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To Travelers.

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GOING NORTH. Leave			GOING SOUTH. Leave		
Easton	8 30	A. M.	New York	12 00	A. M.
Woodland	8 45	"	Baltimore	7 25	"
Cordova	8 55	"	Philadelphia	8 30	"
Queen Anne	9 10	"	Wilmington	10 10	"
Hillsborough	9 15	"	Clayton	1 00	P. M.
Ridgely	9 30	"	Kenton	1 15	"
Greensborough	9 50	"	Slaughters	1 30	"
Goldsborough	10 05	"	Marydel	1 45	"
Henderson	10 15	"	Henderson	1 55	"
Marydel	10 25	"	Goldsborough	2 10	"
Slaughters	10 45	"	Greensborough	2 30	"
Kenton	11 05	"	Ridgely	2 40	"
ARRIVE AT			Hillsborough	2 50	"
Clayton	11 30	"	Queen Anne	3 25	"
Wilmington	3 55	P. M.	Cordova	3 19	"
Philadelphia	5 35	"	Woodland	3 25	"
Baltimore	8 10	"	ARRIVE AT		
New York	10 30	"	Easton	3 40	"

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jan21 J. L. CALDWELL, Superintendent.

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jan21-6m Skipton P. O., Talbot co., Md.

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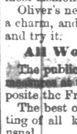
jan31 Easton, Md

PROPOSALS FOR LOANS.

THE Board of Directors of the W. P. B. L. A. of Talbot county give notice that APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS from the Association may be made in *writing* to the Secretary, or other officer, at any time, and will be acted upon at their regular meetings on every alternate Tuesday night. By order of the Board.

H. HOLLYDAY,
ly4-tf Secretary.

NEW SHOP AT THE OLD STAND.



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Having a new vessel, we will deliver Lumber at any point on the Bay, when desired.

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WANTED—PINE, CHESTNUT and LOCUST LOGS, delivered on the shore, or at the mill, for which the cash will be paid. oct22

OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TALBOT COUNTY, MD.

EASTON, March 24th, 1873.

Transfers & Abatements.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commissioners of Talbot county will meet at their office in the Court House at Easton, on TUESDAY, the 15th of APRIL, and on THURSDAY, the 17th of APRIL, 1873, and continue to meet every succeeding TUESDAY and THURSDAY until the 22d of MAY next, to note transfers and make abatements in the assessable property of Talbot county.

Persons interested are notified to attend, as no transfers or abatements will be made by the Board after the 22rd of May.

Persons making application for transfer of property will be required to comply with the following sections of Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws:

Sec. 18. Whenever any person shall make application for any allowance or deduction on account of the sale, transfer, alienation, loss or removal of any property, or the collection or payment of any public or private security for money, the County Commissioners, or Appeal Tax Court shall interrogate him on oath in reference thereto, and the disposal of the same, and especially inquire of him to whom the same has been sold or transferred, and the amount of purchase money, or the money collected, and how the same has been invested.

Sec. 19. They shall also interrogate said person on oath in reference to any acquisitions or investments made by him and not already assessed, and the amount of all such acquisitions and investments shall be added to his assessable property, and if he refuse to answer, no allowance or deduction shall be made on his assessment.

By order of the Board.

THOS. K. ROBSON,
mh25-7t J. G. C. Clerk.

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Ladies' Rubber Aprons—indispensable for nursing or household purposes	2 00
Baby's Bib—all children need it	75
Child's Miniature Table Cloth	50
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Patent hair crimpers—no injury to the hair	1 00
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Family Syringe—very useful article	2 00
Silk elastic stockings per pair	5 00
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Elastic Garters	25
Rubber surface cloth per yard	1 00
Garter Webbing ¾ inch per piece 12 yards	1 50

Any of the above articles sent prepaid by mail on receipt of price.

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"Excelsior" Oats.

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You are respectfully invited to examine my stock, and I will try to please you. If I dont, your case is indeed hopeless.

THOS. C. NICOLS,
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DON'T FORGET

That the ONLY place to find Spring Style Hats is at

M. M. HODGES'.
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(For the Star.)

THE COURT HOUSE.

