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Introductory Note

This compilation of African runaway slaves in North America contains information on 1,650 African-born slaves, of whom 663 (or about 40 percent) include a specific provenance, or named ethnicity (country, nation). The compilation is organized regionally rather than by the artificial political boundaries of particular states. The Chesapeake Region includes notices and advertisements from newspapers in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina; the Carolina Lowcountry Region encompassed Georgia and South Carolina; and the Lower Mississippi Valley includes references to runaway Africans in published advertisements from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Each region was dominated demographically by its largest slaveholding state, that is, Virginia, South Carolina, and Louisiana, respectively. Taken as a whole, this North American collection of runaway enslaved Africans spans from southern Maryland through eastern Texas, and from the colonial through the antebellum eras. From the 1730s right through the 1850s, Africans were a part of the American landscape of slavery.

These records document 33 different named ‘kinds’ of Africans in North American slavery, and internal evidence clearly suggests that it was the masters, and whites in general, who learned these terms from the slaves, and from Africans in particular. The most diverse region in this sample, Upper Guinea/Southern Rivers, that is, from the Casamance and Guinea-Bissau through Sierra Leone and Liberia, provides 11 terms for named groups, or fully one-third of named ethnicities in this compilation, and even today it remains the most ethnically diverse region of West Africa. The apparent ethnic diversity, however, belies a more fundamental patterning. Igbo Africans, for example, appear in every American region. In this sample enslaved Eboe were 90 percent of African runaways who originated from the Bight of Biafra, which included “Calabar” and “Moco” as well as “Eboe.” Indeed, the general pattern is that for each major slaving Coast in Atlantic Africa (excepting Upper Guinea/Southern Rivers), the majority of captives identified with just one or two major regional ethnicities. For Senegambia, it was “Gambia” (47 percent) and “Mandingo” (25 percent); for Gold Coast, it was “Coromantee” (51 percent); for the Bight of Benin, it was “Arrada” and “Popo” (83 percent); for the Bight of Biafra, it was “Eboe” (90 percent); and for West-Central Africa, it was “Angola” (57 percent) and “Congo” (42 percent). Of the 663 ‘named’ Africans, only two ethnicities (“Ben”, “Haloe”) are unidentifiable. [See Table 1 below]
Table 1: African Runaways in North America, by Regional Origin and Diasporic Ethnicity: Combined Dataset
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Overall, the 12 most numerous nationalities/countries among runaway Africans in North America (southern U.S.) were, in order Angola, Congo, Eboe/Ibo, Gambia, Mandingo, Coromantee, Senegal, Gold Coast, Fulla/Poulard, Kissi, Bambara, and Calabar, and together this cohort of a dozen “countries” represents fully 92 percent of this sample. Most diasporic enslaved Africans, then, ’re-grouped’ themselves into these more general, regional ethnicities, or meta-ethnicities, rather than tending to identify themselves in strictly local terms. Some of these ethnicities, such as Eboe, Congo, Mandingo, or Fulla and Kissi and Bambara, are easily recognizable from modern ethnography; others are geographically obvious, such as those who identified their ‘country’ as Angola, Gambia, Senegal, Gold Coast, and Calabar. Still others, however, such as “Coromantee” (the most common ethnic term for Africans from Gold Coast, that is, modern Ghana), or “Mina” and “Chamba” (also from the Gold Coast hinterland), or “Mondongo” (subjects of the Ndongo kingdom, in Angola) are found only in the Diaspora, and yet as such these ethnic terms became symbols of a shared history, or perhaps a shared historical experience of enslavement (in the case of Coromantee, for example, likely as victims of the Asante Empire). The more numerous a ‘named group’ the more likely they were to identify themselves in general, meta-ethnic terms in the African Diaspora.

Curiously, and in contrast to whites in the Carolina Lowcountry (Georgia, South Carolina) and the Lower Mississippi Valley (especially Louisiana), in the Chesapeake region (Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia), masters generally did not identify their African-born slaves by ethnicity. Even a young George Washington, in an advertisement for four African runaways he placed in a Maryland newspaper in August of 1761 (pp.15-16, below), knew enough about them personally to describe them intimately, and to identify two as ship-mates (having been transported on the same slaving voyage), with a third from the same ‘country’ as those two. And yet, Washington did not feel it necessary to identify any of the four by African ethnicity (nation, country).

Given the extreme dangers that runaway slaves faced everywhere, we needs must see them as heroes, if often tragically so, anywhere. For the Africans among them, it now seems clear that they sought solidarity along ethnic lines, and that these cultural connections helped the people to survive, and to seek their escape from slavery.
CHAPTER I:
AFRICAN RUNAWAYS
IN THE CHESAPEAKE REGION, 1736-1836

15 October 1736, Virginia Gazette (Parks)¹
Ran away, about the middle of August last, from Roy’s Warehouse, in Caroline County, Two new Negro men, of a middle stature; one of them [MAN] of a yellow complexion, with a scar on the top of his head. The other [MAN] a black fellow; and they took with them several linen cloths, and cotton frocks, without sleeves, which they had when I bought them. Whoever takes up the said slaves and brings them to the above-mentioned Warehouse, shall have two Pistoles reward, besides what the Law directs, paid by PEYTON SMITH. Williamsburg, October 22, 1736.

29 October 1736, Virginia Gazette (Parks)
Ran away two Negro men slaves; One of them called POPLAR, from my House in King William County, some time in June last; He is a lusty well-set likely fellow, of a middle stature, upwards of 30 years old, and talks pretty good English: The other called PLANTER, from my plantation in Roy’s Neck, in the County of King and Queen, about the month of August following. He is a young Angola Negro, very black, and his lips are remarkably red. He is supposed to be in company with an old Negroe fellow [MAN] belonging to Col. Corbin, of a yellowish hue, his hair is like a Madagascar’s, and to be gone towards Spotsylvania. Whoever brings the said Negroes, or either of them to my House aforesaid, shall be paid a Pistole reward for each: Or if already apprehended, any person giving notice thereof, so as they, or either of them, may be had again, shall be reasonably rewarded, by BENJAMIN NEEDLER. N.B. The Negroe Poplar is outlaw’d.

3 June 1737, Virginia Gazette (Parks)
Ran away from Major JOHN BOLLING, of Henrico County, on Sunday the 15th of May last, Two new Negro men, one named SAMPSON, a large black fellow, the other nam’d BOWZAR, somewhat smaller, of a yellowish complexion, and a scar across the end of his nose: They were

cloath’d in white plains. Whoever brings them to their Master, aforesaid, or give notice of them so as they may be had again, shall be handsomely rewarded.

26 August 1737, Virginia Gazette (Parks)
On Tuesday last, the 30th of August, a Negro man, who was taken up in Middlesex County, as a runaway, was committed to the Public Prison, in Williamsburg. He is a lusty fellow, about 25 years old, and is suppos’d to be a new Negro: he calls himself GEORGE; but cannot or will not discover who he belongs to. The owner may have him again, by applying to the Keeper of the said Prison, and paying the charges. Richmond County, August 27, 1737.

14 April 1738, Virginia Gazette (Parks)
Ran away about 3 weeks ago, from Col. Lewis Burwell’s Plantation, near Williamsburg, a very black Mundingo Negro man, called JUMPER, aged about 30, of a middle stature, and well set; has a long scar on the back of one of his hands, and is bow leg’d. He has been in the Country about 2 years, but talks pretty good English. He had on, when he went away, a white plains jacket and breeches, an oznabrigs shirt, a felt hat, a linen cap, border’d with callicoe, shoes and stockings. Whoever brings the said Negro to Col. Burwell, at his House near Williamsburg, shall be well rewarded, in proportion to his trouble, besides what the Law allows, by LEWIS BURWELL.

28 April 1738, Virginia Gazette (Parks)
Ran away on the 22d of February last, from Col. Richard Randolph’s Quarter, in Amelia County, four Negroes, viz. SANCHO, a tall lusty fellow, about 25 years of age, cloathed with a Manx cloth wastecoat [sic], white plains breeches, died yellow, plad hose, and hobb-nailed shoes. WARWICK, a middle-siz’d fellow, thin face, small eyes, and a sneaking look, cloathed as the other. BELLA, a lusty likely woman. PHEBE, a small woman, with marks in her face, cloathed as the other. Whoever takes up and secures the said Negroes, so that their owner above mention’d may have them again, shall have Five Pistoles reward, besides what the Law allows.

14 July 1738, Virginia Gazette (Parks)
Ran away from Coggan’s Point on James River, opposite to Col. Byrd’s, 3 Negro men, viz. BASIL, a lusty, well-made, black Negro, Virginia born, about 25 years of age. GLOSTER, a tall, slim, black Negro, about 30 years of age. SAM, a tawny, well made, Madagascar Negro, about

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30 years of age: They went away in a Canoe on Sunday the 25th of June last; they were seen to
go down the River: They had each of them on old cotton wastecoats [sic] and breches [sic], and
old oznabriggs shirts; and 'tis supposed carried with them several sorts of old cloaths they had
got of their neighbours, either bought or stole, besides a small cask of salt fish, and some corn.
Whoever secures them so as their Master may get them, shall have twenty Shillings for each,
besides what the Law allows, and all reasonable charges, paid by me NATHANIEL
HARRISON.

8 September 1738, *Virginia Gazette* (Parks)
On the 11th of this Inst. was brought to the Publick Goal, a Runaway Negro man [MAN],
suppos’d to be about 20 years of age; is pretty tall: He has been 2 months in Spotsylvania Prison.
Is a new Negro, and cannot or will not tell his Master’s Name. Whoever is the right owner may
have him again, paying the fees. JOHN CARTER.

5 October 1739, *Virginia Gazette* (Parks)
Stolen away from Isle of Wight Court-House, on the 25th of September last, at night, out of the
house of Mr. Benjamin Willet, a Negro Man, named WARRAH, belonging to the subscriber,
living in Warwick County: The Negro has been 4 years in the country, speaks broken English; is
a lusty, well set fellow, of a middle stature; his shin bones rise up in the middle, and stick out
very sharp, his toes stand very wide asunder, he has a mark on one of his shoulders, (his left I
think) [sic] that goes down his arm, about 6 inches long, and 3 broad, pitted in the skin, or the
skin raised up in little holes as thick as they can stand: He had on a crocus shirt, and long
trowsers of the same, a cotton wastecoat [sic] and a Monmouth cap. Whoever apprehends [sic]
the thief, and Negro, and delivers them up, to be dealt with according to Law, shall have Two
Pistoles and a Half reward, for each of them, paid by me, ANDREW GILES.

19 October 1739, *Virginia Gazette* (Parks).
Ran away from the Subscriber, living at Capt. Anthony Thornton’s Quarter, in Caroline County,
a Negro man [MAN]; he is a middle-siz’d fellow, has three marks down each temple, and can’t
speak a word of English: He had on when he went away, an old checks shirt, and an old pair of
oznabrig trowsers. Whoever will apprehend the said slave, so that I may have him again, shall
have a Pistole reward, besides what the Law allows. JOHN PEARCE.

26 October 1739, *Virginia Gazette* (Parks)
On Wednesday the 31st of October was committed to James City County Goal, a Negro man,
suppos’d to be a runaway: He is about 5 feet 10 inches high, has on a cotton jacket, and a red
wastecoat [sic] under it, an old crocus shirt, a pair of old crocus breeches, and a very good pair of
shoes and stockings; he is a new Negro, and can’t speak English; his name is understood to be
TOM. The owner may have him again, by applying to the Keeper of the said Prison, and paying
the prison fees, and the charge of this advertisement.
26 October 1739, *Virginia Gazette* (Parks)
Ran away on the 30th of September last, from the Subscriber, living in Hanover County, two Negroes, viz. a Negro man, nam’d ROGER, born at Angola, a pretty tall, well-set fellow about 30 years old: He had on, when he went away, a new oznabrig shirt, and an old cotton wastecoat [sic], a pair of Virginia cloth breeches, strip’d black and white, and a pair of country-made shoes. The other, a thick square woman, named MOLL, about 18 Years old, Virginia born; is wife to the above-nam’d Roger, and is very big with child. She had on, an old oznabrig shift, and an old cotton wastecoat [sic] and petticoat. They both speak tolerable good English. Whoever will bring the said Negroes to me, at my House, in Hanover County, shall have a Pistole reward for each of them, besides what the Law allows. JOHN SHELTON.

3 October 1745, *Virginia Gazette* (Parks)
Ran away from the Subscriber, living in Hanover, two new Negroe men, imported from Gambia, in the Brig. Ranger,\(^4\) and sold at Newcastle the 5th of September last; they understand no English, and are near 6 feet high, each; one of them is nam’d JACK, a right black, with a scar over the right eye-brow; the other a yellow fellow [MAN], with 3 small strokes on each side of his face, like this mark ( | ) [sic]. They had on, each, a nap’d new cotton jacket and breeches, without either buttons or button-holes, a new oznabrig shirt, and new felt hats. They stole a fine damask table-cloth, 10 qrs. square, 5 yards and a half of fine Scot linen, 3 yards and a half of Scots 3 qr. check, a white Holland shirt, and a silk handkerchief. Whoever takes up the said Negroes, and goods, and brings them to me, or to Mr. Robert Brown, Merchant, in Newcastle, shall be rewarded as the law allows. MARGARET ARBUTHNOTT.\(^5\)

20 March 1746, *Virginia Gazette* (Parks)
Ran away on the 5th of February last, from the Subscriber, living in Albermarle [sic] County, at Wood’s-Pass, a new Negroe man, named SAWNEY: He has the scars of many cuts in his face; had on when he went away, a felt hat and cap, 2 cotton jackets, one without sleeves, a pair of cotton breeches, and a good pair of shoes and stockings. Whoever apprehends and secures the said Negroe, so that I may have him again, shall have a Pistole reward, besides what the Law allows, paid by ARCHIBALD WOODS.

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\(^4\) Cf. *TAST* (1999), ID#17147, the *Ranger* [a brig], Capt. Thomas Edsworthy, from Bristol via Africa unspecified to York River, Va., landing 185 slaves from 24 Aug. 1745.

\(^5\) See also 14 November 1745, *Virginia Gazette* (Parks): Ran away from the Subscriber, living in Hanover County, near Newcastle Town, about the end of September last, a new Negroe man [MAN]; he understands no English; is about 5 feet 11 inches high, a right black fellow; with a scar over his right eye-brow; had on, a new cotton jacket and breeches, without either button or button-holes, a new felt hat, and an oznabrig shirt. Whoever takes up the said Negroe and brings him to me, or to Mr. Robert Brown, Merchant, in Newcastle, shall have a good reward, besides what the Law allows. MARGARET ARBUTHNOTT. N.B. It’s desired that he may receive sufficient correction in his way home.
11 November 1746, *Maryland Gazette*
Runaway from the Subscriber on Sunday the 2d Instant a lusty Negro Man called **CATO**, about 25 or 30 Years of Age, speaks little English; had on two Oznabrig Shirts, an old dark colour’d Great Coat, and a pair of blue Cloth Breeches. Whoever will take up and bring the said Negro to me, at Annapolis, shall have Ten Shillings for their Trouble, paid by WILLIAM THORNTON. November 4, 1746.

9 June 1747, *Maryland Gazette*
Ran away from the Subscriber, on the 24th of May last, from his Plantation on Gravelly Branch, in Worcester County, a pretty all, well-made, supple Negro Man, named **CUFFY**, about 35 Years of Age, has a very odd Look, is much scarified on his Forehead, and has Holes in all his Teeth: It is thought he is gone with one William Robeson, a Blacksmith, who was suspected of having broke open the Subscriber’s Store, and carrying off several Pieces of fine Linnens, white and brown Fustians, &c. He ran off some Days before the Negro Fellow, to have an Opportunity of selling the Goods. Whoever will bring the said Negro Fellow to the Subscriber, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows: And if they can give good Intelligence of Robeson, so that he may be secured, and Proof given that he is, or has been selling Goods, shall have a Reward of Three Pounds. He lived formerly with Major Trippe. ADAM MUIR.

14 November 1751, *Virginia Gazette* (Hunter)
Ran away some time in August last, from the Subscriber’s Plantation, on Willis’s Creek, in Albemarle County, a new Negroe man slave, who was imported this summer in the Williamsburg,⁶ Captain Tate; as he cannot tell who he belongs to he may be committed to Prison, though there is some reason to believe he was met on the Road and carried high up the Country: He is a strong made fellow, about five feet ten inches high, stoops much in his shoulders, and has a surly down look; The little time I had him he went by the Name of **DAVID**, tho’ he may not now remember it; he had on when he went away a new strong oznabrig shirt, a blue pennystone waistcoat, sew’d up the sides, the whole breadth of the cloth, and a new Scotch bonnet. I hereby offer a reward of Two Pistoles (besides what the Law allows) to any person who shall have taken him up, and will bring him to me in Chesterfield, or to Mr. James Allen in Albemarle County; or if he is stolen, as is suspected, I will give Ten Pistoles to any person that will inform me in whose possession he is, so that I may have him again. ARCHIBALD CARY.

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⁶ Likely Igbo. See *TAST* (1999), ID#17277, the Williamsburgh, Capt. John Tate, from Bristol via Bonny and São Tome, to Upper James River, Va., landing 295 slaves from 31 July 1751; departed Va. on 5 Oct. 1751; completed voyage on 26 Nov. 1751; owner was John King. Note that the Geography of Slavery entry, in its More Information feature, correctly identifies the ship but describes the provenance only as “from Africa carrying 295 slaves”; see advertisement entry online at [http://www2.vedh.virginia.edu/saxon/servlet/SaxonServlet?source=/xml_docs/slavery/ads/rg51.xml&style=/xml_docs/slavery/ads/display_ad.xsl&ad=v1751110093](http://www2.vedh.virginia.edu/saxon/servlet/SaxonServlet?source=/xml_docs/slavery/ads/rg51.xml&style=/xml_docs/slavery/ads/display_ad.xsl&ad=v1751110093).
3 January 1752, *Virginia Gazette* (Hunter)
Now in the public Goal of this City, a new Negro man slave, who answers to the name of THOMAS; he was taken up and confined in King William County in October last, and from thence transmitted hither. He cannot speak English, or tell the name of his Master. The owner may have him, on paying charges to JOHN LANE, K.P.G. Williamsburg, January 2, 1752.

30 January 1752, *Virginia Gazette* (Hunter)
Stolen, or ran away, from the Subscriber’s Plantation, in King and Queen County, on Sunday, the 17th of November last, a likely young Eboe Negro man slave, who was imported last summer in the Ship Williamsburg, Capt. Tate; he is a short well-set fellow, with a small scar on his right cheek, and a parcel of small scars on his forehead, which is suppos’d to be his country mark; he was well cloathed with cotton and canvis [sic], and a pair of Virginia shoes; went by the name of CUFFEE, and can speak but few words of English: If stolen, I do hereby offer a reward of ten Pistoles to any person that will apprehend the thief, so as he may be brought to justice; and two Pistoles, besides what the Law allows, if taken up as a run-away. BENJAMIN SCOTT.

12 March 1752, *Virginia Gazette* (Hunter)
Ran away from the subscriber, living in Amelia County, on the 20th Day of January last, a Negro man, named WILL; he is a thick well-set fellow, about 5 feet and a half high, has a film on one of his eyes which almost covers the sight, he is an outlandish fellow, talks pretty good English, but stammers much; he is well cloath’d in Negro cotton, his breeches dy’d of a purple colour, and has a new felt hat. ‘Tis believ’d he has made downwards. Whoever brings him to me, or secures him so that I may have him again, shall have a Pistole reward, besides what the Law allows, paid by EDMUND WALKER.

