

the course of this month, are instructed to obtain their consent for opening a road which may facilitate the communication between Natches and the settlements on the Ohio; and for the cession of some spots of ground, at convenient distances, whereon to erect houses for the accommodation of travellers. We presume this information will be highly agreeable to our fellow-citizens, not only from the great aid which the accomplishment of such a plan must give to our commerce down the river; but inasmuch as it clearly shews the friendly disposition of the executive towards this part of the union. Indeed the enlightened and liberal mind of Mr. Jefferson was one of the first to discover and point out the great natural advantages of the western country.—No doubt therefore can be entertained of his disposition to advance in every respect, this valuable and productive country.

LAND FOR SALE.

A VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND,

LAYING on Mountain Run, in the county of Culpeper, whereon the subscriber now lives, containing 1130 acres and well improved, with buildings for a large and genteel family; orchards, barns, corn houses, &c. a large proportion of meadow land, which is now in grass sufficient to cut 50 or 60,000wt. of hay annually; 5 or 6 acres of highly improved red clover lots, the first cutting this spring and very luxuriant; the whole of the cleared land in good farming order and in a progressive state of improvement; the tract may with great convenience be divided into two good farms with equal advantages except that of buildings. The buildings on one of them would be small, but might with no great expense be made comfortable for a small family with the necessary buildings now on it, with a very productive garden; convenient to church, court house and three valuable merchant mills, two of them within one mile and an half and the other seven and an half miles, immediately on the road leading to Fredericksburg; distant 50 miles from Alexandria and the Federal City; 30 miles from Fredericksburg and Falmouth. As to its health, thinness of situation and agreeableness of neighborhood, I am fully persuaded no one will be disappointed in them. Wishing to sell the land to make a more equitable division among my children, and as some of them are young, the payments will be made easily on paying the interest annually; one third or one fourth of the purchase money will be expended on giving possession, which may take place on or about Christmas next, or perhaps sooner if required, with the liberty of feeding this fall. All kinds of stock, plantation utensils, corn, fodder, hay, household and kitchen furniture, except beds, may be had with the plantation. No parcel of likely NEGROES in families, who can be well recommended for their honesty, &c. Any person wishing to retire from trade, and set himself in the farming line, will seldom find an opportunity of doing it more to his mind than the present one.

One other tract of nearly 700 acres of Land, lying on the river, 4 or 5 miles above Fredericksburg, known by the name of Sutherland's Tract of land, the greatest part of which is now in wood, containing a quantity of valuable timber, and its vicinity to so thriving a town as Fredericksburg, will render it truly valuable; there is a small plantation on it now in cultivation and may be converted into a small grass farm to great advantage. It is needless to say much on its quality or other advantages, presuming any one wishing to purchase, will chuse to satisfy themselves by taking a view of them. The payments for the last tract of land will be one third on giving possession on or about Christmas next, the other two-thirds in two equal annual payments. The price of each tract may be known on application to the subscriber, either by letter or otherwise; the price of the latter tract may also be known of Mr. D. Griunan, of Fredericksburg, or my son, living with Mr. Stone, of Fredericksburg.

R. SLAUGHTER, jun.
Culpeper, Virg. August 21. ept4t

CONVEYANCERS OFFICE,

AND
OFFICE FOR SALE OF CITY LOTS,
On the Pennsylvania Avenue fronting the President's Square, near Rhodes's tavern, City of Washington,

THOMAS HERTY has connected with the business of drawing Conveyances of Land, Wills, Mortgages, Leases, Bonds, Assignments powers of Attorney, petitions, and every other species of deed or contract in the profession; that of buying, selling and leasing lots and houses in the City, negotiating loans, &c.

His long experience as a draftsman, and knowledge of the laws relative thereto—the knowledge which he has acquired by residence of the situation of City Lots, and how their titles have been acquired, or are liable to be affected; together with his impartial and strict regard to the interest of those who may be pleased to employ him, will, he hopes, secure to him a continuance of public patronage.

Titles to real property investigated, and opinions given thereon when required.

For sale a great variety of Lots, in desirable situations in the City.