TALBOT COUNTY

Those who took the pains to read the previous article respecting the Court Houses that have been used by the people of Talbot county as their places of judicature will have learned that the first courts in which our people were interested were the Hundred Courts of Kent Island, disregarding those minor manorial courts, which may have had an existence co-incident in time with these higher tribunals: that these Hundred Courts, first held by the Commander as Justice in his own house at Kent Fort, upon the Southern part of the island, merged into the Kent county courts, when that county was established, and had a house specially appropriated to them in the Eastern part of the Island, at least, as early as 1659, which continued to be used long after Talbot had been set off from Kent: that in 1660—61, our county having had her territorial limits defined, which embraced a large part of Queen Anne's up as far as Corsica creek and perhaps beyond, but excluded the Island of Kent, which was subsequently annexed, (1695), the courts of our county were organized, (say in 1662,) and for many years usually met at the private residences of the Justices, but occasionally in other citizens' houses: that, though sometimes for the convenience of the sparse population settled along the Chester and Wye rivers, the Eastern and Chesapeake bays, they met at remote situations, they commonly assembled at the plantations near the centre of settled portions of the county—about what is now Wye Landing: that gradually this locality became the place for holding the courts, near which a house was rented, was occupied as a Court House, and was so designated: that in June 1679 the court was in the possession of a house which seems to have been an inn or tavern kept by and perhaps belonging to one Elizabeth Winkles, who furnished the rooms for the court and also entertained the Justices: and finally that about this time the Commissioners determined to erect a building for their own proper use, and they set about it immediately, as will now appear.

But before proceeding to give an account of the building of this Court House it will be necessary to retrace our steps. Several years before this date the same subject had been under consideration with the Justices, for in a very old book of Judgments, quite imperfect, now in the Clerk's office, we find this record:

"Att a Court held at Jonathan Hopkinson's "in Wye river, the 27th August 1674, present

"The Worshippfull
Mr Richard Woolman
Capt Philemon Lloyd
Capt Jonathan Sybry, (Sibery)
Mr Philip Stevenson
Mr Edward Roe
Mr Richard Gorsuch
Commissioners.

"Then came Jonathan Hopkinson, and did "sell unto the Commissioners for ye use of ye "County ten acres of Land, being for ye building of a Court House and a Prison. Ye said "land to begin at a Pine tree marked, at ye "water side, and Running east and by south "ap his plantation untill it comprehend the "quantity of Ten acres of ground between "that and ye branch that lyes south from s'd "plantation: it being sould for one Thousand "pounds of Tobacco and Casque to be leaved "(levied) out of the county, and the said Jonathan hath hereby engaged to give full assurance for ye said land unto ye Commissioners "on the behalf of the county when he shall "their unto (be) required.

"The Court hath ordered yt the Prison be "built upon the said land according to the dimensions following: That is a house of "twenty foot in length and fifteen foot wide, "and to be underpind two foot under ground, "and a foot above ground with stone, and the "said underpinning to be two foot thick, the "side and the gabell ends up to the plate to be "built with squared pieces of timber one foot "square, and to be lofted with joyse of seaven "inches square at the least and to be fower "inches distant one from ye other, and the "loft to be layed with two inch oake planke, "and a partition in the said house w'th a convenient windore in each roome, and firm "substantiall Iron Bars to each windore, and a "proposionable roofe w'th a foot jet att the "sides, and gabell ends of ye said roofe to "have a duble covering, and the uppermost "covering to be good white oake boards without any sap, with duble dore of two inch oake "planke to be two futt and a half wide, the "said dore to be nailed w'th substantiall "broad heded nailes, three inches asunder "with sofficient strong lock, iron barr and "boults."

Although this deed of sale of land and contract for building the prison were placed upon record, it appears that neither was held as binding, or if binding, only as to the land, for a new contract for the building of a prison were entered into with Jonathan Hopkinson in 1675, and at the same time a purchase of a larger, or perhaps additional tract of land was consummated. Under date of March 4, 1675, is found the following entry among the Court records.