20 October 1752, *Virginia Gazette* (Hunter)
Ran away from the Subscriber, in Henrico County, the last of September, two new Negroes, about 5 feet 10 inches high; one of them a black well-set fellow [MAN], the other a yellow-looking fellow [MAN]; both of them cloathed in cotton and oznabrigs: They were imported in August last, and can’t speak any English. Whoever takes ‘em up and brings them to me, shall be well rewarded for their trouble. WILLIAM RANDOLPH.

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7 See *TAST* (1999), ID#17277, the *Williamsburgh*, Capt. John Tate, from Bristol via Bonny and Sào Tome, to Upper James River, Va., landing 295 slaves from 31 July 1751; departed Va. on 5 Oct. 1751; completed voyage on 26 Nov. 1751; owner was John King.

8 They were likely from Gambia. The *TAST* (1999) documents four slave-trade voyages that first disembarked in August 1752 in Virginia: ID#17297, the *Penelope*, Capt. John Clark, from Bristol via Angola to Rappahannock River, Va., landing 223 slaves from 3 Aug. 1752, and completed voyage on 2 Dec. 1752, owner Henry Allen; ID#75242, the *Castleton*, Capt. Henry Tindale, from Lancaster via Gambia to Upper James, Va., landing 70 slaves from 24 Aug. 1752, and completed voyage on 19 Dec. 1752, owner William Butterfield; ID#90297, the *Orrell*, Capt. Samuel Lacer (2nd John Whitesides; 3rd James Griffin), from Liverpool via Gambia to York River, Va., landing 81 slaves from 13 Aug. 1752, departed Va. on 18 Oct. 1752 and completed voyage on 24
4 October 1753, Maryland Gazette
Ran away from Mr Stephen Onion’s Iron Works, in Baltimore County, about the Middle of June last, a Negro Fellow called JEMMY, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, of a yellow Complexion, pretty much Pock fretten, has been in the Country about 16 months, talks very little English, and has been the most Part of the said Time cutting Cord Wood: I am doubtful whether he can explain or even express his owner’s Name. Whoever takes up the said Negro and secures him, so that the Subscriber may have him again, shall receive a Pistole Reward, beside the Allowance by Law, and if brought to said Works, any reasonable Charges. BENJAMIN WELSH. N.B. I am suspicious that the said Fellow is, (by some ill disposed Person or other) [sic], stolen and carried into the back Woods.

22 August 1754, Maryland Gazette
Ran away from the Baltimore Iron Works on Patapsco, in Maryland . . . [sic] the 6th Instant, a New Negro Man, named CAESAR, is very tall, and can speak but few Words of English; he is apparelled as Negroes commonly are. Whoever brings him home, shall have Ten Shillings, if under Ten Miles from home; and Thirty Shillings, if at a greater Distance, paid by RICHARD CROXALL.

10 October 1754, Maryland Gazette
Ran away from Col. Tayloe’s Mine-Bank, on Patapsco River, in Maryland, on the 30th of September last, two Negro Men; one Named FRANK, a small Fellow, has a yellowish skin, a high Nose, about 20 Years of Age, and has a good Look; the other named GEORGE, a tall thin, black Fellow, has a Wen or Swelling, on one of his Knees, and is about 27 Years of Age. They have been in the Country about two Years, are very poorly apparelled, and can speak but little English. Whoever brings the said Negroes to the Subscriber at the Mine-Bank, shall have Fifteen Shillings for each, if taken under ten Miles from home; Thirty Shillings for each, if at a greater Distance; Three Pistoles for both, if taken out of the Province; and reasonable Charges if brought home, paid by THOMAS LAWSON.

7 November 1754, Virginia Gazette (Hunter)
Ran away from the Subscriber, an Angola Negroe boy [BOY], about 16 years old, with a thin face and head, thick lips, large mouth, large flat feet, small legs, and speaks tolerable good English, pretty freely. Also a Virginia-born Negroe boy [BOY], about a fortnight ago, he is about the same age, a free-spoken daring fellow, low of stature and well-set, with thick lips, and a little bow-legged: He stole and carried off several Joiners tools, from Charles Cabcon, viz. a sett of table plains, &c. together with a Holland shirt, cap, and muffin neck-cloth, also a horse and bag

of meal: Whoever apprehends them, so that they be dealt with according to Law, shall be honorably rewarded, by WILLIAM WINSTON, Jun. Hanover County, October 24, 1754.

17 October 1755, *Virginia Gazette* (Hunter)
Ran away from the Subscriber, in Bertie County near Meherrin River, on the 20th instant, three Negro men slaves, viz. JEMMY, an Eboe Negro, about 5 feet 10 inches high of a yellow complexion, very sly and crafty, speaks seldom, tho’ tolerable good English; about 35 years of age; had on when he went away, a close double-breasted grey bear-skin coat, with a black velvet cape, and twist buttons, pretty much worn; he had both a white and an oznabrigs shirt, a pair of white linen breeches, crocus trousers, and carried with him a gun. JOHN, says he was born in France, about the same stature and age, much pitted with the small-pox, speaks quick and broken, has small hollow eyes; he took with him two white shirts, one coarse the other fine, an oznabrig ditto, a pair of blue and yellow cloth breeches, a blue duffil great coat, a red duffil and striped ticken jacket, with several pair of stocking. BOSTON, an Angola Negro, about five feet eight inches high, has a stammering in his speech, is scarified [sic] by whipping, and much the age of the others; took with him a black duffil and striped ticken jacket, a pair of crocus trousers, an oznabrig shirt, and a large blue great coat. Whoever secures and conveys them to me, shall have three Pounds reward for each, besides what the Law allows. HENRY HILL. North-Carolina, Sept. 24, 1755.⁹

12 December 1755, *Virginia Gazette* (Hunter)
Ran away from the Subscriber the latter end of April last, a small, neat, well made Angola Negro fellow named LONDON, about five feet 5 or 6 inches high, as he was imported very young he speaks very good English, about thirty years old, has a very round visage, and a full beard, he is of a middling dark complexion. Also run away from the Subscriber’s Plantation in King-William County, the latter end of last September another fellow named SAM DRYSDALE, about forty years old; about five feet 7 or 8 inches high, has lost some of his under fore teeth, he is Virginia born, and formerly belonged to the late Commissary Blair. Whoever will apprehend the said runaways and bring them to the Subscriber in New- Kent, shall have three Pistoles reward for each if taken in this Government, and five Pistoles for each, if taken in any other. DANIEL PARKE CUSTIS.

⁹ See for later occurrence [Jamie/Jemmy], 23 February 1758, *Maryland Gazette*: Ran away from the Subscriber, near Meherrin River, in Bertie County, North-Carolina, the 7th of April last, Two Negro Men Slaves, viz. JAMIE, an Eboe Negro, about 35 or 40 Years old, about 5 Feet 10 or 11 Inches high, well made, of a yellow Complexion, and is very sly and crafty. Had on when he went away, a white Cotton Jacket and Breeches, an Osnabrigs Shirt, a Pair of Yarn Stockings, and Country made Shoes. JOHN, about the Age and Stature of the other, says he was born in France, has the same Sort of Cloaths with the other, is much pitted with the Small-Pox, small hollow Eyes, walks very upright, with his Toes inclined inwards. Whoever apprehends the said Negroes, and conveys them to me, shall have Four Pistoles Reward for each; and if they secure them, and send me Word where they are, Three Pistoles Reward for each. HENRY HILL.
27 August 1756, *Virginia Gazette* (Hunter)
Run away from the Subscriber’s plantation, in Charles-City County, a Negroe man, named WILL, a lusty well-made fellow, appears to be near 40 years old, is much scar’d on his back with a whip, his teeth bad, and marked his country mark. He formerly belonged to Mr. William Dudley, near Poropotank, in King and Queen County. Whoever secures the said runaway so that I may get him again shall receive half a Pistole reward, besides what the Law allows. WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT.

7 September 1758, *Maryland Gazette*
Ran away from the Schooner Conck, JOHN BAKER, Master, of Norfolk, now lying at Annapolis, a Negro Man named JOE, born in Guiney; he is about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, and has a Wen on one of his Cheeks. He speaks French well, but not a Word of English. Whoever takes up the said Negro, and brings him either to Mr. Middleton or the said Master, shall a Thirty Shillings Reward.

23 November 1758, *Maryland Gazette*
Ran away from the Subscriber, living at the Head of South River, on the 16th Instant, the two following Negroes, viz. GEORGE, a Country-born slim Fellow, about 6 Feet high, pitted with the Small-Pox, and about 23 Years of Age. Had on an old Felt Hat, with a Patch of black Cloth on the Brim of it, an old light Fearnothing Coat, with a Cape sewed to the Body, two new Osnabrigs Shirts, and one Holland Ditto with Chitterlings, Osnabrigs Trowsers, Osnabrigs Jacket without Sleeves, new white Stockings, dark colour’d Ditto, a striped Country Cloth Jacket half worn, and French Fall Shoes. He lived some Years ago with Mr. James Baxter, in Caecil [sic] County, and was employed in riding Errands. CHARLES, a short, thick, fat, black Fellow, born in Guiney, and stutters much. Had on an old grey Fearnothing Coat, with a Cape sewed to the Body of it, a Welch Cotton Jacket half worn, an old Felt Hat, two new Osnabrigs Shirts, an Osnabrigs Frock and Trowsers half worn, new white Yarn Stockings, and Negro Shoes nail’d. Whoever takes up the said Negroes, and commits them to any Goal, shall have Forty Shillings Reward for each; and if brought home, reasonable Charges, paid by DAVID EVANS. N.B. The Sheriff, to whose Custody they may be committed, is requested to send Word to the Printing-Office in Annapolis. November 21, 1758.10

13 September 1759, *Maryland Gazette*
Ran away or Stolen from the Subscriber, living near Bladensburg in Prince-George’s County, Maryland, on Sunday the 2d of September, a New Negro Man imported in the Ship Upton [from

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10 For later occurrence of running away, see 31 July 1760, *Maryland Gazette*: Ran away from the Subscriber, living near the Head of South River, in Anne-Arundel County, on the 21st of this Instant July, Two Negro Men: The oen named CHARLES, is a short thick Fellow, was born in Guiney and stutters much. Had on when he went away, an Osnabrigs Shirt, a Pair of Crocus open kneed Breeches, and a new Felt Hat. The other named JACK, a tall slim yellowish Fellow, and has a long Chin. Had on when he went away, an Osnabrigs Shirt, a Pair of Crocus men kneed Breeches, and a new Felt Hat. But they may change their Dress. Whoever takes up the said Negroes, and brings them home, shall have Forty Shillings Reward for each, paid by DAVID EVANS.
Gambia]. Capt. Birch; he has a youthful pleasant Look, a yellow Complexion, one of his Little Fingers a little crooked, has a Scar high up on one of his Legs, appears to be about 20 Years of Age, 5 Feet 7 Inches high, seems lively and active; he will answer to the Name of SAMBO; he has sound sharp Teeth, smokes Tobacco, and can say Tobacco and some few other Words. He had on an Osnabrigs Shirt and Breech Clouts. Whoever brings the said Negro to the Subscriber, shall receive Two Pistoles Reward; and if Stolen and the Thief secured, Four Pistoles, paid by JASPER MAUDUIT.

6 December 1759, Maryland Gazette
Ran away from the Subscriber, on Thursday the 18th of October last, Two New Negroes; the one a Man, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, supposed to be about 25 Years of Age. Had on when he went away, a Crocus Shirt and Trowsers, and a new white Plading Jacket. He will answer to the Name of ISAAC. The other a Woman, is very small, talks in her Language very fast, appears to be older than the Man. Had on when she went away, a Crocus Shift, and a white Plading Petticoat; she also carried with her a Piece of greenish colour’d Cloth, which I supposed may supply the want of a Jacket. She will answer to the Name of SARAH. Whoever takes up the said Negroes, and brings them to me at George-Town on Patowmack River, or secures them so that I can have them again, shall have a Reward of Twenty-five Shillings for each, besides reasonable Charges paid, if taken up 20 Miles from home, and delivered to me. ROBERT PETER.

23 October 1760, Maryland Gazette
Ran away from the Bay Side in Talbot County, on the 16th of October, Two new Negro Men [MAN] [MAN]. One of them has liv’d among the English on the Coast of Guiney, and can speak some English. They came in lately in the Ship Jane, and he that can speak English denies being a Slave, and is supposed to be gone to dispute it with the Captain: He is a lusty likely Fellow, and had on a brown Frize Pea-Jacket, Oznabrig Shirt, and wide Trowsers. The other had on an old Pea-Jacket, and wide trowsers. They both appear as if they had just left some Ship. They are gone away in a Yawl of about 16 Feet Keel. Whoever secures the said Negroes so that their Master may have them again, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, paid by BENJAMIN KEMP.

20 August 1761, Maryland Gazette
Ran away from a plantation of the subscriber’s on Dogue-Run in Fairfax, on Sunday the 9th instant, the following Negroes, viz. PERES, 35 or 40 years of age, a well-set fellow, of about 5 feet 8 inches high, yellowish complexion, with a very full round face, and a full black beard, his speech is something slow and broken, but not in so great a degree as to render him remarkable. He had on when he went away, a dark colour’d cloth coat, a white linen waist-coat, white

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11 See TAST (1999), ID#90772, the Upton, Capt. Thomas Birch, James Gildart owner, departed Liverpool 17 Feb. 1759, via Gambia, to Virginia with 180 captives, disembarked estimated 157 slaves [in August], completed voyage to Liverpool on 1 Jan. 1760.

12 There is no record of a ship Jane, Capt. Wilkinson, circa 1760 voyage to the Chesapeake region, in TAST (1999).
breeches and white stockings. **JACK**, 30 years (or thereabouts) old, a slim, black, well made fellow, of near 6 feet high, a small face, with cuts down each cheek, being his country marks, his feet are large (or long) [sic] for he requires a great shoe. The clothing he went off in cannot be well ascertained, but it is thought in his common working dress, such as cotton waistcoat (of which he had a new one) [sic] and breeches, and osnabrig shirt. **NEPTUNE**, aged 25 or 30, well-set, and of about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, thin jaw’d, his teeth stragling and fil’d sharp, his back, if rightly remember’d, has many small marks or dots running from both shoulders down to his waistband, and his head was close shaved: Had on a cotton waistcoat, black or dark colour’d breeches, and an osnabrig shirt. **CUPID**, 23 or 25 years old, a black well made fellow, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, round and full faced, with broad teeth before, the skin of his face is coarse, and inclined to be pimpley, he has no other distinguishable mark that can be recollected; he carried with him his common working cloaths, and an old osnabrigs coat made frockwise. The two last of these were bought from an African Ship in August 1759, and talk very broken and unintelligible English; the second one, Jack, is countryman to those, and speaks pretty good English, having been several years in the country. The other, Peres, speaks much better than either, indeed has little of his country dialect left, and is esteemed a sensible judicious Negro. As they went off without the least suspicion, provocation, or difference with any body, or the least angry word or abuse from their overseers, ’tis supposed they will hardly lurk about in the neighbourhood, but steer some direct course (which cannot even be guessed at) [sic] in hopes of an escape: Or, perhaps, as the Negro Peres has lived many years about Williamsburg, and King-William County, and Jack in Middlesex, they may possibly bend their course to one of those places. Whoever apprehends the said Negros, so that the subscriber may readily get them, shall have, if taken up in this County, forty shillings reward, beside what the Law allows; and if at any greater distance, or out of the Colony, a proportionable recompence paid them, by GEORGE WASHINGTON. N.B. If they should be taken separately, the reward will be proportioned.

Fairfax County (Virginia) [sic] August 11, 1761.

27 August 1761, *Maryland Gazette*

Ran away from the Subscriber of Frederick County (Virginia) [sic] a middle siz’d Negro Fellow [**MAN**], a little pitted with the Small-Pox, something of the Tawny Complexion, was Imported in 1760, so that he scarcely speaks any English, but can work at the Smith’s Trade, having been employed in his own Country in that Way. He Eloped the 3d of April last with a Wench [**WOMAN**], that was afterwards taken from him at the Sugar-Islands on the Virginia Shore, and it’s thought he got over into Maryland. Any Person that secures him in a Goal, so that I get him, 

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13 *TAST* (1999) documents 4 ships disembarking slaves in 1759 in Virginia: ID#17432, the *Black Prince*, from Bristol via Angola, landing 500 slaves from 11 July 1759; ID#17441, the *Molly*, from Bristol via Africa unspecified, landing 238 slaves from 15 July 1759; ID#27057, the *Lowther*, from Lancaster via Africa unspecified to Hampton, Va., landing 239 slaves in 1759; ID#90772, the *Upton*, from Liverpool via Gambia, landing 157 slaves from 28 April 1759, and departed 2 July 1759. The most likely candidate is the *Black Prince*.

14 In 1760 there were 7 recorded slaving voyages arriving in Virginia, disembarking an estimated 1,202 slaves, all (with a known provenance) from Greater Senegambia (Sierra Leone 56%; Windward Coast 31%; Senegambia 13%); *TAST* (1999).
shall have Forty Shillings, or if brought home, Four Pounds, and reasonable Charges, paid by MICHAEL PYKE.

22 October 1761, Maryland Gazette
Ran away from the Subscriber on the 4th Instant, a very likely Negro Fellow named TOM, about 22 Years of Age, 5 Feet 8 Inches high, was imported from Africa about 2 ½ Years ago, but speaks tolerable good English, tho’ slow, and appears bashful. He had on when he went away, an over Jacket of dyed Cotton, and under Jacket of Plading, and an Osnabrigs Shirt and Trowsers; it is imagined that he carried with him some spare Shirts and Trowsers, as also some Bed-Cloaths, and as we miss a Canoe from this Shore, it is suspected that he is gone by Water, especially as he had been used to the Water for at least a Year before I purchased him, and had in that Time made an Attempt to get to Sea in an open Boat. Whoever apprehends the said Negro, and secures him so that I can have him again, shall be paid the Sum of Twenty Shillings if taken within Ten Miles of this Place, Thirty Shillings if Twenty Miles, Forty Shillings if Thirty Miles, Fifty Shillings if Forty Miles, and Three Pounds if at a greater Distance, by ROBERT PETER. Rock-Creek, October 9, 1761.

10 June 1762, Maryland Gazette
Six Pounds Reward. Ran away from the Elk-Ridge Furnace, on the 26th of May last, Five Negro Men, viz. One named TOM, he is a very cunning Rogue, has often ran away, and is very artful in sculking: The other Four [MAN] [MAN] [MAN] [MAN] are New Negroes, and can speak but very little English. Whoever takes up the said Negroes, and brings them to the Elk-Ridge Furnace, or secures them so that they may be had again, shall have Six Pounds Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by CALEB DORSEY. N. B. The negro named Tom, formerly belonged to Mr. Thomas Ringgold, and is very well acquainted with the Bay; therefore, perhaps, may attempt to escape by Water.

29 September 1763, Maryland Gazette
Ran away, Two New Negro Men, named JEM and SAMBO, both tall Fellows; the one young, the other grey headed. They both have Osnabrigs Shirts on, the one with Trowsers, the other a Piece of blue Stuff round his Middle. Whoever takes up the said Runaways, and brings them to the Subscriber, shall be well Rewarded. GEORGE SCOTT, Sheriff of Prince-George’s County.