N. B. At the above office may be had, his Abridgement of the Laws of Maryland, price 6 dollars. Also his Digest of the Laws of the United States, price 3 dollars. As the Laws of Maryland are in full force on this side the Potomack, it behoves settlers to avail themselves of that information which affects their lives, liberties and property. He who is without a knowledge of his "rule of conduct" is like a stranger in his native land.

May 4. 2aw4w. rawa

From an English Magazine.

FATHERLESS FANNY.

A Ballad.—By Mrs OPIE.

KEEN and cold is the blast loudly whistling a round,
As cold as the lips that once smil'd upon me;
And unyielding, alas! as this hard frozen ground,
The arms once so ready my shelter to be.

Both my parents are dead, and few friends I can boast,
But few to console and to love me, if any;
And my gains are so small, a bare pittance almost
Repays the exertions of fatherless Fanny.

Once, indeed, I with pleasure and patience could toil,
But 'twas when my parents sat by and ap-
proved!

Then my laces to sell I went out with a smile,
Because my fatigue fed the parents I lov'd.

And at night, when I brought them my hardly-
earn'd gains,
Though small they might be, still my comforts
were many;

For my mother's fond blessing rewarded my pains,
My father stood watching to welcome his
Fanny.

But, ah! now that I work by their presence un-
cheer'd,

I feel 'tis a hardship, indeed, to be poor;
While I shrink from fatigue, now no longer en-
dear'd.

And sigh as I knock at the wealthy man's door.

Then, alas! when at night I return to my home,
No longer I boast that my comforts are many;
To a silent, deserted, dark dwelling I come,
Where no one exclaims, "Thou art welcome,
my Fanny!"

That, that is the pang! Want and toil would
impart

No pang to my breast, if kind friends I could
see;

For the wealth I require is that of the heart,
The smiles of affection are riches to me.

Then, in pity, ye rich, when to you I apply
to purchase my goods though you do not
buy any,

With the accents of kindness O deign to deny
You'll comfort the heart of poor fatherless
Fanny.

ANECDOTES OF THE ELEPHANT.

The two following instances of the sagacity of the Elephant, are related by Dr. Darwin in his Zoonomia, who says he obtained them from "a gentleman of distinct observation, and undoubted veracity, who had been much conversant with the East-Indies."

"First, the Elephants that used to carry the baggage of our armies, are put each under the care of one of the natives of Indostan, and whilst himself and his wife go into the woods to collect leaves and branches of trees for his food, they fix him to the ground by a length of chain, and frequently leave a child yet unable to walk, under his protection; and the intelligent animal not only defends it, but as it creeps about, when it arrives near the extremity of his chain, he wraps his trunk gently round its body, and brings it again into the centre of the circle.

Secondly, the traitor Elephants are taught to walk on a narrow path between two pitfalls, which are covered with turf, and then go into the woods, to seduce the wild Elephants to come that way, who fall into these wells, whilst he passes safe between them; and it is universally observed, that those wild Elephants that escape the snare pursue the traitor with the utmost vehemence, and if they can overtake him, which sometimes happens, they always beat him to death."

THE DUKE OF BRIDGEWATER'S CANAL.

The Duke of Bridgewater immortalized his name by planning and effecting his famous canal. He was only twenty-one years of age when he conceived this design, worthy of ancient Rome. His canal unites the city of Liverpool with the populous town of Manchester. It is sometimes carried across immense rocks hollowed at top. Sometimes it suddenly vanishes and makes several turnings in a subterraneous passage, eight English miles in length. After appearing all at once, it seems suspended in the air, and crosses the river Wevil, by means of immense arches, in such a manner, that one may often enjoy the picturesque sight of one vessel navigating in the stream below, and of another which crosses it, and seems to sail in the element above.

DESTRUCTION BY EARTHQUAKES,

During the last century.

In the beginning of the last century, there was a terrible earthquake, which in a quarter of an hour laid the whole country of Peru in ruins, to the extent of 300 leagues long and 90 wide.

Palermo, in Sicily, was nearly destroyed by an earthquake, and 600 people lost their lives, A. D. 1726.

Four whole provinces in China were swallowed up by an earthquake. A. D. 1731.