"Jonathan Hopkinson this day sould "the Commissioners of the County twenty acres "of land and Court House, and the said Jonathan doth hereby bind himself to give unto "the Court good assurances for the said land, "when thereunto called, and the said Jonathan "hath undertaken to build a Prison, and in "consideration of the Land, Court House and "Prison the county is to allow him the said "Jonathan ———— poundof Tobacco, "to be paid in the next heavy laid for this "county of Talbot. The Dimensions of the "Prison followeth

"To be twenty foote longe, and fifteen foote "wide, and the ground sells to be of Locust "or Cedder and a foot square; to be laid one "foot and a half in the ground; the posts to be "8 inches square and to stand studwaies within four inches one of the other; the Plates "answerable, and the joists to be size inches "square and to be within foure inches one of "another, with a Roufe sufficient and strong, "(being) Eight foote from the lowere Plate: "and a partition of sickteum size foote out of "the length of the Prison, with a dorre in the "said Partition: the outward Doars to be of "two inch plank made double, and one grating window in each division, made with iron "bars well fixte into the wood and small wicketts in each doare, with good strong Locks; "the upper floware to be laid with inch planke "and to be covered and wether boarded with "good clabboard."

The consideration paid for this property is not mentioned in the record, but in the levy of the following year 10,000 pounds of Tobacco was assessed for the use of Jonathan Hopkinson in payment for the prison. It would appear from the above entry that Jonathan Hopkinson sold a house with the land, which was called the Court House. Is this, then, the court was probably held until the year 1679. Under the date of Jan. 21, 1678, there is this record:

"The Court hath left it to Capt. Philemon Lloyd to pick on a place to Keepe Court for this county, and to purchase land for the same use."

It would appear therefore that wherever the Court may have been held prior to 1679, in that year Mr. Lloyd selected the Widdow Winkles house in which to hold Court, and the Commissioners in their levy made Nov. 16, of that year, allowed her 3,100 lbs of Tobacco, according to an agreement with her, as published in the previous article. In the same year and again in 1681 the Courts were held at the house of Mr. Philemon Lloyd, himself, who was a magistrate of the county.

It will be seen from all this that there is considerable obscurity as to the meeting places of the Court: in truth the Court was moved from place to place. It appears that every ancient land grant in Wye Neck, Hopkinson, and upon it a prison was built, and the house that was upon it was used for a while as a Court House: that afterwards the house of Elizabeth Winkles, who apparently kept a tavern, was used. There is no evidence of the purchase of any other land than that bought of Jonathan Hopkinson, but in March 1679 (N. S 1680) the clerk of the Court was ordered to "send to Mr William Hemsley to repair forthwith to the Court House, and lay out the county land, according to the former bounds thereof." We may conclude therefore with tolerable certainty that the Court House which was built about the year 1680—81, was erected upon the land purchased of Jonathan Hopkinson, and represented to be on Wye. Except the record that the house was upon this river, there is no other written memorandum to guide us as to its exact position in the County. If the surveyor ever filed any return of his survey, it was not placed upon record, or it is lost, unless indeed, it has been preserved at Annapolis. But there is a pretty well established tradition, and one which we may be safe in following, that the county land, upon which this Court House was built was upon the South side of Skipton creek, a branch of Wye, a short distance from what is called Wye Landing. The twenty acres sold by Jonathan Hopkinson upon which was first erected the prison and then the new Court House, was the point of land formed by Skipton creek and Wye river to the West and South of the dwelling house upon the farm of the late Philemon Feddeman Hemsley, known by the name of "Hopton." Here there are remains of old houses and at one place, in a situation giving a view directly down the creek into a beautiful bay, and in the centre apparently of a tract of about twenty acres, there is an excavation which is popularly supposed to have been the cellar or dungeons of the jail; but as the building contracted for by Hopkinson and built by him had no cellar this must be an error. In the garden adjoining the dwelling upon the farm are the *debris* of another very ancient building. There is nothing however to identify any remains that are found at this place, with those of the Court House or the jail, but tradition, as before said, a sufficient guide in this case, points to this spot on Skipton creek as the site of the old county buildings. As a village grew up around the seat of Justice for the county, we may suppose there would be left some indications of its existence, and these indications, though few, are sufficient to identify the location. This village or town was known by the name of York, a designation bestowed no doubt by some of the Justices in reminiscence of their place of residence in the Old World. The town by its proper name is mentioned for the first time in the record June 20, 1693.