21 June 1764, Maryland Gazette
Ran away from Mr. Joshua Edmondson, living at Vienna in Dorchester County, a Negro Fellow named GLASGOW, the Property of Mr. Thomas Muir in Glasgow, and was left in Possession of the Subscriber, in the County aforesaid, a thick well made Fellow, about 40 Years of Age, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, and speaks broken: Had on when he went away, a blue Kersey Jacket and Breeches, Country made Shirt, Yarn Stockings, old Shoes with Brass Buckles, a blue Scotch Bonnet, and an old brown Cut Wig. He took with him two very good Frize Jackets, and a good brown Great Coat. Whoever apprehends the said Fellow, or secures him so that the Subscriber
may have him again, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward if taken out of the County, and if in
the County Ten Shillings, paid by CHARLES MUIR.

4 July 1765, Maryland Gazette
Ran away on Saturday Night, the 22d Instant, from the Subscriber . . . a Guiney Negro Boy,
about 14 Years of Age, named SANCHO, he has been scored in both his Cheeks, and the Marks
appear plain: He had on a Tow Linen Shirt and Trowsers, an old Great Coat of a brownish
Colour, and a Negro Cap made of Woollen Yarn. They stole a Battoe, and went off by Water,
from the Head of North-East. Whoever takes up the said Servant and Negro, and secures them so
as their Master may have them again, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward for each, besides what
the Law allows, paid by the Subscriber, living near the North-East Forge, in Cecil County. JOHN
READ. June 25, 1765.

29 August 1765, Maryland Gazette
Ran away from the Subscriber, last Night, a Convict Servant Man [LEWIS]. . . Two
Negroes are supposed to be gone with him: One named SAM, about 24 Years old, near the
height of Lewis: Had a blue Fearnought Waistcoat, Osnabrig Shirt, and Hempen Roll Trowsers.
The other, named BEWDLY, a little Taller, with some Guiney Marks in his Forehead. Lewis
cannot Read: I think he has a large Scar on one of his Shoulders, occasioned by a Broad Sword.
He talks inwardly, has a down Look, and 'tis probable will soon quite the Negroes. Whoever will
deliver the said Lewis to Me, living near Annapolis, shall have Three Pistoles Reward; and Four
Dollars for each of the Negroes. N.B. All Master of Vessels are forewarn’d from carrying them
off, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril. JOHN WILMOT. August 28, 1765.

7 March 1766, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Co.)
Run away from the subscriber’s forge, on the 22d instant, at night, three Negro men; one of them
named STEPHEN, by trade a carpenter, Virginia born, a black fellow, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches
high, very brisk and active, speaks quick, has a pleasant countenance, and walks very nimbly.
Also NED, a fire-man, a black fellow, remarkably well made for strength, about 5 feet 7 or 8
inches high, generally laughs when he speaks, has a large mouth, which is seldom shut, Virginia
born, inclinable to be fat, has a sluggish walk, and broad shoulders. Also BRUMALL, a Gold
Coast Negro, about the size and height of Ned; he is a fire-man, has remarkable broad shoulders,
a roll in his walk, and had a hurt on his knee lately, from which he was lame a day or two before
he went off; but whether any scar on it, I know not. Both the last mentioned fellows have scars
on their arms, from burns which they got by melted cinders flying on them when at work.
Brumall is a yellow Negro, and has a very pleasant countenance. I can give no particular
description of their clothes; I do not know of their carrying any more than their suits of cotton
and osnabrugs. I will give 5 l. [pound] reward for each slave, if taken up in Virginia, and
delivered to me; if in Carolina, 10 l. [pound] for each. ARCHIBALD CARY. Chesterfield,
February 24, 1766.
21 March 1766, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Co.)
Committed to James City prison an Ibo Negro fellow [JAMES] about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, about 40 years old, has on a blue coat with metal buttons, a cotton waistcoat, a pair of buckskin breeches, has five gashes of his country mark on each cheek, and says that he was sold about 6 years ago by Col. Hunter, late of Hampton, to David Sallen, waterman. The owner may have him on proving his property, and paying charges, of WILLIAM LANE.¹⁵

21 March 1766, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Co.)
Committed to James City prison a Virginia born Negro fellow named JAMES, about 5 feet and an inch high, and about 35 years old; has on a cotton waistcoat and breeches with plate buttons, osnabrugs shirt, and yarn stockings. Also a Virginia born Negro fellow named PETER, about 5 feet two inches high, about 20 years old, his right wrist much swelled, and his right eye sore; has on a cotton waistcoat and breeches with plate buttons, osnabrugs shirt, and yarn stockings. Also SAM, an outlandish Negro, about 5 feet and an inch high, about 30 years old, and has on a cotton waistcoat and breeches, osnabrugs shirt, and yarn stockings. They say they belong to Robert Petway of Sussex county. The owner may have them on proving his property, and paying charges, of WILLIAM LANE. Williamsburg, March 20, 1766.

2 May 1766, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Co.)
Run away from the Long Island, in Bedford county, 3 Negro men, viz. BOB, an outlandish fellow, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, JOE, about 5 feet 8 inches high. TONEY, near the height of Joe, Virginia born, and is a sensible fellow. Likewise run away from Fighting Creek, in Cumberland county, a low well made fellow named BEN, about 21 years of age, Virginia born, and is a very remarkable fellow. Whoever apprehends the said slaves, so that I get them again, shall receive 20 s. [shillings] for each, besides what the law allows, and if taken out of the colony, in proportion to the above reward. RICHARD EGGLESTON.

31 July 1766, *Maryland Gazette*
Ran away from the Subscriber, living on Anti-Eatem, Frederick County, Maryland, a Salt Water Negro Man, named JAGOE, aged about 23 Years, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, smooth fac’d straight limb’d and Walks very upright: Had on when he went away, a Tow Shirt, an old Blanket Coat, and a Pair of old Leather Breeches. Whoever takes up and secures the said Negro in an Goal within this Province, shall receive a Reward of Thirty Shillings, Current Money, and reasonable Charges; and if taken up in any other Province, and secured in Goal, so that his Master may get him again, the Sum of Fifty Shillings Currency, and reasonable Charges, paid by WILLIAM BEARD. July 26, 1766.

¹⁵ Cf. [duplicate], 20 June 1766, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon): Committed to the publick gaol in Williamsburg, a Negro fellow named JAMES, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, about 40 years old, has on a blue coat with metal buttons, cotton waistcoat, light cloth breeches, has five gashes of his country mark on each cheek, says that he was sold about six years ago by Col. Hunter, late of Hampton, to David Sallen, waterman, and came last from Phildelphia [sic]. The owner may have him, on paying charges, of EDWARD WESTMORE, K.P.G.
8 August 1766, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Run away from the subscriber, in Goochland County, the 29th June, a tall black Negro man named **JACK**, about 35 years of age, his head is grey, his beard thin, and teeth good, speaks plain for an African born, but avoids looking in the face of them he is speaking to as much as possible. Had on a cotton jacket, a coarse felt hat, osnabrigs shirt, and roll trowsers, all about half worn. He is apt to change his name, and will probably change his dress also, if he can get an opportunity of stealing another. He is apt to break prison, or make his escape from a constable. Whoever secures the said Negro, so that he may be had again, shall have twenty shillings reward, besides what the Law allows, paid by THOMAS POINDEXTER. July 15, 1766.  

15 January 1767, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run from the Subscriber’s plantation in Albemarle county, a tall slim Negro fellow, named **GEORGE**; he is marked in the face as the Gold Coast slaves generally are, had the usual clothing of labouring Negroes, and is supposed to be harboured at some of the plantations on Cary’s creek, in Goochland county. Also run away from the subscriber’s quarter called Westham, in Henrico county, another Negro fellow, named **ROBIN**: he is very tall slim and of a thin visage having lost some of his teeth; he formerly belonged to Col. Benjamin Harrison of Berkeley, and is supposed to be gone in the neighbourhood of his plantation on Nottoway river, where he formerly lived. Whoever will convey the former Negro to Mr. Lucas Powell in Albemarle, and the latter to William Walker at Westham, shall receive Forty Shillings for each of them, besides what is allowed by law. As I have been always tender of my slaves, and particularly attentive to the good usage of them, I hope wherever these fellows may be apprehended that they will receive such moderate correction as will deter them from running away for the future; and wherever any of my Negroes are taken up as runaways, I desire the favour of the magistrate, who may be applied to for a certificate, to order them back to their respective overseers, instead of sending them to me in this city, RO. C. NICHOLAS. Williamsburg, Jan. 14, 1766 [sic] [1767].

16 April 1767, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run-Away from the subscriber in Norfolk, about the 20th of October last, two young Negro fellows, viz. **WILL**, about 5 feet 8 inches high, middling black, well made, is an outlandish fellow, and when he is surprized the white of his eyes turns red; I bought him of Mr. Moss, about 12 months ago, and was taken up, but made his escape on the way home, and is a very great rogue. I will give 40 s. [shillings] to the person who takes him up, and 4 d. [penny] a mile for bringing him from thence to me; and if it is inconvenient for the taker up to bring him home, I will give the same reward of 40 s. if he is delivered (and well secured in irons) [sic] into the gaol of the country where he is taken, till I send for him. THOMAS POINDEXTER. N.B. He has broke out of many prisons.

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16 For later occurrence see 1 June 1769, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind): Goochland county, May 1, 1769. Run away from the subscriber, living near Goochland courthouse, in June, 1766, a Negro man slave named **JACK**, though very apt to alter his name. He is a tall black fellow, about 40 years of age, stoops in the shoulders, his head is grey, beard thin, good teeth, speaks plain for an African born, but will not look any one in the face when he talks. He passed for a freeman in Lancaster county about 12 months ago, and was taken up, but made his escape on the way home, and is a very great rogue. I will give 40 s. [shillings] to the person who takes him up, and 4 d. [penny] a mile for bringing him from thence to me; and if it is inconvenient for the taker up to bring him home, I will give the same reward of 40 s. if he is delivered (and well secured in irons) [sic] into the gaol of the country where he is taken, till I send for him. THOMAS POINDEXTER. N.B. He has broke out of many prisons.
8 miles below York, and imagine he is gone that way, or some where between York and Williamsburg. PETER, about 5 feet 9 inches high, a very black slim fellow, has a wife at Little Town, and a father at Mr. Philip Burt’s quarter, near the half-way house between Williamsburg and York; he formerly belonged to Parson Fontaine, and I bought him of Doctor James Carter. They are both outlawed; and Ten Pounds a piece offered to any person that will kill the said Negroes, and bring me their heads, or Thirty Shillings for each if brought home alive. JOHN BROWN.

7 May 1767, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Taken up, in North Carolina, and committed to the publick gaol of Halifax, the 18th of January, a Negro man, about 30 years old, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, much marked with the smallpox, of a yellow complexion, says he belongs to Mr. William Champe, in King George county, on Rappahannock [sic] river, that he was born in the West Indies, and bred up to the water. Also committed, the 27th of April, an outlandish Negro man who calls himself CUFFEY, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, says he belongs to Col. Lewis Burwell, and that he ran away from his quarter in Mecklenburg, Virginia. The owners may have them, on proving their property, and paying charges.17

19 November 1767, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Taken up on the 26th of July last, and now in Newbern gaol, North Carolina, two new Negro men, the one named JOE, about 45 years of age, about 5 feet 6 inches high, much wrinkled in the face, and speaks bad English. The other is a young fellow [MAN], about 5 feet 10 inches high, speaks better English than Joe, who he says is his father, has a large scar on the fleshy part of his left arm, and says they belong to Joseph Morse, but can give no account where he lives. They have nothing with them but an old Negro cloth jacket, and an old blue sailors jacket without sleeves. Also on the 21st of September was committed to the said gaol a Negro man named JACK, about 23 years of age, about 5 feet 4 inches high, of a thin visage, blear eyed, his teeth and mouth stand very much out, has six rings of his country marks round his neck, his ears full of holes, and cannot tell his master’s name. And on the 27th of September two other Negro men, one named SAMPSON, about 5 feet 10 inches high, and is much marked on his body and arms with his country mark. The other named WILL, about 5 feet 4 inches high, about 25 years of age, and marked on the chin with his country marks; they speak bad English, and cannot tell their masters names. Whoever own the said Negroes are desired to come and pay the fees and take them away. RICHARD BLACKLEDGE, Sheriff.

17 March 1768, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Committed to the gaol of Lancaster county, a new Negro man named JAMES, who says that he is a free man, and will not own that he has any master; he appears to have been in the country for some years, and has a past as a freeman several months before he was taken up; he is a slender fellow, with a round face, grey headed, much scarr’d on his back and breast by whipping; has

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17 For Cuffey, see Walsh, *From Calabar to Carter's Grove* (1997), pp.27, 34.
had holes in his ears, talks bad English, and is about 45 or 50 years of age; he says that he came from Philadelphia; had on when committed, a blue half thick waistcoat and breeches, osnabrigs shirt, country made shoes, and hose. The owner may have him again, paying fees, and the charge of advertising, as the law directs. Robert Hening, jun. Gaoler. December 8, 1767.

23 June 1768, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Williamsburg. Run away from the subscriber, on the 21st of this instant (June) [sic] ADAM, a Negro fellow, about 40 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, bred in the West Indies, speaks so bad that he can hardly be understood, has, if barefooted, a visible mark on one of his feet, occasioned by a log falling upon it, which almost parted his foot across midway between his ankle and toes, but it is several years since he received the hurt, therefore he is now quite well; had on an old pair of nankeen breeches, osnabrug shirt, a large kind of jacket made of brown rolls, a Negro cotton do, and took his blanket with him. STERLING, a Negro fellow, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, about 30 years old, and speaks as bad as the former; had on a purple or bluish jacket and breeches (the jacket being too narrow, had a piece of blue cloth put in to widen it at the neck and shoulders) [sic] osnabrug shirt, and took his blanket also. I am told he lived several years in or about Edenton [North Carolina], where, if I mistake not, he has been severely whipped, from which he bears intolerable marks, I believe all over his body, his breast especially I know to be so, as I saw it at the time of his being whipped; he was slightly cropt, which I did not perceive until he told me. These two fellows are very strong and well made, went off together, and I suppose will go towards Edenton, or the falls of James river, as Adam has a wife there. I make no doubt but they are at or about Lyon’s creek, in Surry county, and may lurk there for sometime. Whoever takes up the said Negroes, and delivers them to Mr. James Dunlop at Milner’s, in Nansemond, or to me at Hog Island, in Surry, shall receive 5 l. [pound] reward, if taken in the colony, and if out thereof 15 l. [pound]. HAMILTON USHER ST. GEORGE.

23 June 1768, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Run away from the subscribers in Suffolk, about the end of May last, a likely new Negro fellow [MAN], of the Mundingo country, about 5 feet 7 inches high, and appears to be about 25 years of age. As he was only landed in the country three days before his elopement, he could therefore have no particular route to prosecute, nor can he speak English sufficient to give any account of himself. Whoever will bring the said Negro, or give any intelligence of him, so as he may be had, shall have [illeg.] reward, besides what the law allows. GIBSON & GRANBERRY.

23 June 1768, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Run away from the subscriber some time in April 1767, a new Negro man named TOM, belonging to the proprietors of the Dismal Swamp. He is about 5 feet 6 inches high, has his country marks (that is, four on each of his cheeks.) [sic]. Any person that apprehends the said

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18 *TAST* (1999) documents only two voyages arriving in Virginia in 1768, with one arriving in August, and the other undated, that is, ID#91253, the *Delight*, Capt. William Millroy, from Liverpool via Windward Coast to Upper James River, Va., landing imputed 191 slaves in 1768, and completing voyage 13 Jan. 1769.
fellow, so that I may get him, shall have three pounds reward, paid by JOHN
WASHINGTON. Nansemond, June 20, 1768.

28 July 1768, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to James City prison, on Thursday last, a Mundingo Negro man slave named
*PETER*, about 5 feet 5 inches high, about 35 years old; has on an osnabrug shirt, cotton
waistcoat, and white Virginia cotton breeches, and has several scars on his forehead and breast,
occasioned by the yaws. He says he belongs to James Taylor of South Carolina, formerly
belonged to Thomas Kemp of Gloucester, and sold to Robert Crawley, who sold him to the said
Taylor. The owner may have him on proving his property, and paying charges, of WILLIAM
LANE. Williamsburg, May 12, 1768. 20

8 September 1768, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from York Hampton glebe, about a fortnight ago, an outlandish Negro, whose name is
*GEORGE*. He is near six feet high, strong limbed, has some straight lined scars on his cheeks,
and took with him two jackets and two pair of breeches made of fearnought. To any person who
shall take up said slaves, and have him conveyed to the place above mentioned, twenty shillings,
besides what the law allows, will be paid by JOHN CAMM.21

8 September 1768, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Taken up, the 14th of this instant, at my plantation on Chickahominy river, about two miles
above Soane’s bridge, two outlandish Negro women, of a middle size; one of them \[WOMAN\]
appears to be about 40 years old, the other \[WOMAN\] about 30, the latter appears to be with
child. They are both dressed in crocus coats and osnabrug shifts, and seem not to have been long

19 A common, and feared, disease thought to be distinctive to slaves with symptoms of lesions on the skin
that lasted from several weeks to as long as three years. The disease appears to have had a West African origin, but
is also associated with severe nutritional deficiencies. The secondary symptoms were similar to syphilis, and both
were called “bubos” in the Spanish Americas, though in the Anglophone Caribbean yaws was often compared to
leprosy and other contagious “scrofulous” diseases. See Kenneth F. Kiple, *The Caribbean Slave: A Biological

20 13 October 1768 [duplicate], *Virginia Gazette* (Rind): Committed from James City prison to the public
gaal in Williamsburg, a Mundingo Negro man slave, named *PETER*; he is about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, about 35
years old, has on an osnabrig shirt, cotton waistcoat, and Virginia cotton breeches; and has several scars on his
forehead and breast, occasioned by the yaws. He says he belongs to James Taylor, of South-Carolina, formerly
belonged to Thomas Kemp of Gloucester, and sold to Robert Crawley, who sold him to the said James Taylor. The
owner may have him, on proving his property, and paying charges, as the law directs. EDWARD WESTMORE, K.
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21 For variation, see 22 September 1768, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind): Run away from York-Hampton glebe,
about a fortnight ago, an outlandish Negro, whose name is *GEORGE*; he is near 6 feet high, strong limbed, has
some straight lined scars on his cheeks; and took with him two jackets and two pair of breeches made of fearnought.
To any person who shall take up said slave and have him conveyed to the place above-mentioned, twenty shillings,
besides what the law allows, will be paid by JOHN CAMM. Sept. 6, 1768.
in the country, as they cannot tell their master’s name. I hope the owner will apply for them as
soon as possible, for there is no prison in the county to keep them in, and they are very
troublesome, as they are obliged to have a watch over them for fear of getting away. WILLIAM
CHRISTIAN. Charles City, August 20, 1768.

20 October 1768, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the subscriber in Chesterfield, about the end of August last, a middle sized Negro
man named WILL, about 30 years old, of a yellowish complexion, very much marked on his
face, arms, and breast, his country fashion, speaks very broken, and can hardly tell his master’s
name; had on when he went away a new osnabrugs shirt, Virginia linen short trousers, old cotton
jacket, and felt hat, with part of the brim burnt off. He has made three attempts, as he said, to get
to his country, but was apprehended. All masters of vessels are hereby forewarned from carrying
the said slave out of the colony. Whoever apprehends him, and brings him to me, shall have 20 s.
[shillings] reward, besides what the law allows. JORDAN ANDERSON.

