Virginia Journal & Alexandria Advertiser 13 Jan 1785

ON Monday the 4th of April next, if fair, if not the next fair day, will be offered for sale at Mr. William McDaniel's Tavern, in the Town of Dumfries, about 4000 acres of land, being part of that noted tract of land, called and well known by the name of the BRENTON – TRACT; it lies about 17 miles from Dumfries, 30 or 35 from Alexandria and 28 from Fredericksburg. At Dumfries the highest navigation, there is always a good and ready market for every kind of country produce, and the two last mentioned towns are the most considerable on the two rivers of Potomack and Rappahannock. The land produces very good tobacco, wheat, corn &c. is particularly well adapted to farming, being very level, can always be improved with little expense, and is remarked for its superior excellence in producing wheat; there is on some land which may be converted into good meadow land, and 12 or 14 good merchant mills within 30 miles, three of them as near as 8 miles. The tobacco made on the land is esteemed among the best carried to Dumfries, the best inspection on Potomack. The land will be laid in lots of 1, 2, or 300 acres. Three years credit will be given, provided the interest is regularly and punctually paid. Bond carrying interest from the day of sale, with approved and sufficient security, will be required. The land will be sewn by the subscriber living on the premises. Several blooded Nags will be sold at the same time.

Daniel Carroll Brent Brenton, Va. Prince William County January 8, 1785

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TO BE SOLD on Monday the 7th of March next, before Mr. William McDaniel's Door, in the Town of Dumfries, TWELVE SLAVES, belonging to the personal estate of the Rev. James Scott, deceased, consisting of Men, Women, and Children; and on Friday in the same week at WESTWOOD, in Prince William County, the remainder of the household furniture, belonging to the said estate, consisting of tables, chairs, bedspreads, one bed and furniture, a neat pier glass, and other articles too tedious to enumerate. Credit will be allowed for all sums exceeding Forty shillings for 12 months, the purchasers giving bond and approved security to bear interest from the date, if not punctually paid.

T. Blackburn, administrator

Those who have claims against the said estate are desired to bring them in, that provision may be made for payment; and those indebted to it, either by bond or open account, are requested to discharge the same as speedily as possible.

Rippon Lodge February 8, 1785

Virginia Journal & Alexandria Advertiser 30 Nov 1786

SINCE the burning of my tavern on the 12th of September, I have fitted another house for that purpose, where any gentleman traveling through this place may again be well accommodated; and as for my stables they are equal if not superior to any in the State. Any gentlemen that will favor me with their custom may rely on a faithful acknowledgement by their humble servant.

William McDaniel Dumfries, November 24th 1786

Virginia Gazette & Agricultural Repository 17 Nov 1791

James James at his Store near Mr. McDaniel's Tavern – Hath just received and now opening a general assortment of goods suitable to the approaching season, which he is determined to sell on the most reasonable terms, for cash or county produce.

Dumfries, Va. October 13, 1791