We now come to the time when the first Court House was built within our present bounds. Among the proceedings of the Court held Aug. 19, 1679, appear the following record:

"The Court hath agreed with Richard Swetnam (the same who was invited in June of of the same year, to come to the place where the court was held, to keep an ordinary, and to confer with reference to the erection of a "county building,) to build a Court House "upon the County land in Wye River; the "said house to be fifty foote by twenty-three, "with a Court Hall, eighteen foote by eighteen, according to a plot delivered to the "court by the said Swetnam. In consideration whereof the commissioners have condescended to payd unto him the s'd Swetnam, "One Hundred & fifty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco: the one moyety or half part to be "payd this yeare, the remainder at the cleare "finishing the Premises, and the said Swetnam to live in the said house when finished, "seven years free from ye said Swetnam "is to repair forthwith to the house where the "court is now keep, and lay in provision ag't "the next Court."

The phraseology—"the condescendings have condescended to pay, etc" will be noticed. Many of those justices who thus *condescended* from their lofty seat to pay a carpenter for his work, were the very same who made Christopher and Elizabeth Barnes, in 1666, "kneele downe upon their knees in open Court and ask forgiveness" for some peccadillo. These petty magistrates were the chief dignitaries of the county and they magnified their office. But they seem not to have been held in that humble reverence they liked to exact, for there are frequent records of their arraignment of persons for conduct and language that savored of contempt, and they punished offences of this kind that would be regarded as too insignificant for notice by our Judges.—One of them was publicly accused in 1664 of hog-stealing—an offence of the same grade in social morals then, as sheep-stealing is now, and his brother justices sentenced the slanderer to go down "upon his knees and acknowledge that he had wrongfully defamed the plaintiff."

The above contract seems not to have been sufficiently explicit. For in March of the same year (or according to the new style in March of 1680) a new contract, setting forth the specifications of the building was made between the Justices and Richard Swetnam, of which the following is a copy word for word:

"This Indenture made ye sixteenth day of March One Thousand Six Hundred and Seaventy nine between Richard Woolman, Major William Coursey, Coll. Philemon Lloyd, Edward Mann, Capt George Cowley, James Murphy, William Combes, Commissioners for ye county of Talbott of ye one party and Richard Swetnam Carpenter of ye other party, *Witnesseth*, yt it is covenanted granted, bargained, concluded and agreed by and between ye said parties in matter and forme following, yt is to say, yt ye s'd Richard Swetnam for himself his heirs Executors and Administrators doth covenant in manner and forme as hereafter, from Article to Article doth ensue & follow, yt is to say, yt ye sd Richard Swetnam att his own proper cost and charges shall forthwith fitt, choose and prepeare ye building of one County Courte house upon ye County land in Wye River in Talbot County, ye sd building to be according to ye plot heere annexed, yt is to say fifty foote by twenty three with a court Hall of eighteene foote by eighteene with a porch eight foote by eight, ye whole building to be of three stories pitch'd the first twelve foote in ye cleere, ye second nine foote & ye third eight foote, with an Hallion or hip't roofe, with Lutarnes (?) tip't with twelve Archtryve Windowes, in ye two cleere storyes with convenient ye sashes of ye windowes, ye sd Hall of eighteene foote by eighteene, ye rest five foot by six with seven or eight Lutarne Windowes in ye Roofe, together with two stacks of brick chimneys of fower barrels of eight foote within the Garrets, with a convenient well (?) sufficiente to serve ye Roofe, having several partitions with folding scrancoett doors where necessary, ye lower Roomes polecelioned (this word is so written—it may be polished, or panelled, or partitioned,) with two fashion ye pieces for ye lower rooms. The lower Hall to be ceeuered, floored and fashioned well and inclosed in such forme & manner and as comendable as is ye Provincial state house, with good and sufficient tight clapboard covering and weather boarding, with a second covering ye sd roofe of ye said Courtes house, to be sufficiently built workmanlike, & yt all the several timbers thereto be of good proportion and of such regular scantling as shall be reasonably adviced by any good Architecture. In consideracon of w'ch bargaine Covenants promises, Articles and agreements of ye part of ye sd Richard Swetnam, by him his heyrs, executrs or admrs well and truly to be performed fulfilled and kept as aforesaid, ye sd