22 December 1768, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to James City prison, a Congo Negro man slave, named YAMMER, about 5 feet 1
inch high, about 45 years old, has on a brown cloth coat, Negro cotton breeches, and an
osnabrugs shirt. He was formerly coachman to Governor Gooch, did once belong to John
Hyndman, late of this city, as also to Mr. Meriwether Shelton, and now belongs to the estate of
George Johnson, deceased, of Fairfax. The owner may have him on proving his property, and
paying charges, of WILLIAM LANE. Williamsburg, Dec. 7, 1768.

13 July 1769, Virginia Gazette (Rind)
Run away on the night of the 26th of June last, from the subscriber, living at Staunton, in
Augusta county, Virginia, the following Negroes, viz. WILL, a stout well made fellow, about 22
years old, Virginia born, very fair spoken, was purchased by Mr. Warner Washington, of
Gloucester county, some time about Christmas last, and may perhaps go that way. ROMAY, an
outlandish Negro, of middle stature, well made, has a very good look, speaks broken, and was
purchased about the same time of Col. Gantt of Maryland. GEORGE, a small Negro, bred about
Newbern, in North Carolina, and brought here by a Dutchman, who stole him and a Negro
woman from their master, as they report, and was hired out to pay their prison fees &c. has had
his ears cropped and does not speak very plain. The two former had on, when they went away,
coats made of dual blankets, shirts and trousers of oznabrigs or coarse country made linen; the
latter had shirts and trousers of the same, but his other cloaths are unknown. They all appear to
be cunning subtile [sic] fellows, and Will loves strong drink much. Whoever takes up and
secures the said Negroes, so that we may have them again, shall have Twenty Shillings, if taken
in this county, and if taken out Forty Shillings reward for each, besides what the allows, paid by
us, SAMPSON & GEO. MATTHEWS.
10 August 1769, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Run away from the subscriber, in April 1765, a Negro man slave, named **TOMBOY**, an African born, remarkably black, and extremely cunning and deceitful; he retains much of his country dialect, though imported young, and has some of the marks of his country on his neck behind, and I think some on his cheeks. He is about 37 years old, though he appears older; has lost an upper fore tooth, and is about 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, has a way of walking with his knees bent, though very nimble and active. He was purchased of Mr. William Hurt, who removed from Westmoreland to Amelia, a little before he ran away, and it is not improbable but he may be lurking in that neighbourhood, and entertained by his old fellow servants. Any person that will deliver him to me, in Westmoreland county, shall receive Ten Pounds reward, or if they will secure him, and advertise him in Mr. Rind’s Gazette, so as I may send for him, they shall have Five Pounds reward, and all prison fees, paid by ALEX: SPARK.

28 September 1769, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the publick jail for the district of Halifax an outlandish Negro man who calls himself **HARRY**, about 25 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, and his fore teeth very much decayed; has on an old jacket made of a Dutch blanket, Negro cotton breeches, and an old brown linen shirt. He says he belongs to William Hunter, but cannot tell in what province his master lives. The owner may have him on proving his property, and paying charges. CHRISTOPHER DUDLEY, Jailer. North Carolina, Sept. 3, 1769.

2 November 1769, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the jail of Surry county, the 17th of this instant (October) [sic], an outlandish Negro boy named **LIMEHOUSE**, about 4 feet 10 inches high, speaks very broken English, but as far as he can be understood says his master’s name is something like Irby, or Yerkin, and lives in Prince Edward county, which is all the intelligence can be got from him. The owner may have him, on paying charges. DRURY WARREN, Jailer.

15 February 1770, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the subscriber in Buckingham a young Negro fellow named **SOLOMON**, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, well made, has a large scar behind one of his ears, supposed to be occasioned by a burn, and had on when he went away a good suit of Negro cotton, but has several kinds of sailors clothes with him, which he will very likely wear while gone. He is an African born, but speaks very good English, and is a very sensible artful fellow. He lately belonged to a Gentleman in Norfolk, to which place he will probably endeavour to get. Whoever takes up the said Negro, and will deliver him to Mr. Neil Campbell in Richmond, or secure him so that I get him again, shall have 5 l. [pound] reward. DAVID PATTISON.

22 March 1770, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Five Pounds Reward. Run away from the subscriber’s plantation in Chesterfield county, in July last, a Negro man named **STERLING**, about 6 feet high, who has a large body, though small
legs and thighs, stoops very much when he walks, not of a very black complexion, has a blemish in one eye (or rather squints) [sic] and the other a large full eye; he carried with him two cotton waistcoats, two osnabrug shirts, two pair of breeches (one of Negro cotton, the other of osnabrugs) [sic] two striped Virginia cloth waistcoats, and a Dutch blanket. He is an African born, talks very bad, and hard to be understood by those not well acquainted with him, though very sensible. Whoever brings the said Negro to me shall have the above reward. CREED HASKINS. Cumberland, March 1, 1770.

31 May 1770, Virginia Gazette (Rind)
Committed to the gaol of Dinwiddie county, on the 17th instant (May) [sic] a short black Negro man, appears to be middle aged, he speaks tolerably well of an outlandish Negro and appears very sensible, his name, he says, is JEMMY, but cannot be prevailed on to tell his master’s name. The owner may, on proving his property, and paying charges, have him of LEWIS LANIER, Gaoler. N.B. His cloathing when committed was an old oznabrigs shirt and trowsers, an old cotton waistcoat, old shoes, without stockings, and an old felt hat.

21 June 1770, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to James City prison, an Ibo Negro fellow named HARRY, about 5 feet 9 inches high, about 35 years old, his left hand burnt, has on an osnabrug shirt, Negro cotton waistcoat, with flat metal buttons, a pair of Negro shoes, the soles nailed on, and says he belongs to John Todd, in North Carolina. The owner is desired to send for him and pay charges. WILLIAM SEALY LANE. Williamsburg, June 8, 1770.

12 July 1770, Virginia Gazette (Rind)
Run away last April, out of the fork of James River, in Albemarle county, a Negro man, named ADAM, he is a midling [sic] large fellow, and had on when he went away, an oznabrig shirt, a cotton jacket and breeches, his coat has hearts, on the hips, behind, and on the shoulders, doubled and quilted, with horn buttons, a new bound hat, a remarkable large scar across his left foot; he is an outlandish fellow, has a down look, and speaks broken English, has been taken up near Col. Byrd’s on James River, was brought up into Goochland county, and there made his escape, and I expect he will make down that way again. Whoever takes up the said fellow, and conveys him to me, in the fork of James River, shall receive forty shillings reward, besides what the law allows. MARTIN KEY.

16 August 1770, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
There is in the jail of New Kent a Negro man called SILL, who says he belongs to one Abraham Smith, not far from Peters burg, but cannot tell the name of the county. He is a young fellow, and though outlandish speaks pretty good English. The owner is desired to send for him, and pay charges, to ROBERT CLEMENS WARREN.
23 August 1770, *Maryland Gazette*
Ran away, on Tuesday the 6th Instant, from the Subscriber, living near Selby’s Landing, on Patuxent River, in Prince-George’s County, Two Negro Fellows, the one named CHARLES, Country born, about 33 Years of Age, thick and well set, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, he walks lame, is a sly artful Fellow, and well acquainte all over Prince-George’s and Charles Counties: Had on, when he went away, an Osnabrig Shirt, and Crocus Trowsers, but may change his Dress. The other is a Salt Water Negro, named SCOTLAND, a likely slim Fellow, about 5 Feet 9 Inches high, speaks good English, but thick: Had on, when he went away, a ragged Osnabrig Shirt and Trousers. Whoever secures said Negroes, so that their Master may have them again, shall receive, for Charles, Three Pounds Currency, and Forty Shillings for Scotland, paid by JUDSON COOLEDGE. August 13, 1770.

6 September 1770, *Maryland Gazette*
Ran away from the Subscriber, living in Charles County, near Pamunkey Warehouse, on Tuesday the 14th Instant, a Negro Man, named GEORGE, just imported in the Snow Providence,\(^{22}\) Capt. Davis from Africa [Gambia]: He is about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, has a Scar on the right Side of his Head, the Inside of his Hands and the Soles of his Feet are remarkably speckled: Had on, when he went away, and old blue great Coat, a brown Roll Shirt and Trousers. Whoever takes up, and secures the said Negro, so that I may get him again, shall have a Reward of Thirty Shillings Currency, including what the Law allows, and reasonable Charges if brought home, paid by ALEXANDER M’DONALD. August 25, 1770.

4 October 1770, *Maryland Gazette*
Ran away from the Subscriber, living near the Head of Rock-Creek, Five Salt Water Slaves, imported last August,\(^{23}\) and became my Property the Third of September, viz. Two Men, one about 5 Feet 9 or 10 Inches high, named JOE, slim and light made; the other about 4 Inches lower, JIM, well made and much mark’d on the Face; both likely Men, and between 20 and 30 Years old. Two Women, one about 5 Feet 5 Inches high, named CLOE, about 22 Years of Age, and much mark’d in the Face; the other about 3 Inches lower, about 15 Years old, named CANDICE, both well made, and small Features. A Boy about 3 Years of Age, named JACK, remarkably Black; the Women and Boy had Beads with them; the highest Man and Two Women had each a new white Cotton Jacket; the other Man had a Half Worn Woollen Country made

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\(^{22}\) See *TAST* (1999), ID#77170, the *Providence*, Capt. Thomas Davis, a 100-ton vessel from London, via Gambia, to Maryland, embarked 162 captives, and disembarked an estimated 141 slaves from August 1770.

\(^{23}\) Likely from Gambia. The three slaving voyages that disembarked enslaved Africans in August of 1770 in the Chesapeake (one to Maryland, the other two to Virginia), were all via Gambia. See *TAST* (1999), ID#77170, the *Providence*, Capt. Thomas Davis, a 100-ton vessel from London, via Gambia, to Maryland, embarking 162 captives and disembarking an estimated 141 slaves from August 1770; ID#91540, the *Yannemerais*, Capt. Atkinson (2nd Thomas Hodgson), a 120-ton vessel from Liverpool, via Gambia, to Virginia, embarked an estimated 276 captives, and disembarked 240 slaves from August 1770; ID#91592, the *Aston*, Capt. John Clifton, a 100-ton vessel from Liverpool, via Gambia, to Upper James River, Virginia, embarked an estimated 164 captives, disembarked 143 slaves from 28 Aug. 1770.
Jacket, and all the Men had Crocus Shirts and Trousers, with new Felt Hats, and one of them had a blue Clout for a Cap; the Boy a Shirt only; one of the Women has a Crocus Shift and Petticoat, the other left hers behind; they had both Osnabrig Caps and Breech-Clouts, one blue on one Side, but not quite like the other: They took with them Two red Cotton knapsacks: They all smoke, and probably may have Steels with them.24 Whoever takes up said Slaves, and delivers them to the Subscriber, shall have, if taken within Ten Miles from home 40 s. [shillings] if above Ten Miles, One Shilling per Mile, and what the law allows. JOHN COOKE.

27 September 1770, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Committed to the gaol of Orange county, the 12th of May last, a very likely outlandish Negro fellow, who calls himself JEFFREY, appears to be about 20 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches and a half high; had on an old cotton jacket and breeches; he cannot, or will not speak plain enough to describe who he belongs to, nor where he came from, only that he points towards the northward, and that his master’s name is Griffie or Gilbert. The owner may have him, on paying all charges to WILLIAM BELL.

18 October 1770, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to Smithfield jail, a negro fellow [MAN] who speaks such bad English, and is so ignorant, that it cannot be understood from him who is his master; he is a short, black, outlandish fellow. The owner may have him, on proving his property, and paying charges, of JOHN TAYLOR.

15 November 1770, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Committed to James City prison a Congo new Negro woman, named BETTY, who cannot, or will not, tell her master’s name; she is about 22 years old, is very big with child, and expect that she may lie in in about a month; she is about 4 feet high, has on an oznabrig shift and petticoat. The owner is desired to send for her, and pay charges to Nov. 12, 1770. WILLIAM S. LANE.

13 December 1770, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the subscriber, three negro fellows, imported this last summer from Africa in the ship Yanimarew.25 One [MAN] is about 28 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, slim made, long visaged, and of a very dark complexion; another [MAN] of about the same age and complexion; the third [MAN] about 26 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, well made. They are all a little pitted with the smallpox, and cannot speak so as to be understood in English. They went off well clothed, in the common dress of field slaves; osnabrug shirts, cotton jackets and

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24 A “steel” was a fire-starting tool.

breeches, plaid hose, and Virginia made shoes, with a dual blanket each. It is imagined that they were seen some time ago (along with three others of the same cargo) [sic] on Chicahominy, and it is supposed that they are still lurking about the skirts of that swamp. Whoever apprehends the said negroes, and delivers them to me at Richmond, or secures them so as I can get them, shall have Fifty Shillings reward for each, besides the allowance by law. JAMES BUCHANAN. Richmond, November 28, 1770.

10 January 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Run away, without any known provocation, the 19th of November, 1770, from the subscriber, near Orange court house, Virginia, four likely Negro men slaves, to wit, SAMBO, alias SAM, from Africa about 19 years ago, about 32 years old; the other three are Virginia born; EDOM is aged 22, and BEN and TOM about 17 each. They have got new cotton suits, capes to their jackets, and cotton wrappers to their legs, shoes of stiff leather, hind quarters entirely without seam, and the bottoms very broad and nailed. Sam is of a middle stature, large over, and stooping in the shoulders, had for some years past an excrescence or swelling under his left ear, his back marked by whipping when young, though much indulged lately; he carried with him an old grey fine cloth coat, a brown linen ditto, a blue stuff jacket, white shirt, a kind of laced hat, with a black band, &c. a box to carry part of his cloaths, talks badly, though a sensible artful fellow, and is a tolerable blacksmith. Edom is tall, straight, more yellow than the others, took with him green bound cloth wrappers, gray sale stockings, one of them patched, has dyed his cotton jacket brown, and put pockets in and cuffs to it. Ben is rather tall of his age, his wool low down his forehead, eye-brows large and prominent, appears to be swelled about his eyes, though natural, and has a jacket of the same cloth of Sam’s coat. Tom is not so tall as Ben, middle sized of his age remarkable large feet, long bony face, large teeth, and apt to shew them, lisps a little, and has an old felt hat, part of the brim burnt. Any person or persons that will secure, and contrive intelligence thereof or convey to the subscriber’s house, all or any of the above mentioned slaves, shall, according to the service, &c. have an immediate ample reward. JAMES WALKER.

7 February 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Run away, some time last spring, from the subscriber’s plantation at the Green Mountain, in Albemarle county, a Negro man named GEORGE; he is a tall dark coloured fellow, speaks broken English, has several long marks down each of his cheeks, and was cloathed as plantation Negroes generally are. This same fellow formerly left his overseer, and was out near two years; he rambled, as I was informed, as low down the country as the county of King William, and was at last taken up in the county of Hanover. Whoever apprehends and will deliver him either to Mr. Charles Simms in Albemarle, Mr. William Walker, at Westham, in Henrico, or to me in Williamsburg, shall be genteeley [sic] rewarded in proportion to the trouble he may be at, RO. C. NICHOLAS.

7 February 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Run away from the Subscriber, in Amherst county, on or about the 5th of October last, a new Negro man slave who calls himself CHARLES, which is every word of English he can speak, he
is a black fellow, with a smooth skin, of a middle size, well made for strength, appears to be about 18 years of age, and has a good set of teeth. He was purchased from the Yanimerew the 14th of last September [1770], and was one of the number judged to have had the small pox. Had on when he left me a Negro cotton Jacket with buttons (both top and bottom) of brass, a pair of cotton breeches, very long, with flat metal buttons to the waistband, cotton boots, and a coarse linen cap. Whoever will deliver him to me, or secure him so that I may get him again, shall receive a reward of Five Pounds; and if he is taken out of the colony and brought home to me Ten Pounds current money. JOHN JACOBS.

28 February 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to Isle of Wight Jail, on the 29th of January last, a Negro man, who says he belongs to Thomas Nelson, and lived close by York Town. He is a likely black fellow, a little pockpitted, and an outlandish Negro. The owner may have him, on paying charges, of JOHN TAYLOR, Jailer. Smithfield, February 21, 1771.

28 March 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the plantations of Mr. Butt Randolph, deceased, in Cumberland County, on the first of January last, two Negro Men, viz. CHARLES and CLAIBORNE. Charles is about twenty four years of age, five feet six or seven inches high, of a lively countenance, walks quick and upright, of a yellowish complexion, has lost one of his upper fore teeth, has had a small piece cut off one ear, and had on, when he went away, a jacket made of cotton, with cuffs, and a cape; his other clothes such as usual for Negroes. Claiborne is about eighteen years old, five feet nine or ten inches high, well made, has remarkable thick lips, and very black; he is an African, but speaks plain, and had on such clothes as Negroes usually wear. Whoever will bring the said slaves to Charles Rice, in Cumberland County, at the aforesaid plantations, or to the subscriber, in Chesterfield County, shall have Forty Shillings for each, besides what the Law allows; and if taken out of this Colony, Five Pounds for each. BERNARD MARKHAM.

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27 See also [duplicate] 28 March 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind): Run away from the plantations of Mr. Brett Randolph, deceased, in Cumberland county, the 1st of January last, two Negro Men, CHARLES and CLAIBORNE: Charles is about 24 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, of a lively countenance, walks quick and upright, of a yellowish complexion, has lost one of his upper fore teeth, has had a small piece cut out of one of his years [sic]. Had on, when he went away, a jacket made of cotton, with a cape and cuffs; has other clothing such as usual for Negroes. Claiborne is about 18 years old, 5 Feet 9 or 10 inches high, well made, has remarkable thick lips, and very black; he is an African, but speaks plain; had on such clothes as Negroes usually wear. Whoever brings the said slaves to Charles Rice, in Cumberland county, at the aforesaid plantations, or to the subscriber, in Chesterfield county, shall have Forty Shillings for each, besides what the law allows; if taken out of this colony, Five Pounds for each. BERNARD MARKHAM.
2 May 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the subscriber, on the 18th instant, an outlandish Negro named **MINGO**. He had on a blue under jacket, and a light brown one over it, has a sore finger on his left hand, and speaks but indifferent English. Whoever delivers the said Negro to me at Richmond, or to Mr. James Marsden at Norfolk; shall have Twenty Shillings reward, besides what the Law allows. JOHN BROOKE. Richmond Town, April 30, 1771.

20 June 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from Mr. Gabriel Penn’s, about the 25th of April last, an outlandish Negro fellow [**MAN**], about five feet ten or eleven inches high, who cannot speak English. He had on, when he went away, a blue woollen shirt over an osnabrug one, and a pair of trousers. Whoever can secure him, or give me information where I may get him again, shall have Twenty Shillings reward, besides what the Law allows. I will give a reward of Forty Shillings on his being delivered to Mr. Thomas Lumpkin, at the said Gabriel Penn’s or to me in Richmond. JOHN BROOKE. Richmond, June 11, 1771.