Avelino, a city of Naples, was destroyed by an earthquake, A. D. 1720.

Almost the whole kingdom of Chili, together with its capital, St. Jago, was swallowed up by an earthquake, A. D. 1739.

Calao, in Peru, was destroyed by an earthquake, when all the inhabitants perished, excepting one man, who was standing on an eminence, and to whose relief the sea providentially threw a boat, A. D. 1745.

There was a terrible earthquake at Lima, which entirely destroyed that city, and in which 5000 people lost their lives. This earthquake continued from October 27th to November 20th, 1746.

The city of Constantinople, in Turkey, was in a manner destroyed by an earthquake, and 3000 inhabitants killed, A. D. 1754.

Two-thirds of the houses in Grand Cairo, and 40,000 inhabitants were swallowed up, A. D. 1754.

In the year 1755 most of the houses in Lisbon, and 30,000 inhabitants, were destroyed in about eight minutes. This terrible earthquake extended no less than 500 miles, and at the Azore Islands 10,000 people were buried by it.

Damas, in Barbary, was nearly destroyed by an earthquake, when 50,000 inhabitants perished, A. D.—1759.

Truxillo, in Peru, was swallowed up by an earthquake, A. D. 1759.

There was an earthquake at Martinico, which destroyed 1600 persons, A. D. 1757.

Guatemala, in New Spain, was entirely swallowed up by an earthquake, and many thousands of its inhabitants perished, A. D. 1773.

At Tauris in Persia, 15,000 houses were thrown down by an earthquake, and a great part of the inhabitants perished, A. D. 1780.

A great part of Calabria, in the island of Sicily, was destroyed by an earthquake, and 30,000 people lost their lives, A. D. 1783.

Ardschinsham in Turkey, was destroyed by an earthquake, and 12,000 of the inhabitants were buried in the ruins, A. D. 1784.

A part of the island of Cuba, and 3000 persons were destroyed by an earthquake, A. D. 1791.

The aforementioned instances of destruction by earthquakes, within the period of a single century, justify the supposition of the poet, that "wide continents once bloomed where the Atlantic now rolls;" and the serious mind is led to exclaim with the Psalmist, Come behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth!

AN HONY SAWYER,

LADIES' & GENTLEMEN'S HAIR-DRESSER.

RESPECTFULLY informs the public, that he has opened a shop opposite the Little Hotel, in the City of Washington. Turban wigs of the newest fashion are made for the ladies, fillets, &c. He will wait upon any lady with the patterns. Any other business in his line shall be strictly attended to.

F Street August 19, 1801. 7im

CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

HUGH SOMERVILLE,

Has lately received and is now ready to circulate, a large and valuable collection of

NOVELS, History, Romances, Voyages, Travels, &c. which will be lent out to read, by the week, month, quarter, or year, at his store and residence in a frame building, south side of the Pennsylvania Avenue, near the Hotel bridge, and three new brick buildings, and the building now erecting for the city of Washington market-house, where the terms may be known, and attendance given from nine in the morning till one in the afternoon, and from two till four.

August 18. 7t.

To be sold or Exchanged

For improved lots in the city of Washington, or Alexandria,

A VALUABLE FARM,

In Frederick County, Virginia, CONTAINING three hundred acres; 60 acres at present in thriving CORN—it is situated in a genteel neighbourhood, and contiguous to a Mill and Blacksmith. The improvements are a handsome and convenient Dwelling House, Kitchen, Store house, Smoke-house, tables, Corn-house, Hen-house, Overfeer's house, and necessary Negro Quarters. The whole of these buildings are new and complete.

Will be sold with it, if required, Negroes, Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Farming utensils, &c. &c. Likewise, fifty barrels of CORN on hands.

Any person desirous of possessing this valuable tract of land, by purchase or exchange, will apply to ROBERT W. PEACOCK

Attorney at Law, and Conveancer.

August 7. 1aw3

Conrad & Munn

HAVE opened houses of entertainment in the range of buildings formerly occupied by Mr. Law, about two hundred paces from the Capitol, in New Jersey avenue, leading from thence to the Eastern Branch. They are spacious and convenient, one of which is designed for stage passengers and travellers, the other for the accommodation of boarders. There is stabling sufficient for 60 horses.—They hope to merit public patronage.

