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THOROUGH-BRED Horse named SHARK, now in high perfection, a fine Sorrel, well marked, full fifteen hands high, remarkable for his activity and great beauty. Now rising 6 years, stands at the subscribers stable in Dumfries the four first days in each week, and Friday's and Saturdays at Mr. Lansdown's Tavern, twelve miles from this place, and will cover Mares at the moderate price of Six Dollars the season, which may be discharged by the payment of Four Dollars, if sent with the Mares. The season will commence on the first day of April, and expire on the last day of July. SHARK was got by the old imported horse Shark, out as a thoroughbred Mare, formerly the property of Sir. John Peyton , deceased of Gloucester County.

Esme Smock Dumfries Va. March 24, 1796