27 June 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the subscriber’s plantation in Bedford, on the 7th of May last, a squat made black African fellow named **WILL**, marked in the cheeks according to the custom of his country, speaks English, French, and I believe Spanish, and has been bred a sailor. When he went off he had on, or carried with him, a coat of plains, a sailor’s blue jacket, and felt hat. It is thought he will make for Norfolk, as he came from that place. Masters of vessels are desired to beware of harbouring him. I will give Five Pounds reward if he is delivered to me in Buckingham, or Fifty Shillings if secured in any prison, so as I may get him, or delivered to Mr. James Lyle, Merchant at Rocky Ridge. THOMAS ROBERTS. Buckingham, June 10, 1771.

25 July 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the Jail of Mecklenburg County, two new Negroes not capable of telling their owners names. One is a short fellow [**MAN**], about thirty years of age, and the other a large wench [**WOMAN**], who appears to be something younger, The owners may have them on proving their properties and paying as the Law directs. RICHARD SWEPSON, Jailer.

1 August 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to Smithfield Jail, an outlandish Negro man named **JACK**, a short black fellow, and says he belongs to one Caleb Davis, in Chesterfield County, near Bermuda Hundred. Also a Negro fellow who calls himself **GEORGE CORN**, and says he is free, but no vouchers appearing to prove his assertion, it is thought proper to advertise him. He is about fifteen years of age, five feet three or four inches high, Virginia born, and has on the usual clothes of plantation.
Negroes.—Their owners are desired to take them away, and pay charges. JOHN TAYLOR, Jailer.

1 August 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the Jail of Surry County, on the 16th of July, an outlandish Negro [MAN] about twenty eight years of age, four feet six or seven inches high, is very black, has lost two of his upper fore teeth, speaks but indifferent English. He says he belonged to one Tuboothe of St. Kitt’s and sailed from thence with one Captain Dunn, into James River. The owner may have him on proving his property, and paying as the Law directs. DRURY WARREN.

5 September 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Committed to the gaol of Elizabeth City county, on Monday he 26th of this instant, a small outlandish Negro woman [WOMAN]; her cloathing is an oznabrigs shift and petticoat, and Virginia cloth waistcoat. She speaks little or no English. All that I can learn from her is, that she belongs to one Mr. Ruff, who lives in a great town, by a grandy water. She appears to be in the 6th or 7th month of her pregnancy. The owner is desired to come or send for her, as soon as possible, as the state of her condition will make her very expensive to EDWARD HURST, gaoler. August 30, 1771.

12 September 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Twenty Pounds Reward. Run away from the subscriber, near Petersburg, the 18th of last May, two new Negroes, namely, a fellow named STEP, about six feet high, has his country marks on his temples, and has lost some of his fore teeth. He appears to have a very honest countenance, and is supposed to be about twenty years of age; he had with him, when he went away, a white plains waistcoat and breeches, osnabrug shirt, and a tolerable good bound hat. The other a Girl named LUCY, supposed to be about twelve years of age, and had on a white plains petticoat and striped Virginia cloth waistcoat. Neither of them can speak good English, as they have not been long in the Country. They went off with several others, being persuaded that they could find the way back to their own Country. They were discovered, about six weeks after their going off, near Blanton’s Ferry, in Mecklenburg County, where the gang was dispersed, and three of them taken, one of whom belonged to me. The said negroes are outlawed. Five Pounds for each will be given if taken within this Colony, and Ten Pounds for each if in any other. GEORGE ROBERTSON.

12 September 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the Jail of Halifax County, Virginia, a new Negro fellow [MAN], that cannot or will not tell his own or his Master’s name; he appears to be thirty years of age, about six feet high, and slim made. Had on an old cotton jacket and breeches, a checkt [sic] shirt, and has with him a woman’s Virginia cloth petticoat striped with copperas. The owner may have him, by paying the charges. GEORGE WATKINS, Jailer.
12 September 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the Jail of Sussex County, on Sunday the 18th of August, a new Negro Fellow, about five feet six inches high, who cannot speak English, only calls himself **PETER**, and says he is of the Bambara Country. The owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take him away. ROBERT OWEN, Jailer.

3 October 1771, *Maryland Gazette*
Ran away from the Subscriber, a new Negro Fellow named **SAMSON**, a lusty strait limbed Fellow, 6 Feet high or upwards, has lost one of his little Toes. Whoever takes up the said Negro, and brings him Home, shall have 30 Shillings reward if taken in this County, if 50 Miles from Home 40 Shillings, if further 3 Pounds, including what the Law allows, paid by JOSEPH BEALL of Ninian. N.B. The Subscriber lives within Seven Miles of Frederick-Town.

31 October 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Committed to the gaol of Prince George county, the 14th of October, an outlandish Negro fellow, of a yellowish complexion, 6 feet high, pitted with the small pox, and a scar on the left side of his face; has on a crocus shirt and trowsers, a cotton waistcoat, and a worsted cap. His name is **JOHN**, and says he belongs to John Brown. The owner is desired to fetch him away, and pay charges to HENRY BATTE, gaoler.

31 October 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from Mr. Edmund Wilcox’s plantation, about two miles above Amherst Courthouse, an African Negro fellow **MAN**, who cannot speak English, about the middle age, and pretty tall. Whoever will bring the said Negro to me at Mr. Gabriel Penn’s, to Mr. Peter David in Albemarle, or contrives that the subscriber may get him again, shall have Forty Shillings reward. THOMAS REID.

21 November 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to Sussex Jail, on the 12th of this instant (November) [sic] a Mundingo Negro man who cannot, or will not, tell his owner’s name; he is about five feet six inches high, clothed in Negro cotton, has on an osnabrug shirt, and says his name is **PETER**. The owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take him away. ROBERT OWEN, Jailer.

12 December 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the publick Jail, from Surry County, a runaway Negro named **BOB**, who appears to be two or three and twenty years of age, about five feet six inches high, marked with three gashes on each temple, agreeable to the African custom, has lost one of his fore teeth from the upper jaw, and is of a black complexion. The owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take him away. PETER PELHAM. Williamsburg, December 9, 1771.
12 December 1771, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the Subscriber, in Amelia, about the 7th of July last, a stout well made new Negro named **SAMBO**, five feet nine or ten inches high, and appears to be between twenty and thirty years of age, a very black fellow, speaks but little English, moves and talks slow, and probably cannot tell his Master’s name; he carried with him a plains coat with yellow metal buttons; a pair of breeches of the same, an old pair of linen ditto, an old blue frieze jacket without sleeves, an osnabrug shirt, a white linen ditto, and an old felt hat. Whoever brings the said slave to me shall have a reward of Five Pounds, if he is taken in this Colony, and Ten Pounds if in any other. FRANCIS EPES.

12 March 1772, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
There are two old Negroes lurking about my plantation, one a man, named **CUFFY**, the other a woman, named **GRACE**; they are outlandish Negroes, and speak very bad, although they have been in the Country a number of years; they are cloathed in Negro cotton; the man is bald, and has a remarkable large navel. The owner is desired to come and take them away. FRANCIS PETERS. York County, March 10, 1772.

19 March 1772, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to Smithfield Jail, last November, an outlandish fellow who says his name is **JACK**, sometimes that it is Joe, and that his master’s name is either Jamis Andros, or Jamis Allen; he speaks very bad English, is very black, and about five feet six inches high, has a large bare place on the right side of his head, occurred by a burn or a scald, and three marks on each side of his breast. He has been before advertised, but still remains in Jail for want of an owner. His master is desired to take him away, and pay charges. JOHN TAYLOR, Jailer.

16 July 1772, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Came to my plantation, on the 20th instant, a likely outlandish Negro fellow [**MAN**] about five feet six inches high, talks some English words, but cannot, or will not, tell his master’s name so as to be understood; his clothing consists of an old Virginia cloth coat bound with black ferret, and black horn buttons, rolls trousers, an osnabrug shirt, and an old cotton waistcoat. He has his country marks on his face. His owner is desired to take him away as soon as possible. ROBERT GILLIAM.

3 September 1772, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to James City Prison, on Monday the 31st of last Month, a Negro fellow who says he is the property of Colonel Cary of Hampton, and that he belongs to a Quarter in Albemarle; his name is **JOE**, is an Ibo Negro, about fifty years of age, five feet nine or ten inches high, with
three scars on the right side of his face, the middle one the largest, and has on a crocus shirt and trousers, and Negro cotton waistcoat. JOHN CONNELLY. Williamsburg, September 3, 1772.

10 September 1772, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to York Prison, on the 4th instant (September) [sic] two African Negro men [MAN] [MAN] who cannot, or will not, tell their owner’s name. One of them has his country marks on his forehead, temples, neck, and breast, and has holes in his ears; he is five feet eight inches and a half high, of a pellowish [sic] complexion, has on a check shirt, a blue cloth short jacket, and short brown linen breeches. The other has holes in his ears, is five feet ten inches high, and very black; he also wears a check shirt, a blue cloth short jacket, and short brown linen breeches. The owner is desired to prove his property, and pay charges to WILLIAM MITCHELL.

10 September 1772, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the subscriber, near Sandee River Church, the 20th of July last, two Negroes, one a fellow [MAN], about twenty years old, can speak some English, and appears sensible; he is middle sized, and well made, has a good countenance, one of his hands is remarkable, occasioned either by fire or some marks made while in Africa; he carried with him two new blankets, a new hat, an osnabrug shirt, check breeches, and several other things. The other is a woman [WOMAN], about sixteen years old, spare made, good features, but cannot speak any English; I believe she was dressed in osnabrugs, is the fellow’s wife, and imagine she is entirely governed by him. I bought them of Mr. Hugh M’Mekin a short time past, before which they were kept some time in Petersburg, where perhaps they may endeavour to conceal themselves. I will give Five Pounds to any person that contrives them to me, or Fifty Shillings for such intelligence as I may get them again. WILLIAM WATT.

10 September 1772, Maryland Gazette
Ran away from the Subscriber, living on Capt. John Run, in Frederick County, between the great and little Falls of Patowmack, a Negro Man named NED, has not been more than Four Years from Guineas [sic], and speaks but indifferent English; he is marked on each Cheek with Three Scars, and Three in his forehead, his Teeth filed, and has lost both of his little Toes: Had on, and took with him, Two Crocus Shirts, and one Pair of ditto Trousers, a Pair of Country made Shoes, and an old Cotton Jacket; it is supposed he will make towards Annapolis. Whoever takes up the said Negro, and brings him home, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows, if Twenty Miles from Home, and if a greater distance or less Distance proportionably, paid by JOSEPH BENTON.

24 September 1772, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the Subscriber, the 7th of August last, a Negro man slave named QUASH, about five feet ten inches high, about twenty five years of age, is lusty, very black, has a down look, and large eyes; had on when he went away an old blue cloth jacket and breeches, osnabrugs
frock, and an English made hat, but may have changed his clothes for others. He is much cut on the backside, by whipping, or the marks of his country. He is a new Negro, could speak no English but may have learned to speak some since he went away; he could speak middling good French, and is an artful fellow. Whoever takes him up, and delivers him to me in Norfolk Borough, shall have Three Pounds reward, if taken in this Colony, and Four Pounds if taken out thereof. All Persons are forewarned from entertaining or harbouring him. PAUL HEERRITTER.

8 October 1772, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Committed to the gaol of Westmoreland county, on suspicion of being a runaway, a Negro man slave who calls himself WILL, but cannot, or will not, tell his master’s name, is a well set fellow, about 5 feet 10 inches high, of a yellowish complexion, the fore part of his hair, or wool, grey, is an African, and marked in the manner of his country, with dots under both eyes, and on the right side of his neck with something resembling a ladder, the fourth finger of his left hand is bent, and seems to have been broken; has on a country cotton shirt, and oznabrig trowsers. There is some reason to suspect that he belongs to Dr. WILLIAM SAVAGE, of Prince William. The owner is desired to pay charges, and take him away. RICHARD BARNETT, Gaoler.

29 October 1772, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Run away from the subscriber, in New Kent, a Virginia born Negro girl named MOLL, 10 or 12 years old, and has some marks in her ear. Likewise a small outlandish fellow named GEORGE, speaks broken, has some marks from whip, and is about 40 years of age. They were seen in Williamsburg about a month ago. Whoever secures them so that I may get them again, shall have Twenty Shillings for each, besides what the law allows. JAMES MOSS.

10 December 1772, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the subscriber, at Petersburg, about the middle of September last, a very likely Negro man named PHILL, about twenty years of age, of a yellow complexion, and about five feet nine inches high, proportionately made. He is a Native of Africa, but speaks broken English, having been some years in the West Indies, and has lost two joints off two of his fingers on his right hand. Had on, when he went away, an oznabrug shirt, an old Virginia cloth waistcoat, with a new Negro cotton jacket over it, and a pair of old check trousers. As he has been used to the sea, he will probably endeavour to get on board some Ship and make his escape out of the Colony; all masters of vessels are therefore forewarned from harbouring or carrying him off, at their peril. I will give Three Pounds reward to any person who will deliver said slave to me, or to Mr. Hugh M’Mekin at Portsmouth, and Forty Shillings to secure him in any Jail, and give notice thereof. THOMAS GORDON.

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28 For duplicate see 17 December 1772, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind): Run away from the subscriber, at Petersburg, about the middle of September last, a very likely Negro man named PHIL, about 20 years of age, of a yellowish complexion, about 5 feet 9 inches high, and proportionately made; he is a native of Africa, but speaks broken English, having been some years in the West Indies, and has lost two joints off two of his fingers on his right hand; had on an oznabrug shirt, an old Virginia cloth waistcoat, with a new Negro cotton jacket over it, and a pair of old check trousers. As he has been used to the sea, he will probably endeavour to get on board some ship and make his escape out of the colony; all masters of vessels are therefore forewarned from harbouring or carrying him off, at
24 December 1772, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the Subscriber, on Sunday the 22d of November, a new Negro fellow of small stature, and pitted with the smallpox; he calls himself BONNA, and says he came from a place of that name in the Ibo Country, in Africa, where he served in the capacity of a canoe man; his clothing is a new felt hat, new cotton waistcoat and breeches, and new shoes and stockings; his stockings were knit, and spotted black and white. Whoever secures him so that I get him shall have Twenty Shillings reward, besides what the Law allows. RICHARD BOOKER.
Chesterfield, December 15, 1772.

7 January 1773, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away, last Monday night, a new Negro boy [BOY] about five feet two or three inches high, fifteen years old, or thereabouts, very likely, and speaks but few words of English; he had on, when he went away, a new brown bearskin jacket with large white metal buttons, old blue breeches with lining, country knit brown stockings, and a light pair of shoes with straps. He was purchased last November of Mr. Adam Flemming, Merchant at Cabin Point, when in Williamsburg. Whoever secures him so that he may be had, or delivers him at the Post Office, shall be rewarded according to the trouble they may be at. Williamsburg, January 7, 1773.

14 January 1773, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to Cumberland County Jail, some time ago, an outlandish Negro man [MAN] who cannot, or will not, tell his master’s name; he is tall, spare made, with some of his country marks in his face, and has been advertised within the said county according to Law. The owner is desired to pay charges, and take him away. JOSEPH CARRINGTON, Jailer.

14 January 1773, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Three Hundred Pounds Reward. Run away from the subscriber, in St. Stephen’s Parish, South Carolina, about fifteen months since, two Negro fellows and a wench, namely: WILL, GEORGE, and SYLVIA. Will is a cooper and rough carpenter, about twenty five years of age, five feet eight inches high, of a yellowish complexion, slim made, a little knock-kneed, his teeth

their peril. I will give Three Pounds reward to any person who will deliver said slave to me, or to Mr. Hugh M’Mekin at Portsmouth, and Forty Shillings to secure him in any gaol, and give notice thereof. THOMAS GORDON.

29 Cf. TAST (1999), ID#91803, the Fox, Capt. John Peers, from Liverpool via Cameroons to Virginia, landing 250 slaves in 1772.

30 For variation see 24 December 1772, Virginia Gazette (Rind): Run away from the subscriber, in Chesterfield, on Sunday the 22d of November, a new Negro fellow who calls himself BONNAUND, and says he came from a place of that name, in the Ibo country, in Africa; he is of small stature, and pitted with the smallpox; had on a new felt hat, new cotton waistcoat and breeches, new shoes, and black knit stockings. Whoever secures him so that I may get him shall receive Twenty Shillings, besides what the law allows. RICHARD BOOKER.
filed, and has his country marks in his face. George is about twenty years of age, five feet five inches high, of a dark complexion, is very artful, and has been used to take care of horses. Sylvia is a likely young wench, about five feet five inches high, of a yellowish complexion, her teeth filed, and has attended in a house. A reward of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds currency will be paid on delivery of the above Negroes to the warden of the Workhouse, or at his plantation in the aforesaid parish, near Murray’s Ferry, or in proportion for one, if taken in the Province. Thomas West, an Overseer, about twenty five years of age, five feet seven inches high, very slim, of a swarthy complexion, who lived at the Subscriber’s plantation about three years, and just about the time the said three Negroes ran away left him, it is generally thought carried them into North Carolina, Virginia, or Maryland, and may offer them for sale. All persons are hereby cautioned not to purchase the said Negroes; and if purchased by any person, they are hereby required to deliver them to the proprietor, or they may depend on being prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the Law. A reward of Three Hundred Pounds currency will be paid on delivery of the Negroes, or in proportion if taken out of the Province; and a farther reward of One Hundred Pounds will be given to whoever will give Information of their being carried out of the Province, or being harboured by a white person, on conviction of the offender. JOHN GAILLARD.

28 January 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the Subscriber, about the 16th of November last, a new Negro fellow [MAN] near six feet high, about twenty five years old, with a down look, a small balk [sic] streak on the top of his head, had on common Negro clothing, and went away without his shoes. Whoever brings him to me in Charlotte, or to Mr. John Leitch in Warwick, shall have Forty Shillings Reward. JOSEPH MOORE.

18 March 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the subscriber, near two years ago, a likely Negro man named JUBA, about five feet nine or ten inches high, between twenty five and thirty years of age, squints much, is an African by birth, and speaks bad English. He is supposed to be lurking about Mattox’s Warehouse in the Northern Neck, where he formerly lived with Mr. Archibald Bryce, or Hobb’s Hole, in Essex. Whoever delivers him to me shall have Twenty Pounds reward, and Ten Pounds for committing him to any Jail within this Colony, so that I get him again. JOHN BOLLING. 
Goochland, March 9, 1773.

8 April 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from Burwell’s Ferry, about the 1st of February last, a Negro boy named POMPEY, about eighteen years old, five feet three inches high, remarkably black, and proportionately

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31 For duplicate see 18 March 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind): Run away from the subscriber, in Goochland, near two years ago, a likely Negro man named JUBA, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, between 25 and 30 years of age, by birth an African, squints much, and speaks bad English. He is supposed to be lurking about Mattox’s warehouse, in the northern neck, where he formerly lived with Mr. Archibald Bryce, or Hobb’s Hole in Essex. Whoever will deliver the said slave to me shall receive a reward of Twenty Pounds, or Ten Pounds for committing him to any gaol within this colony, so that I get him again. JOHN BOLLING.
made; he is Native African, speaks English tolerably, stoops when he walks, and plays on the
French Horn. He had on a dark coloured duffil short coat, waistcoat and breeches, and I have
been informed he went on board a country craft up James River; he has been bred to the sea and
may probably endeavour to get on board a Ship, and make his escape out of the Colony. All
masters of vessels are forewarned from harbouring or carrying him out of the Colony, at their
peril. I will give Fifty Shillings reward, with reasonable expenses, to any person who will deliver
him to me at Portsmouth, or Thirty Shillings to secure him in any Jail, and give me notice
thereof. JOHN GOODRICH, Junior.

