from Princess Anne, in Somerset county.—There is on said lands a large brick dwelling house two stories high, with an entry and three good rooms on a floor; the out houses are all good—The place has been some years rented, and of course out of repair as to the inclosures. It is among the handsomest situations in that county, and it cannot be exceeded by any lands on the Eastern Shore for the finest timber. If the lands are not sold by the 2d Monday in January next, they will be laid off in lots of about five hundred acres each, and offered at public sale.

I have also for sale a farm on Wecomoco River, of about seven hundred acres of land, with a grist mill, situated by the upper ferry—To prevent any unnecessary application for that, I will not take less than Twenty Dollars per acre. A part of the purchase money will be required on the sale, that will be small, a long credit will be given for the balance, on giving bond and good security.

HENRY WAGGAMAN.

Dorchester county, Nov. 16, 1802. } ts.

N. B. Mr. Elias Bailey, who lives near the lands on Moni River, will shew the same to any person desirous of seeing them. The seven hundred acres will be laid off in lots, so as to suit the purchasers H. W

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber some time in November last, a negro man named SAM; he is about 24 years old, five feet six inches high, well made. He has some impediment in his speech, occasioned by the loss of two of his teeth—And sometime last December, a negro man named CHARLES; he is about 25 years old, five feet nine inches high, slender made. Likewise a negro girl named HANNAH, ten years old. No description can be given of their clothes—it is supposed they went to Baltimore. Whoever shall secure the above negroes, or either of them, shall receive the above reward for each, if taken in this state, if out of the state Forty Dollars, and all reasonable charges paid by

CELLIA PATRIDGE.

Dorchester county, January 18, 1803. }