Richard Woolman
Major Will Coursey
Coll. Philemon Lloyd
Edward Mann
Capt. George Cooly
James Murphey
William Coubee
Commissioners for ye County afores'd.

have agreed to pay in behalfe of ye s'd county unto him ye sd Richard Swetnam his heyres executors, admrs or assignes one hundred and thirty thousand pounds of tobacco, one moyty at the sealing and delivery of these presents, yt is to say fifty seaven thousand five hundred and fifty & one pound of tobacco, which said sum of fifty seaven thousand five hundred fifty and one pounds of tobacco ye said Swetnam doth for himself his heyres executrs & admirs doth release acquitt and discharge ye sd,

Richard Woolman George Cowly
Will Coursey James Murphy
Philemon Lloyd William Combes
Edward Mann and either of their heyres executrs & admrs by these presents and ye s'd

Richard Woolman George Cowly
Will Courseey James Murphy &
Philemon Lloyd William Combes
Edward Mann doe further covenant & promise in behalfe of ye County aforesaid to pay unto him ye sd Rlcd Swetnam his heyres and assignes att ye cleare finishing of ye premises Seaventy two thousand foure hundred forty and nine pounds of tobacco, it being ye full and cleare agreement, in witness whereof ye partyes above mentioned have interchangeably sett their hands and seales ye day and yeare first above written.

Richard Swetnam seal

Signed Sealed and delivered in ye presence of
Benja Randall
Tho. Impey Clk

To this instrument succeeds the bond of

Richard Swetnam,
William Bishope,
Anthony Mayle,

for the faithful performance of the contract, which, as it contains nothing of special interest, is not copied. The am't of bond was 260,000 lbs. Tobacco in the Cask.

According to the specifications as stated in this paper it is probable the first Court House erected within our present bounds was constructed, and in that house the court met about the year 1682 or 3, not before, for there are records of its being held at the house of Philemon Lloyd, Esq., in the year 1681 and of a levy in favor of Mr. John Downes for the use of his house to keep Court in"—1000 lbs Tobacco, in November of the same year. From a minute of the court held in March 1679, 80, we may infer that our ancestors of the time were not more temperate than we are ourselves in the use of intoxicating liquors. It was found to be necessary to promulge the following order: "The Court hath ordered that *noe ordinary* be Keep upon the plantation of "Elizabeth Winckles by herself or any "other person during the time that Mr. "Richard Swetnam is a building the Court "House upon the county land &c." Another minute of a later date gives indication of the abuse of the privilege held apparently under the first contract by Richd Swetnam of occupying the Court House as an ordinary. In Sept. 1684, after possession had been taken of the new house, we have this record: "Ordered by the "Court that noe drink be sold in the "Court House, or Drank theire dureing "the setting of the Court, in forfeiture of "two shillings and six pence for every "Pott or Bottle of drink sold during the "setting of the Court aforesaid." According to the levy list of 1682, the contractor was allowed 2,000 pounds of Tobacco for adding a porch to the county building. One of the accessaries of a Court House and implements of Justice, in former times, was the public pillory, or stocks. Within the recollection of many persons yet living one of these remnants of barbaric judicature, the stocks and whipping post stood in the Court House yard in this town. It was placed in front of the jail, just where the smoke house now stands, and the culprit sat facing Washington street. The unlucky wight who had the misfortune to be sentenced to be placed in the stocks, suffered not only the punishment of uneasy posture and restraint, but received the unsavory compliments of the boys, and low people, not in words only, but in the form of stale eggs and defunct animals which they threw upon his head, he being unable to dodge their obscene missiles. Fortunately for us this degrading punishment of pillory and stocks was long since abolished in our county and State, though we retained the whipping post to a comparatively recent date. On the 18th Nov. 1690, the court "Ordered that Thomas Bruff doe at or before the next ensuing court to be held "for this county, the third day of January next, fix and sett up before the Court "House doore the stock, pillory and whipping post, by act of assembly appointed, "on penalty of five hundred pounds of "Tobacco, for failure, for his neglect." But that man did not go "unwhipped of "Justice" for want of a whipping post before the one mentioned above was erected is very plain, for in the levy laid at the same court Solomon Wright had an allowance of 50