6 May 1773, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from Roslin, in Chesterfield, about the 26th of April last, two new Negroes, one of
them a small black fellow [MAN], about thirty years of age, the other a middle sized wench
[WOMAN], about twenty seven years old, both clothed in white cotton and plaid hose; the
wench carried with her a pair of new leather shoes, with wooden heels. Whoever brings them to
me, or to Mr. Russell, at Blandford, shall receive a handsome Reward. CHARLES DUNCAN.
N.B. I have just received, by the last Ships from Britain, about thirty bales of German
Osnabrugs, and Rolls, which will be sold at a low advance.

10 June 1773, Maryland Gazette
Went away on Monday the 17th of last month, a negro man, named FRANK, about 30 years of
age, of the common size, has many white hairs on his head: had on, an osnabrig shirt, hempen
roll trousers, and Welch cotton waistcoat, such as negroes generally have, and carried with him
sundry other articles of apparel that I cannot particularize here; he is an artful fellow, has been
six years in the country, but speaks English very indifferently, and has lately taken upon himself
the practice of physick, in which employment he has against my consent been countenanced by a
few people, whose encouragement has been the means of his elopement. I will give 30 shillings
for apprehending and bringing the said negro to me, provided he is taken within 20 miles of
Piscataway; and if taken at a distance above 20 miles, and within 30, I will give 40 shillings; and
if above 30 miles, I will pay a reward of 3 pounds, for delivering him at Piscataway, in Prince-
George’s county, to THOMAS CLAGETT. June 3, 1773.

8 July 1773, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the publick Jail, from Chesterfield, a Negro fellow named TOM, who either
knows not or will not tell to whom he belongs. As there is reason to believe he has not the
clothes on in which he made his elopement, a description of them is unnecessary. He is about
five feet eight inches high, appears to be about twenty five years of age, of a pretty dark
complexion, with a scar deeply impressed in his forehead resembling a hook, and, being a new
Negro, cannot speak to be understood. The owner is desired to pay charges, and take him away.
PETER PELHAM. Williamsburg, July 8, 1773.
5 August 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Committed to Sussex county gaol an outlandish Negro man [MAN], who cannot, or will not, tell his owner’s name, and appears to have been in this country but a little time. He is about 25 years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, and has the usual cloathing of labouring Negroes. The owner is desired to pay charges, and take him away. JOHN BERRYMAN, Gaoler.

5 August 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Committed to the gaol of Prince George, the 17th of July, a Negro man who calls himself CHARLES, but cannot tell his master’s name; he is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, and appears to be about 30 years of age, with marks in his face, and has on an oznabrig shirt, an oznabrig waistcoat, cotton ditto, crocus trousers, and a pair of Virginia knit stockings. The owner is desired to pay charges, and take him away. HENRY BATTE.

5 August 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the Jail of the Isle of Wight, a Negro woman who calls herself NANNY, otherwise Betty, and says she belongs to one Mr. Ruffin of Southampton; she is an outlandish Negro, and speaks bad English. Also a yellow lad of about 18 years of age, who says his name is THOMAS HILL, and that he is a freeman; if he is, it would be proper for any friend of his to make it appear. Their owners are desired to prove their property, and pay charges to JOHN TAYLOR, Jailer.

19 August 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Went away, on Tuesday night last, Fourteen New Negroes. Any Person bringing any of them shall be well rewarded by JOHN BURNLY. Hanover Town, August 5, 1773. 32

9 September 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to Surry Jail, the 28th of August, a Negro Man, who calls himself JEMMY MOORE, says he formerly belonged to Len Brooks, of Essex County, but is now free. He is an outlandish fellow, about five feet six inches high, appears to be about forty years old, is well made, the pits of the smallpox appear very plain in his face, has a scar at the root of his left ear

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32 For variation, see 28 October 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon): Hanover Town, October 20, 1773. Run away from the Subscriber, about two months ago, Fourteen New Negroes, ten of whom were taken up in King William, and the remaining seven [sic] were lately seen near West Point in that County. I will give Three Pounds reward for each of them, beside what the Law allows, to any person who shall bring them to me. JOHN BURNLEY. *TAST* (1999) does not record any slaving voyages arriving in Virginia in 1773. However, the database does record 5 voyages arriving in 1772, disembarking an estimated 1,630 Africans: see ID#17792, the *Polly*, Capt. Thomas Duncomb, from Bristol via Angola to the Lower James, landing 450 slaves from 19 May 1772; ID#17821, the *Prince of Wales*, Capt. James Bivins, from Bristol via Africa (unspecified) to the Lower James, landing 400 slaves from 24 Sept. 1772; ID#1402, the *Nancy*, Capt. James Eckley Colley, from Liverpool via Iles de Los [Sierra Leone] to Lower James, landing 250 slaves from 9 July 1792; ID#91789, the *Union*, Capt. Charles Polle, from Liverpool via Anomabu [Gold Coast] to Hampton, landing 280 slaves from 20 Aug. 1772; ID#91803, the *Fox*, Capt. John Peers, from Liverpool via Cameroons to Virginia, landing 250 slaves in 1772.
occasioned, he says, by the smallpox, and another on the top of his forehead, which appears like a cut. The owner is desired to pay charges, and take him away. MICAJAH COGGAN, Jailer.33

23 September 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Committed to the gaol of Prince William, the 27th of August, an outlandish Negro woman, speaks English very indifferently, but, as well as I can learn from her, her name is JENNY; she is of the middle size, has on a brown linen shift and petticoat, and is about 25 years old, slim made. The owner is desired to pay charges, and take her away. JOHN BLANSET, Gaoler.

30 September 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the subscriber in Surry County, near Cabin Point, two Negroes. One is a wench, named Amy, of a very black complexion, about 27 years old, middle sized, well made, and has a mild soft way of speaking. I have heard that she has been part of the time since her elopement at Portsmouth, where she hired herself, and passed for a free woman, by the name of SUKEY JONES. The other is a fellow, African born, named BACCHUS about 19 years of age, and speaks somewhat broken; he escaped from my overseer, as he was conveying him down from Chesterfield Jail. He has been branded in his hand; but the brand, as I am informed, is scarcely perceivable. During his former elopement he passed as a free Negro, and has been employed as such. Whoever apprehends the said runaways, and conveys them to me, or secures them in any Jail so as I get them, shall have 20 s. [shillings] reward for each, if taken 25 miles from home, and if at a greater distance 40 s. for each; if out of the Colony 5 l. [pound] besides all reasonable expenses. As I have some reason to believe they will endeavour to get out of the Colony, particularly to Britain, where they imagine they will be free (a notion now too prevalent among the Negroes, greatly to the vexation and prejudice of their Masters) [sic] I hereby forewarn masters of vessels from carrying them off at their peril, and all persons from harbouring or employing them. JOHN AUSTIN FINNIE.

30 September 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to York County Prison, an African Negro man, who says his name is HARRY, about five feet four inches and a half high, stout made, and has on an Irish stuff jacket, and cotton breeches with a black pair under them. He says he belongs to Mr. John Rogers of Baltimore, in

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33 For variation, see 13 October 1775, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie): Committed to the jail of Isle of Wight county, on suspicion of being a runaway, a negro man who appears to be about 40 years of age, middle size, well made, has had the smallpox, and by his tongue is outlandish. He calls himself JAMES MOORE, says he is a freeman, and gives the following account of himself: That he belonged to Daniel Brooke on Potowmack [sic] river, sued for his freedom, and recovered it; afterwards went with capt. [sic] Leonard Brooke to the Ohio, as his servant, since which he has followed going by water, in York and James rivers; that he lived some years with John Adam of Norfolk town, also some years with Richard Blunt of Sussex county, and in the summer 1774 made a crop with mrs. [sic] Best on Nensemond [sic] river. He appears to be a sensible cunning fellow, and has been troublesome in the neighbourhood, where he has haunted for some time past. If he is a slave, his owner is desired to claim him; and if any person can give account of his being a freeman, he is requested to send the same to MICAJAH WILLS, jailer.
Maryland. The owner is desired to prove his property, and pay charges to WILLIAM MITCHELL.

7 October 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the Subscriber about the 1st of September, in the upper end of King William, two new Negro men, of the Ibo Country, named CHARLES and FRANK, who have been in the Province about twelve months and it is supposed cannot tell their master’s name. Charles is a large fellow, with his country marks in his face, and has lost or broke off one or two of his fore teeth, which he says was done by a cow in his country. Frank is a smaller fellow, well set, and has sharp teeth. They carried with them a Dutch blanket, had each a coarse hat, and other usual summer clothes. Whoever delivers both or either of them to me, or secures them and gives me notice thereof, shall be well rewarded for their trouble, besides what the Law allows. JOSEPH HILLYARD.

7 October 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to Nansemond County Jail, the 13th of August, a small new Negro woman [WOMAN], who appears to be young, is much troubled with fits, and does not know her Master’s name. The owner is desired to pay charges, and take her away. WILLIAM WHITFIELD, Jailer.

28 October 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Rind)
Committed to the gaol of King William, about the 1st of October, a new negro fellow, about 45 years of age, speaks badly, says his name is BEN, cannot or will not, tell his master’s name, and has a defect in one of his eyes, occasioned by some kind of a stroke; has on a brown linen shirt, and old cotton waistcoat and breeches. His owner is desired to pay charges, and take him away. JOHN QUARLES, junior, Gaoler.

4 November 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the Jail of Mecklenburg, a new Negro fellow [MAN] about five feet three inches high, has lost half of his left ear, a scar on his left cheek, he cannot (or will not) [sic] tell his owner’s name, has on a pair of old crocus trousers, and an old blanket. The owner is desired to take him away, and pay charges. RICHARD SWEPSON, Jailer.

4 November 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the Subscriber the 17th of July last, in the lower end of Mecklenburg, a Mundingo Negro man named TOM, five feet ten or eleven inches high, about 25 years of age, spare made, very black, red eyes, has been in this Country about eighteen months; he lived this year under the direction of Mr. Edward Giles, and if he should be strictly questioned can tell either Mr. Giles’s or my name. I will give 20 s. [shillings] to any person who will deliver him to me, if taken twenty miles from home, or will pay in proportion for a greater or less distance, as
the law directs. I will well reward any person that can give me intelligence where he is, either by writing or otherwise, if in or out of Prison. JOSIAH DALY.

25 November 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to Isle of Wight Jail, an outlandish Negro fellow named WILL, about six feet high, has two jackets, one of a blue colour, the other made of cotton, and neither shirt nor breeches. He speaks English badly, and either cannot or will not tell his master’s name, but sometimes says he belongs to Mr. Mitchell. The owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take him away. JOHN TAYLOR, Jailer.

2 December 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the Jail of King William, a new Negro Man who says his Name is JESSE, and that he belongs to Mr. William Parker, of King George; he is very thinly clothed. The owner is desired to take him away and pay charges. JOHN QUARLES, Junior, Jailer.

23 December 1773, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the Publick Jail, two runaway Negroes, viz. HARRY, from Elizabeth City, an outlandish eellow [sic], about five feet eight inches high, appears to be above 30 years old, branded on the left breast with a P, his right hand has been burnt, and occasioned a white spot in his wrist. As he cannot speak one word of English, he is not able to give the least account of himself or his owner. STEPNEY, a short fellow, Virginia born, of a yellow complexion, is 53 years old, and says he belongs to the estate of Benjamin Baker of Gloucester. Their owners are desired to apply for them, pay charges, and take them away. PETER PELHAM.

27 January 1774, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the subscriber, in August last, a stout well set outlandish Negro fellow named TOM, talks but indifferent English, and perhaps cannot tell his master’s name and place of residence, is marked on his back, and I believe breast, with his country marks, has filed teeth, a large scar or dent on one side of his head, a large scar across the outside of his left wrist, and if I mistake not, one or more of his fingers are somewhat crooked or contracted, and he is very parrot-toed. Had on when he went away an osnabrug shirt and short rolls trousers, and carried with him a cotton jacket. Whoever brings the said Negro to me, in Amelia, shall have 40 s. [shillings] reward, besides what the Law allows, and 5 l. [pound] if taken out of the Colony. FRANCIS EPPES.

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34 The *Geography of Slavery* [2005] collection notes that this record is related to 30 September 1773, but internal evidence suggests otherwise.
3 February 1774, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the publick Jail, a runaway Negro man, named BEN, middle sized, very black, has lost his right eye, stoops a little when he walks, and appears to be above forty years old; being an African, he speaks bad English, but gives me to understand that he belongs to the estate of William Smith, deceased, whose widow used him ill, which induced him to run away, but he cannot, or will not, inform where she lives. His owner is desired to take him away, and pay charges. PETER PELHAM.

24 March 1774, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Run away from the Vineyard, three weeks ago, a new Negro man named SUNDAY, about five feet five inches high, 25 years old, well made, and very black, had on a Monmouth cap, a white cotton waistcoat and breeches, and a green waistcoat under the cotton one. I will give a reward of 10 s. [shillings] to any person that will deliver him to me. ANDREW ESTAVE.

19 May 1774, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
On the 13th day of April last two Negro slaves, by name BOB and BRISTOL, ran away from my plantation at Swan’s Point, in Surry County. They were taken up in Williamsburg on the 26th of the same month, and carried to John Cocke, residing in that City, who was induced, by the plausibility of their story, to give them a pass, dated the day they were apprehended; and from the particular circumstances mentioned therein, it may be easily discovered, if they should ever show it, that they are runaways. But as it is doubtful whether they will or not, I thus describe them: Bob is a tall mulatto fellow, and thin visaged. He has been a ferryman for many years, and from his acquaintance with Gentlemen has assumed an immoderate stock of assurance. He is artful, designing, and exceedingly smooth tongued, and it is imagined will endeavour to pass as a freeman. Bristol is an outlandish fellow, about five feet six inches high, and is as ignorant as the other is artful. If they stay together (the contrary of which I have no reason to conjecture) [sic] he will, I suppose, entirely submit to, and confide in, his companion’s counsels. I hereby promise to give any person who will convey the said slaves to me, at Swan’s Point, 20 s. [shillings] for each, and forewarn all captains of Ships from carrying either of them out of the Colony. JOHN HARTWELL COCKE.

16 June 1774, *Virginia Gazette or, Norfolk Intelligencer* (Duncan)
Run Away from the subscriber two Negro men and a Negro woman, namely: PETER, a slim fellow about twenty five years old, a dark mulatto, a little pockmarked, with a sullen look, and bushy head, born in Jamaica. WILL, a stout fellow, an African; about 25 years’ age: Scar’d on the cheeks after his country fashion, his right fore-finger and left-thumb nails off, part of one of his toes off, speaks very little English, CANDACE, a dark mulatto wench, about 20 years old, a Virginian, much marked with a whip, very artfully. Whoever will apprehend them or either of them, so that I get them again, shall have the following rewards. For Peter, ten dollars, for Will. four dollars, and for Candace, two dollars, and all reasonable charges. WILLIAM HANCOCK. Princess Anne, June 16th 1774.
23 June 1774, *Maryland Gazette*
Sixty-Six Dollars Reward. Ran away, or carried away by land or water, on the seventh day of June last, from the subscriber, living in Baltimore county, Maryland, a salt-water negro man, named **SOLOMON**, about 20 or 22 years of age, has been in the country about three years, talks pretty good English for the time he has been in the country; he is of a middle size, and is something upon the yellowish colour, his head seems something bigger than common, has an innocent look, but is a cunning crafty rogue; he has run away twice before, and changes his name, it is likely he has changed it now; as for his cloathing it is needless to mention, as he has been gone so long. Whoever apprehends the said negro man, and secures him in any jail, so that he may be had again, shall have a reward of sixteen dollars; if carried away by any person or persons, whoever will apprehend the said thief or thieves, and secure him or them in any jail, so that he or they may be dealt with as the law directs, shall receive the remaining fifty dollars as a reward, at the conviction of the said thief, or thieves, paid by **THOMAS COCKEY**. June 10, 1774.

30 June 1774, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to Nansemond County Jail, on the 28th of May, an outlandish Negro fellow named **CUDGER**, about 36 years of age, of a small size, and says he belongs to Mr. Samuel Kerr, in Portsmouth. The owner is desired to take him away, and pay charges. **WILLIAM WHITFIELD**, Jailer.

29 September 1774, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to Chesterfield Jail, two Negro men, one of whom says his name is **PETRR** [sic], and that he belongs to William Cooper. He is a tall fellow, and much scarified in the face with

35 No earlier advertisement or notice has been recorded.

36 For later occurrence of running away, see 21 March 1780, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, Extraordinary*; also, see 21 March 1780, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, Extraordinary*. Also, the day following, a Guinea Negro Man, named **SOLOMON**, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, somewhat on the yellowish colour, a harmless look, but a sly villain, speaks good English, has some marks on one of his cheeks like the small-pox, has lost part of the side of his right thumb, which makes the end of it look sharper than the other, has an innocent look, but is a great rogue. Whoever apprehends the said Negro, and secures him in any gaol, so that his Master may get him again, shall receive One Hundred Dollars. ... **THOMAS COCKEY**. October 5, 1778. And for another later occurrence of running away, see 6 October 1778, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*. Two Hundred Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber, living in Baltimore county, Maryland, about 12 miles from Baltimore-Town, two years last harvest, a salt water Negro Man, named **SOLOMON**, about 24 or 25 years of age, he has been in Newcastle upon the Delaware, he got from thence and was put in Somerset county gaol, and was brought home in November 1774; has been in Philadelphia; he is of a middle size, somewhat upon the yellow, has some marks upon one of his cheeks like the small-pox, has lost part of the side of his right thumb, which makes the end of it look sharper than the other, has an innocent look, but is a great rogue. Whoever apprehends the said Negro, and secures him in any gaol, so that his Master may get him again, shall receive One Hundred Dollars. ... **THOMAS COCKEY**. October 5, 1778. And for another later occurrence of running away, see 21 March 1780, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, Extraordinary*. Also, the day following, a Guinea Negro Man, named **SOLOMON**, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, somewhat on the yellowish colour, a harmless look, but a sly villain, speaks good English, has some marks on one of his cheeks like the small-pox, has lost part of the side of one of his thumbs, which makes the end of it smaller than the other: Had on, when he went away, an iron collar, bent round his neck, which probably is taken off, a half-worn white country cloth jacket, much too big for him, good leather breeches, too big, an old hat, old shoes nailed in the heels, and a striped matchcoat blanket. It is likely he will change his name, as he has done before, and his cloaths, as soon as possible, as he is fond of dressing; his wool is longer than common, which commonly keeps dressed. He has run away several times before, and has been at Fort Pitt, and many other places about the country, and 'tis likely will endeavour to pass for a freeman.
his country marks; has on a Virginia cloth waistcoat, striped and filled in with blue yarn, a
good felt hat, and other clothes as usual for plantation Negroes. The other says his name is
BRISTOL, and that he belongs to Josiah Ellington. He is a tall fellow, smooth and full faced; his
clothing a Virginia wove thread and cotton shirt, and Virginia cloth jacket and trousers. The
owners are desired to prove their properties, pay charges, and take them away. JAMES BALL,
Jailer.

6 October 1774, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to the jail of Northumberland, the 13th of September, a new Negro man who says he
belongs to a Captain of a Ship, and as well as I can understand calls himself SAM. He is about
five feet six or seven inches high, and well set. The owner is desired to take him away, and pay
charges. JESSE ALEXANDER, Jailer.