City of Washington, Nov. 24, 1800. 1f

VARDEN & CARPENTER, TAYLORS,

Gratefully acknowledge the favours of the public, whilst carrying on business opposite Mr. Stille's Tavern, and inform, that they have removed to the next house east of Mr. Tunchiff's Hotel, where gentlemen and ladies will be served in a style of fashion and elegance which it has ever been, and ever will be, their study to execute, and they presume, equal to the most populous cities in the Union.

Regimental and Ladies Habits made in the neatest manner.

May 15, 1801.

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The subscriber respectfully acquaints the public, that he has removed to the corner of Ninth and B streets, where he continues to manufacture and sell all kinds of Ornaments for Chimney pieces, Door Caps, Frontispieces, Metal Sashes, &c. which may also be had at his store No. 51, Barclay street, New-York, and at Mr. WILD's store, Market street, Baltimore.

GEORGE ANDREWS.

Who has gold leaf for sale by the package or book.

May 8, 1801.

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Distict of Columbia, Washington County, ff.

BROUGHT before me, one of the justices of the peace for the county aforesaid, by Richard Spalding and Hezekiah Robinson, a brown horse, taken as a stray and trespasser. He is about fourteen hands and an half high, seven or eight years old, shod all round, shoes much worn, a round scar on the off side of his neck, under his mane, a narrow blaze and snip, a lump or hard swelling on his off knee, very strong marks of a collar and of his having been in hard service.

BENJAMIN MORE.

Washington City, August 8, 1801.

The owner of the above horse is desired to prove his property, pay charges and take him away.

RICHARD SPALDING,
HEZEKIAH ROBINSON.

August 10.

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A GREAT BARGAIN.

I WILL sell or lease for ten years, a valuable Farm, in the county of Culpeper, and State of Virginia, on Flat Run, containing 750 acres the land is extremely fertile, and yields abundantly in the production of corn, wheat, and tobacco; there are about 100 acres of meadow land, 50 or 60 of which are cleared, and 15 acres well set in Timothy, about 350 acres of the tract are cleared and well inclosed. This land is distant from Fredericksburg about 28 miles, and 55 miles from Alexandria and the City of Washington. There are several valuable merchant mills; in the vicinity, one within the distance of a mile, where the Fredericksburg prices are given for all kinds of grain.

I will also sell the Reversion of 250 acres of land adjoining the above, on which are erected a number of valuable buildings, among them a large dwelling house of 60 feet by 40, with four rooms on a floor, with fireplaces, and every necessary out houses—A valuable peach and apple orchard.

A further description is deemed unnecessary, as any persons desirous of purchasing or leasing, will doubtless wish to view the premises. For terms apply to Robert Brooke Voss, Esq. who lives adjoining the premises, or to the subscriber.

I will also Sell or Rent,

Two three story brick houses in Alexandria, completely finished, on King and Columbia street, with sundry valuable property near the same, possession whereof may be had immediately. The situation for the flour and grocery business is equal to any in Alexandria.

For terms apply to Henry Thomas Moore, Alexandria, or to the subscriber.

NICHOLAS VOSS.

City of Washington, July 13, 1801.

N. B. I wish to hire by the month, or until the 1st day of November, ten or twelve labourers, for whom liberal wages will be given.—Apply to N. Voss, on F street, or W. T. Voss, at the Navy-Yard.

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NOTICE.

THE following Slaves have been committed to the prison of Washington county, as runaways WILL, who says he is the property of Jesse Robinet, has on light cotton cloaths, appears to be about 26 years of age, well made, of light complexion, and is about five feet five or six inches high.

DEBBY WILLIAMS, alias PARKER, who says she belongs to Mrs. Pinckney, Old Town, Baltimore, about 22 years of age, of light complexion, and five feet 3 or 4 inches high; had on when committed an old dark calico gown.

The owners of the above slaves are requested to take them away, or they will be sold according to law, to pay their prison fees.

DANIEL CARROLL BRENT,

Marshal of the District of Columbia.

July 17.

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