20 October 1774, Maryland Gazette
Four Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber, living about five miles below the cool
springs in St. Mary’s county, on the 15th day of July last, a salt water negro fellow named
LAMBO, slender made, about 50 years old, and of a low stature. He had on when he went away,
a cotton jacket and breeches, osnabrig shirt, country made shoes, and an old hat; he used to have
at the plantation where his wife lives, a broad cloth coat and jacket, a pair of black velvet
breeches, white linen shirt, and a very good hat; it is probable he may also have carried these
with him. Notwithstanding he hath been many years in America, he still speaks the English
language very imperfectly, but is a very cunning artful fellow, being accustomed to run away
from his former masters. Any person who will bring the said fellow to the subscriber, shall, if
he is taken up in St. Mary’s county, receive the reward of three dollars, if out of St. Mary’s
county, four dollars including what the law allows, from JOHN STEPHEN. October 18, 1774.

29 December 1774, Virginia Gazette (Purdie & Dixon)
Committed to Westmoreland County Jail, on Thursday the 13th instant (December) [sic] three
African slaves, two men and one woman, who either refuse or cannot tell their owner or owners
names; but, as well as I can understand them, they belong to John Thorn, or Thornton, and call
themselves SAMPSON, ADAM, and BETTY. The owner, or owners, are desired to come for
them, and pay Charges. JAMES MUSE, Jailer.

18 February 1775, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Hunter)
Committed to New Kent Gaol, the 4th instant (February) [sic] an African slave, who says his
name is TOM, but cannot, or will not, declare the name of his owner. He is a well set fellow,
about 5 feet 6 inches high, and had on a Negro cotton jacket, an osnabrug shirt, a pair of leather
breeches, shoes, but no stockings, and a blue cap on his head. He has a large scar on the back of

37 No previous advertisements/notices recorded.
his neck, and one on his wrist, which he got in his country. The owner is desired to take him away, and pay charges to ROBERT C. WARREN.

18 February 1775, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Hunter)
Run away from the subscriber, near Westham, in Henrico, about the first of December last, a Negro fellow named BOB, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, outlandish, talks not very plain, if sharply spoke to, seems much terrified, and one of his eye-teeth, or near it, is out. He had on common cotton clothes. Whoever brings him to me, or secures him in any Gaol in this Colony, so that I get him again, shall have 40 s. [shillings] reward, besides what the Law allows. LEWIS BALL. I forewarn all masters of vessels employing him, or carrying him out of the Country, as I am apprehensive he will endeavour to get on board a vessel.

25 February 1775, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Hunter)
Run away from the Subscriber, in Halifax County, North Carolina, the 22d of last month, two Negro Fellows, one named GUINEA, about 5 feet 2 inches high, 27 years of age, stout made, has a down look, a nick in one of his nostrils, and has a defect in some of his teeth; he had on a fearnought jacket and a pair of leather breeches. The other is named GRIFFIN, about the same size, with a mark on his nose, blacker near his eyes than the rest of his skin, had on a bearskin coat and a pair of leather breeches. They both speak good English. Whoever will apprehend the said slaves, and bring them to me, or secure them in some Gaol, so that I get them again, shall have Five Pounds proclamation money for each, by JOHN HOBGOOD. N.B. The above slaves have been outlawed in Halifax County, North Carolina.

14 April 1775, Virginia Gazette (Purdie)
Committed to Northampton county jail, North Carolina, the 22d ult. an outlandish negro man [MAN], who cannot, or will not, tell his owner’s name. He is a small black fellow, about five feet four inches high, and has some of his country marks between his eyes; had on a negro cotton jacket with a red collar, and some red round the sleeves, and an old pair of leather breeches. The owner may have him on proving his property and paying charges. DRURY GEE, sheriff.

18 May 1775, Virginia Gazette (Pinkney)
I Have taken up, in Pittsylvania, a negro man, named TOM, who says he belongs to William M’Kentire, in North Carolina, Duplan county: He is an outlandish fellow, though can speak pretty good English, appears to be about 24 or 25 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, pretty well set, with a few of his own country marks in his face, and says he has been a sailor. He has on a negro cotton jacket and breeches, and oznabrig shirt, a country made hat, and a pair of old stockings. The owner may get him by applying to the subscriber. My reason for taking this method to inform the public is, because the county gaol is so torn to pieces that it will not hold him. RICHARD BROWN.
24 June 1775, *Virginia Gazette* (Dixon & Hunter)
Committed to the Gaol of Henrico, a Negro woman, who says her name is **BETTY**, about 4 feet 10 inches high; has on an osnabrug shift and petticoat, has a hole through each ear, appears to be outlandish, and cannot tell her master’s name. The owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take her away. MARY LINDSEY, Gaoler.

21 July 1775, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
There is now living in my family, adjoining to this city, a negro girl called **SARAH**, who is about 14 years old, near 4 feet 7 inches high, somewhat slender made, and is very black; she says she is a Mundingo, but cannot tell her owner’s name. I have been informed she was purchased by some person of Carolina, at Suffolk in Nansemond, and that she was in jail there since, consequently must have been advertised, as she was taken out to be sold for prison fees, but was turned loose at Smithfield, without any thing being further done. She was there taken in by sundry families, as an object, and maintained for what little service she could do, being often troubled with choaking fits, which deprive her of the use of her limbs, as well as her senses. Her owner is desired to apply for her to me, at Whaley’s free-school. SAMUEL WALLACE.
Williamsburg July 20, 1775.

27 July 1775, *Virginia Gazette* (Pinkney)
Committed to the gaol of Buckingham a negro woman, about 4 feet 8 inches high, affects that she cannot speak her master’s name, though says her name is **CHLOE**. She is dressed with a blue and white Swanskin petticoat, osnabrig shirt, and striped homespun jacket. She was born in Africa, and appears to be about 40 years of age. The owner is desired to pay prison charges, and take her out. JOHN COX, gaoler.

27 September 1775, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Three Pounds Currency Reward. Ran away on Thursday, the 13th Inst. from the subscriber, living near the Great Falls Gunpowder, in Baltimore county, a new negro man, named **SCIPIO**, he speaks bad English, is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, and slim: Had on and carried with him, a country made linsey jacket and breeches, one pair of nankeen ditto, one osnabrigs shirt, one cloth waistcoat of a yellowish color, a pair of crocus trousers, and a pair of shoes. Whoever takes up the said negro, and brings him home, or secures him, so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges, paid by GEORGE FITZHUGH.
September 22d, 1775.

19 October 1775, *Maryland Gazette*
Ten Pounds Reward. Ran away on the 17th of September instant, a salt water negro man, named **JOE**, slave to the subscriber, about 5 feet high, spare and active, about 25 years old, long fore teeth, and has lost some of his under fore teeth, chews tobacco much, the crown of his head shaved, a foretop and ridge of wool round his head, a scar on his left temple, a hold [hole] in his
left ear for a ring, black and smooth faced, talks not quite plain: had on a new shirt of good brown rolls, and an old pair of ragged black breeches—he crossed Chesapeake bay in a canoe near Pool’s island, and I do imagine will make the same way again, or sculk in the adjacent counties on the Eastern shore, as he is a discontented artful villain: I will give 5 pounds to any person that will secure him in any jail, so that I ma get him again, if brought home safe and delivered to me, the above reward of ten pounds. ROBERT SAUNDERS. N.B. If committed, the jailor is desired to keep him secure, and advertise him immediately. Middle River Neck, Baltimore County, Sept. 20, 1775.

4 November 1775, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Hunter)
Run away from the Subscriber, in New Kent, in the Year 1772, a small new New [sic] Negro Man named GEORGE, about 40 years of age, mith [sic] a nick in one ear, and some marks with the whip. He was about Williamsburg till last winter, but either went or was sent to Lord Dunmore’s Quarter in Frederick County, and there passes for his property. Whoever conveys him to me shall have 5 l. [pound] reward. JAMES MOSS.

25 November 1775, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Hunter)
Run away from the subscriber’s plantation in Prince Edward County, on Saturday the 11th instant, four Negro fellows, viz. PRINCE, CATO, Charles or TRASH, and BILLY BURTON.—Prince is a very large fellow, is an African, and speaks badly, and is very drunken and quarrelsome, he is notable for being an excellent swimmer and diver. —Cato, a thick well made fellow about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, is also an African, and speaks very broken English, and is a tolerably sober well behaved fellow.—Charles or Trash, for he will answer to either name, is a native of Jamaica, a small slim made fellow, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, and about 25 years of age.—Billy Burton, a mulatto, a stout young lad, about 19 or 20 years of age, was raised at this place, and is a very well behaved fellow. All of them but Trash were clothed this fall in Dutch blanket coats and breeches, Trash had clothes such as water Negroes generally wear, though he and all the others had other clothes with them, so that it is probable they will change their dress. ROBERT DONALD. Warwick, November 15, 1775.

1 December 1775, Virginia Gazette (Purdie)
Committed to Mecklenburg jail, the 25th of June last, an outlandish negro man named ROGER, about 6 feet high, who had on a Virginia cloth jacket, osnabrug shirt, and a pair of brown cotton velvet breeches. He says he is the property of Edwin Gray, of Southampton county. The owner is desired to take him away, and pay charges. RICHARD SWEPSION, jailer.

6 January 1776, Virginia Gazette (Pinkney)
Fourteen Pounds Reward. Run away from the subscriber, the 26th of November last, 4 negro men, viz. HARRY, Virginia born, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, 30 years of age, a dark mulatto, with long bushy hair; he is of the Indian breed, straight and well made, dresses neat, and has a variety of clothes with him, amongst others, a blue fearnought great coat. He has worked several years at
the carpenter’s and wheelwright’s trade, and can glaze and paint. **LEWIS**, an outlandish, short, thick fellow, remarkably bow-legged, an excellent wheelwright and waggon maker, and a very good blacksmith. He carried with him, amongst other clothes, a blue suit. **AARON**, a likely Virginia born fellow, of the middle size, stoops a little, has a hoarse voice, and had on the usual clotheing [sic] of negroes. **MATTHEW**, a Virginia born, dark mulatto, 18 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, stammers a little, and speaks quick, when surprized, and is close-kneed. These 4 went off in a yawl with two others [MAN] [MAN], who have been since committed to the public gaol. As one of them was taken in the yawl without the cape, I conclude the other 4 are in lord Dunmore’s service. I will give Five Pounds each for securing the two first, and Forty Shillings each for the other two, besides what the law allows. They are all outlawed. **EDMUND RUFFIN**. Prince George, December 23, 1775.

12 July 1776, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Taken up at Layton’s warehouse, in Essex county, about the latter end of last month, and now in my possession at that place, a negro man who cannot or will not tell his master’s name, but denies having any in this country; says, as well as he can be understood, that his name is **ABRAHAM**; that he was sent here in a ship with many others from Barbados, by his master there, to fight for lord Dunmore; and that he ran away from the ship, within a few days after he came to him. He appears to be between 30 and 40 years of age, of the middle size, slim made, speaks very broken, his face marked in the manner the grown negroes from Guinea usually are, had on a country made cotton cloth coat, linen short breeches, a kind of coarse [illeg.] linen shirt, and had with him a very dirty [illeg.]. His owner is desired to apply, pay charges, and take him away. **JAMES BOWDRIE**.

8 November 1776, *Virginia Gazette* (Dixon & Hunter)
Committed to Brunswick jail, on the 5th of September last, two outlandish negro fellows, who cannot or will not tell their masters names. One [MAN] is about 5 feet 6 inches high, and about 40 years old; the other [MAN] about 5 feet 5 inches high, and about 35 years old. They had on, when committed, two osnabrug wrappers a piece. The owners are desired to take them away, and pay charges to **LEWIS LANIER, jun.**

27 December 1776, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Committed to the jail of Sussex county, the 9th of this instant (December) [sic] two outlandish negro men. One calls himself **WILL**, and says he belongs to one Milford on the Congaree river in Carolina. He appears to be about 40 years old, and is 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high. The other says his name is **DICK**, and that he belongs to Miles Cary, whose plantation joins the said Milford’s; he appears to be about 26 or 27 years old, and is 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high. They are almost naked. The owners are desired to take them away, and pay charges to **JOHN BERRYMAN**, jailer.38

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38 For duplicate see 7 Feb. 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie): Committed to Sussex, the 9th of December last, two outlandish negro men. One calls himself **WILL**, and says he belongs to a person of the name of Milford on the Congaree river, in Carolina; he appears to be about 40 years old, and is 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high. The other calls
3 January 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
There came to Warwick in Chesterfield county, some time last fall, a negro man who appears to be about 40 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, well made, is marked in the forehead and temples with three scars each, and his fore teeth are filed; had on when he came there a pair of leather breeches, a country made tow linen shirt, an old broadcloth coat, and an old blanket. He is an African, and does not speak so as to be understood, farther than that his name is *Adam*, and that he belongs to master Dickey, but where he cannot tell. The owner is desired to apply for him, and pay the charge of this advertisement. **BERNARD MARKHAM.**

7 March 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Dixon & Hunter)
Run away from the Subscriber, at the Big Lick, on Roanoke, in Botetourt County, about the middle of July last, a Negro woman named *Sue*, about 40 years of age, rather tall, badly clothed, speaks bad English, and is remarkable for talking to herself, has marks down both cheeks, and a scar on one of her arms, occasioned by a burn. Whoever secures said Negro so that I may get her again, and acquaints me thereof, shall be handsomely rewarded. **THOMAS BARNES.**

25 April 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Taken up some time past, and brought to Fairfax county jail, two very likely negro men slaves, who speak very little English, but, as well as can be understood, say their master’s name is John Davison, living on Goose creek. The name of one of them is *Tom*, a well set fellow about 5 feet 9 inches high; the other named *Dick*, very well made, about 5 feet and a half high, and has three long marks on each cheek. The owner of the said slaves is desired to come and prove his property. **MICHAEL GRETER, jailer.**

16 May 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Twenty Dollars reward For *Tom*, a negro man who ran away from the subscriber living in the lower end of Mecklenburg county in Virginia, on the 17th of July 1773 [sic]. He was imported from Guinea the year before, and calls his country Mundingo. **He is near six feet high, slim himself Dick, and says he belongs to Miles Cary, whose plantation adjoins the said Milford’s; he appears to be about 26 or 27 years old, and is 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high. They are almost naked. The owner is desired to take them away, and pay charges. JOHN BERRYMAN, jailer.**

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39 For later occurrence see 2 June 1778, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser* (Goddard): Forty Dollars Reward. May 24, 1778. Ran away, from the subscriber, on Sunday night last, two well made likely Negro men, one named *Tom*, the other *Dick*. Tom is about 30 years of age, has lost two of his upper teeth and has several flourishing marks on his arm and shoulder. Dick is a short well made fellow, about 24 years of age, has several scars on his face, and speaks very little English. Had on when they went away, oznabrug shirts and check trousers, also a large knapsack and blankets. Whoever takes up said Negores, and brings them to me in Alexandria, shall receive Twenty Dollars reward for each, and reasonable charges, paid by MICHAEL GRETER. N.B. It is supposed they are gone to head-quarters, as they were there before.

40 Cf. *TAST* (1999), ID#91402, the *Nancy*, Capt. James Eckley Colley, from Liverpool via the Isles de Loss (Sierra Leone), disembarking 200 slaves on the Lower James River beginning 9 July 1772.
made, very black, has reddish eyes and a remarkable loose jelling way of walking. I suppose him to be about 30 years old. I will give 15 Dollars for such intelligence that I get him thereon, or the above reward if brought home. JOSIAH DALY. 41

27 May 1777, Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser
Fifteen Pounds Reward. Ran away from the subscriber, living near Tauney Town, Pipe Creek, Frederick County, Maryland, on the 11th of May, the two following Negro men. PERTH, a likely strong fellow, born in this country, about 28 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high. Had on a good claret coloured cloth coat, a double-breasted grey duffel jacket with sleeves, and breeches of the same, with good shoes and stockings. CATO, a likely fellow, African born, about the same age and height of Perth, not so strong made, of a lighter complexion, and stoops a little when he walks. Had on a good brown cloth coat, with a red cape, white jacket, buckskin breeches, good stockings and shoes, with a pair of silver buckles in them. They took with them a drab cloth great coat, a pair of boots, and several other clothes. The above Negroes had assumed the names of Daniel Williams, and Daniel Ehow, and endeavoured to enlist in the Continental service, at York-Town, Pennsylvania, where they were committed to gaol, but escaped therefrom, on the 21st instant. It is supposed they will endeavour to enlist either in the land or sea service, with a design of getting to the enemy the first opportunity. Perth has been brought up to the water, Cato as a gentleman’s servant, can shave and dress hair, and has been in Philadelphia and New-York. Whoever takes up and secures the said Negroes, so that I get them again, shall receive, if taken this side Susquehanna, Six Pounds reward, if betwixt that and Philadelphia, Ten Pounds, and if taken in the city of Philadelphia, or on the east-side of Delaware, the above reward, or in proportion for either of them, besides reasonable charges, if brought home. HENRY RIDDELL. Pipe-Creek, May 24, 1777.

27 June 1777, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Hunter)
Five Pounds Reward. Run away from the subscriber, in the upper end of Caroline County, the last week in May, two Negro men, ABRAHAM and CAESAR, the former is about 6 feet 3 or 4 inches [sic] high, is a strong well made fellow, a shoemaker by trade, is a fine plantation hand, has had a sore upon one of his shin bones nearly as large as a dollar, and I expect the scar is still fresh. Caesar is a planter, stoops a little in his shoulders, is an outlandish Negro, and his temples are full of grey hairs. I purchased both of the said slaves last October from Col. Philip Rootes of King and Queen County, where I have reason to believe they are gone. Whoever will take up and deliver the said Negroes to me shall receive the above reward, or Fifty Shillings for either of them. ANTHONY THORNTON, Junior.

41 For duplicate see 16 May 1777, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Hunter): Twenty Dollars reward For TOM, a negro man who ran away from the subscriber living in the lower end of Mecklenburg county in Virginia, on the 17th of July 1773. He was imported from Guinea the year before, and calls his country Mundingo. He is near six feet high, slim made, very black, has reddish eyes and a remarkable loose jelling way of walking. I suppose him to be about 30 years old. I will give 15 Dollars for such intelligence that I get him thereon, or the above reward if brought home. JOSIAH DALY.
27 June 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Committed to James City prison, an outlandish negro fellow [MAN] about 40 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, can hardly speak to be understood, but says his master’s name is John Berryman of Sussex. The owner is desired to send for him, pay charges, and take him away. PETER MANY.

19 September 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Run away from the subscriber in Hanover, two negro fellows, viz. LEWIS and PRINCE, the former was advertised some time last May by John Wilson to be delivered to the subscriber, and is a well set fellow about five feet six or seven inches high, has thick lips, and when spoke to a downcast look; had on when he went away a white hunting shirt, a pair of short breeches of tow and cotton, and a small hat. I expect he will endeavour to pass for a freeman, he having attempted to pass as such. Prince is an outlandish fellow, about six feet high, stout made, full eyed talks very fast, and not plain; had on a pair of sheepakin [sic] breeches, a woollen jacket serge wove, striped in the filling with black and white wool, a white cotton shirt, and took another of the same kind with him, and had on a small bound black hat. He formerly was the property of mr. [sic] Brown of King William, and has been much used to the tending of gentlemen, and is well acquainted with most of America. I expect he will endeavour to get to Howe’s army, as he has once attempted to join Dunmore. Whoever will deliver the said runaways to the subscriber shall have ten dollars for each, or half the sum for securing them in jail, so I get them again, I will sell or swap either of them, to any person they may incline to go to. NELSON ANDERSON, jun.

10 October 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Committed to the jail of Isle of Wight county, on the eighteenth instant [September], a negro man who says his name is DOCTOR, and that he is the property of James Parker, late of Norfolk, and was hired out to some iron works up the country, where one Mr. Wilcox was manager or owner. He appears to be an outlandish negro, but speaks English very well. The person who has the direction of him is desired to take him away, and pay charges. MICAJAH WILLS, Jailer.

10 October 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Committed [sic] to the jail of Sussex county, on the 13th of September, an outlandish negro man [MAN], who cannot, or will not, tell his master’s name. He is 35 or 40 years old, 5 feet 4 inches high, and has had the smallpox. The owner is desired to take him away, and pay charges. JOHN BERRYMAN.

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42 referenced notice not seen.
17 October 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Committed to the jail of Northumberland county, the 7th of September, an African negro **MAN** about fifty years old five feet six or seven inches high has on a country linen shirt speaks bad English, but, as well as can be understood, says he belongs to Solomon Posey. The owner is desired to pay charges and take him away. The Jailer.

28 October 1777, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Ten Pounds Reward. Ran Away, the 26th of August, 1777, from the subscriber, living at Leigh Furnace, on Little Pipe Creek, in Frederick county, Maryland, a Negro boy, named **FRANK**, born in Africa, but speaks pretty good English; he is about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, and slender made: Had on and took with him, a Monmouth cap, half thick upper jacket, and white cotton under ditto, country tow linen shirt and trousers; but he may have stolen others, as he is a very great thief. He ran away about nine days before, and was taken up and put in Baltimore gaol, and he stayed only two days at home, before he set off again: He told the person that brought him home from gaol that one Robert Lisbey, gave him a dollar, and as he stayed so short a time at home, I have some reason to suspect that the said Robert Lisbey might have told the Negro that he could convey him over to the Eastern Shore, or some place that I could not find him again; and if so, any person that will apprehend the said Lisbey, so that he may be brought to justice, and secures the Negro in any gaol, so that he may be had again, shall have the above reward: or Five Pounds for the Negro, and reasonable charges, if broughout home, paid by JAMES SMITH. N.B. The Negro had an iron collar on when he went away.

31 October 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Committed to Halifax jail, in N. Carolina, a negro man who says his name is **BEN**, but either cannot or will not tell his master’s name. He is about thirty years old, about five feet seven inches and a half high, slim made, very black, and is an outlandish fellow. When he was brought to jail he had on an old cotton and yarn jacket, old linen trousers, but no shirt. Also a negro fellow who calls himself **JACK**, and says his master’s name is John Williams, who lived in Currituck, near Norfolk. He is about five feet six inches high, about twenty eight years old, branded on his right breast M, on his left breast MM in a piece, on his forehead M, and on his right cheek M. The owners are desired to pay charges, and take them away. SAMUEL DUFFEY.

21 November 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Committed to the jail of Isle of Wight county, an outlandish negro fellow who speaks very bad English, but says his master’s name is William Cook, as plain as he can, but cannot tell what country he came from. He says, in very broken language, his master is a very young man, and that his own name is **JACK**. The owner is desired to come and prove his property, pay charges, and take him away. MARY WILLS, jailer.
28 November 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Committed to the publick jail, a runaway outlandish negro man who speaks very bad English, scarcely to be understood. However, by what I can gather from him, his name is WILL, and belongs to Mr. Berryman, who keeps Sussex courthouse. He is of a pretty black complexion, a stout made fellow, five feet six or seven inches high, and appears to be about forty years old. His forehead is a good deal wrinkled, and he has lost two or three of the fore teeth of his upper jaw. His owner is desired to make as speedy application for him as possible, that he may not suffer in jail by the inclemency of the season. P. PELHAM.

5 December 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Dixon & Hunter)
Five Pounds Reward For apprehending and bringing home ABERDEEN, a Negro fellow, belonging to the subscriber, and by trade a Blacksmith. He ran away from the Falls Plantation, in Chesterfield, some time late in last September; he is an African, but came in the country young, and speaks very good English, may be about 35 years of age, near 5 feet 10 inches high, stout and well made, a little knockne’d, and has a blemish or white speck on or near the sight of one of his eyes; he had several changes of clothes, and among them a blue cloth new market coat. He had a wife at the plantation of John Parke Custis, Esquire, in King & Queen, where I formerly lived, and it is probable he may be in that neighbourhood, as he would sometimes stay a month there when I gave him liberty to go and see his wife, or he may be lurking about my plantation in Prince George. Whoever apprehends him must be careful of his making his escape, being an artful fellow. WILLIAM BLACK. Chesterfield December 1, 1777.

12 December 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Dixon & Hunter)
Run away from the subscriber, in Chesterfield, three Negroes, viz. JOE, about 20 years old, country born, about 5 feet 4 inches high, is well made, close-kne’d in his walk, of a dark complexion, and has the appearance of a scald head; had on, when he went away, country made coating.—TOM, about 18 years old, about 5 feet high, African born, has his country marks in his cheeks, and of a dark complexion; had on country made coating. These two have been gone since July last, and are both legality [sic] outlawed.—JAMES, a boy about 10 years old, of a brownish complexion, has a pleasant countenance [sic]; had on, when he went away, a Dutch blanket, jacket and osnabrug trousers; they all speak very good English. The boy (James) [sic] I expect was seduced away by the other two. Joe and Tom has been chiefly in Charles City County, where they have committed many robberies. I expect they have changed their dress. Whoever apprehends the said slaves, and conveys them to me, or secures them in any Gaol so that I get them again, shall have 10 l. [pound] reward, or 3 l. [pound] for each. JOHN JONES. Chesterfield County, Nov. 20, 1777.

26 December 1777, *Virginia Gazette* (Dixon & Hunter)
Committed into my custody as a runaway, an outlandish Negro man, who calls himself JACK, and says he belongs to Thomas Turner, though can hardly speak to be understood, appears to be
35 years old, about 5 feet 2 inches high has several of his country marks about his face, had on an old hat, an old tow shirt, striped jacket, blue yarn breeches, both country [sic] cloth, and much worn, and has an old Dutch blanket The owner is desired to apply for the said Negro to the subscriber, in Surry County, prove his property, and pay charges. ETHELDRED GRAY, D.S.

2 June 1778, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Forty Dollars Reward. Ran away, from the subscriber, on Sunday night last, two well made likely Negro men, one named TOM, and the other DICK. Tom is about 30 years of age, has lost two of his upper teeth, and has several flourishing marks on his arm and shoulder. Dick is a short well made fellow, about 24 years of age, has several scars on his face, and speaks very little English. Had on when they went away, Oznabrug shirts and check trousers, also a large knapsack and blankets. Whoever takes up said Negroes, and brings them to me in Alexandria [Va.], shall receive Twenty Dollars reward for each, and reasonable charges, paid by MICHAEL GRETTER. N.B. It is supposed they are gone to head-quarters, as they were there before. May 24, 1778.

5 June 1778, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Committed to the jail of Loudoun county, as a runaway, a negro fellow who calls himself BOB, and says he belongs to Mrs. Rebecca Ball near Richmond town, in Henrico. He is an African, five feet five or six inches high, appears to be near thirty years of age, and had scarcely any clothing when taken up. The owner is desired to come, pay fees, and take him away, or he will be sent to the publick jail. STEPHEN EMERY, D Sheriff.

5 June 1778, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Committed to Surry jail, an outlandish negro man about fifty years old, five feet six inches high, says his name is QUOMONY, and that he belongs to Nathaniel Tatum of Prince George. He has a country linen shirt with him, and wore a wig, with other clothes so indifferent that they are not worth mentioning. The owner is desired to pay charges and take him away. MICAJAH COGGIN, jailer.

23 June 1778, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Ran away, the 15th instant, from the subscriber, living near Elk-Ridge Church, Ann-Arundel County, three Negro men, viz. JOE, JEM, and SAURAH. Joe is about 5 feet 4 inches high, pockmarked, and 35 years of age. Had on a short red jacket, old shoes, shirt and trousers, also a leather apron. He is a forge-man. Jem, about 5 feet 10 inches high, and thin-faced. Had on a cloth jacket and breeches, half-worn shoes, and country linen shirt. Saurah, a Guinea Negro, about 5 feet 8 inches high, talks bad English, and has a very large under lip. Had on a brown cloth coat, spotted jacket, and old trousers and shoes. Whoever secures said Negroes, and brings them home, shall be paid Twenty Pounds, if 20 miles from home; Thirty Pounds, if 40 miles; Forty Pounds, if 50 miles; Fifty Pounds, if 60 miles; Sixty Pounds, if 70 miles; Seventy Pounds, if 80 miles; and the above reward, if 100 miles, or in proportion for either of them, paid by EPHRAIM HOWARD, son of Henry. N.B. Negro Joe and Saurah did live, a few months past, at Mr.
Young’s forge, on French Creek, Pennsylvania State. It is probable that those Negroes have made for camp, and are in the army. June 23, 1778.

30 June 1778, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Sixteen Dollars Reward. Ran away, about a week ago, a Negro man, named **CATO**, about 5 feet 2 inches high. Had on a black and white country cloth coat, with breeches of the same, and an old hat, bound round with linen. His face is marked, as is customary with those of Africa, from whence he came when a boy; and on the lower part of one of his cheeks is a hair mole. Whoever secures him, so that the subscriber may get him again, shall have the above reward, from JOHN BRICE. June 20, 1778.

10 July 1778, *Virginia Gazette* (Dixon & Hunter)
Run away from on board a vessel a negro fellow called **HARRY**, a West Indian, about 5 feet 5 inches high, speaks tolerably plain, has marks each side of his temples, and two of his under fore teeth are out. He has been seen at Bennet’s pasture on the creek, and at Portsmouth. I do not recollect his dress. All persons are forewarned from harbouring him, and masters of vessels from carrying him out of the country. Whoever confines the said fellow in any jail, and gives me notice thereof, shall receive a reward of Five Pounds, and Ten Pounds if delivered to me in Suffolk. THOMAS MELONEY.

28 July 1778, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Forty Dollars Reward. Ran away, on Wednesday the 15th instant, from the Northampton Iron-Works, in Baltimore County, Maryland, a Negro man, named **TRONGATE**, but commonly goes by the name of **STRONG**, is a very likely fellow, very black, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high; he came into the country a boy, and speaks good English. Had on and took with him two tow linen shirts, linen breeches, straw hat, and country made shoes; it is supposed he took with him a good blue cloth coat. About 6 years ago he came from a plantation of Mr. George Maxwell, on Wye River, and may endeavour to get back there. Whoever takes up and secures the said Negro, so as he may be had again, shall have, if taken in the County, Fifteen Dollars; if out of the County Twenty-ty [sic] five Dollars; and if out of the State, the above reward, and reasonable charges, if brought home, paid by JOHN SKINNER.

6 October 1778, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Two Hundred Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber, living in Baltimore county, Maryland, about 12 miles from Baltimore-Town, two years last harvest, a salt water Negro Man, named **SOLOMON**, about 24 or 25 years of age, he has been in Newcastle upon the Delaware, he got from thence and was put in Somerset county gaol, and was brought home in November 1774; has been in Philadelphia; he is of a middle size, somewhat upon the yellow, has some marks upon one of his cheeks like the small-pox, has lost part of the side of his right thumb,

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43 duplicative; see 23 June 1774, *Maryland Gazette*, infra.
which makes the end of it look sharper than the other, has an innocent look, but is a great rogue. Whoever apprehends the said Negro, and secures him in any gaol, so that his Master may get him again, shall receive One Hundred Dollars. Also ran away, on Sunday the 27th of last month, a salt water Negro Man, named TOOLEY, about 24 or 25 years of age, of a middle size, very black, flat nose, red eyes, has a scar on one side of his cheeks, occasioned by a bile [boil] or something like it, as he says: Had on and took with him, a hat not half worn, old white fulled country cloth jacket and breeches, tow linen shirt and trousers, old shoes nailed in the soles—I suspect he has got some money with him, and it is likely he may change his name and cloaths. Whoever apprehends said Negro, and secures him in any gaol, so that his Master may get him again, shall receive Eight Dollars; if above 10 miles, Ten Dollars; if above 20 miles, Twenty Dollars; if above 30 miles, Thirty Dollars; if 50 miles, Sixty Dollars; and if 100 miles, One Hundred Dollars, if brought home, paid by THOMAS COCKEY. October 5, 1778.

16 October 1778, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Committed to the jail of Charlotte county, as likely negro man named FRANK, about five feet six inches high, about twenty four years old, and says he belongs to John Marrable of Lunenburg county. Also an outlandish negro man who calls himself GUY, about five feet four inches high, about forty years old, has remarkable small legs, speaks very bad English, and either cannot or will not tell his master’s name. The owners are desired to prove their property, pay charges, and take them away. ROBERT SUTTON, jailer.

16 October 1778, *Virginia Gazette* (Purdie)
Committed to Hampshire county jail, two runaway negroes, who are both outlandish, speak much broken, and are of a middle size. They say they belong to one John Barrow in Georgia, and that he lives near one Mr. Burley’s where long leaf pine grows. One of the said negroes says his name is SIMON, the other SAMPSON. The owner is desired to come and prove his property, and pay charges to ABRAM JOHNSON, Sheriff.

3 March 1779, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Thirty Dollars Reward. Ran Away, from the subscriber, on the 26th of January last, a Negro man, named TOM, he came from Guinea, and is middling black, about 25 years of age, and about 5 feet 8 inches high, with some of his fore teeth of the upper jaw out. Had on when he went away, a brown surtout, a blue jacket, with red facings, an old tow linen shirt, old leather breeches, blue stockings, old shoes with brass buckles, and an old hat. Whoever takes up the said negro, and secures him, so as his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, paid by ROBERT GAMBLE, living in Frederick County, Virginia, within 10 miles of Winchester, upon the bye-road that leads to Stanton. March 20, 1779.

20 April 1779, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran away, from the subscriber, about the 2d instant, a Guinea Negro man, named JACK, about 30 years of age, and has three cuts in both of his cheeks. Had on an
old ash coloured everlasting jacket and breeches, an old striped under jacket, a tow linen shirt, 
white yarn stockings, middling good shoes, with leather straps, and an old wool hat. Whoever 
brings the said Negro home to his master, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, 
paid by JACOB GHRIST. April 19, 1779.

1 May 1779, *Virginia Gazette* (Dixon & Nicolson) 
Run away from the subscriber in Rockbridge county, Virginia, three negro men, viz. EMANUEL 
a large stout fellow about 6 feet high, has lately had the smallpox, and is much pitted about the 
nose, took with him a green coat with red cuffs, pair of red breeches, an old cotton jacket, and 
two coarse shirts, he formerly belonged to Mr. John Greenhow of Williamsburg, and is well 
known in that city. GEORGE, about 20 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, an African born, 
speaks bad English, took with him a hunting shirt, coarse linen shirt, pair of old leather breeches, 
light coloured cloth legging, old shoes, and a new felt hat. GILBERT, about 35 years old, carried 
with him an old brown coat, old blue cloth breeches, pair leather breeches, three shirts, two pair 
of shoes, and a new felt hat, he formerly lived in Caroline county, and has a wife there belonging 
to Mr. Turner, it is expected he will make that way. Whoever takes up the said negroes or any 
one of them, so that the owner get them again, shall have 20 dollars for each, and if sent home, 
100 dollars for each of them. WILLIAM ALEXANDER.

22 May 1779, *Virginia Gazette* (Dixon & Nicolson) 
Run away from the subscriber living in Spotsylvania county near Chiswells old mines, an 
outlandish negro man, named JACK, about 34 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, he went 
off about the last of October 1778, had on when he went away, an old newmarket great coat with 
large mettal [sic] buttons, leather breeches, old shoes, and wears a cap, to hide one ear that is 
cropt on the top, though I do not remember which it is. Whoever takes up the said negro, and 
brings him to me, shall receive 100 l. [pound]. HENRY CHILES.

18 September 1779, *Virginia Gazette* (Dixon & Nicolson) 
Committed to the jail of Lunenburg, an Africcan [sic] negro man who says his name is JAMES, 
and that he belonged to one Richard Adams of King William county, that the said Adams has 
been some time dead, and his widow gone out of the county, he is a middle sized fellow and 
speaks but bad English, has some of his teeth filed and is of a black complexion, but no other 
particular mark. The owner is desired to apply for him to JOSEPH HIGHTOWER, Jailer.

20 November 1779, *Virginia Gazette* (Dixon & Nicolson) 
Run away on the 6th of March last, from the subscriber’s plantation in the lower end of 
Mecklenburg, a negro man [MAN] by birth an African, upwards of 30 years of age, of large 
stature, speaks broken English. Whoever will deliver the above runaway to Col. Paul Carrington, 
in Charlotte, to the overseer at the plantation from which he went, or to the subscriber in 
Henrico, shall receive a reward of 50 l. [pound]. JOSEPH MAYO.
18 December 1779, *Virginia Gazette* (Dixon & Nicolson)
Run away from the subscriber near Pittsylvania old court-house about the 1st of July last, a likely negro fellow, named **TOM** about 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, speaks tolerable good English, has a very noted mark carved on his forehead, resembling a diamond, and some marks of his country on his temples. He is an artful fellow, and will perhaps change his name, and deny to whom he belongs, has formerly lived in the counties of Chesterfield and Prince Edward, and if not taken up, I expect is harboured in one or other of those counties. I will give one hundred dollars to any person that will deliver me the above negro in Pittsylvania, besides reasonable expenses. Samuel Calland. N.B. The above negro was sold by Mr. Edward Johnston at Rocky Ridge, to Mr. Baker Degraffenreidt, and by him to Mr. John Dejarnett in Prince Edward.

14 March 1780, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Six Hundred Dollars Reward. Ran away, from the subscriber, living in Baltimore county, near Gunpowder-Falls meeting-house about 15 miles from Baltimore-Town, a stout well made Negro Man, named **PARYWAY**, about 55 years of age, has been used to the salt-water, speaks bad English, and has a scar on his breast; had on a dark country cloth jacket and breeches, and double-soaled shoes, nailed. Also went off with him a Negro Woman, named **RUTH**, a cunning artful wench, dressed in dark cloaths, and had on a pair of double-soaled shoes, nailed; they formerly [belonged] to Mr. Joseph Bosley. Whoever takes up the said Negroes, and returns them to their master, shall have, if ten miles from home, 200 Dollars; if twenty miles, 400; if out of the State, the above Reward, if secured in any gaol, so that the subscriber gets them again, or in proportion for either, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by AMOS OGDEN. March 14, 1780.

20 March 1780, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, Extraordinary*
Nine Hundred Pounds Reward. Ran away, from the subscriber, living in Baltimore County, in the State of Maryland, some time in August last, a country-born Negro Man, named **BOATSWAIN**, 55 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, of a middling long visage, has lost some of his upper fore-teeth, a down look, when spoke to looks smiling; has remarkable long feet: Had on, when he went away, an iron collar bent round his neck, a pair of small shackles on his legs, which it’s likely are taken off; he was bought from one Rase Cherry, over the Alleghany Mountain, Westmoreland County, State of Pennsylvania, the beginning of August last, and is supposed to be gone that way. Also, the 10th instant, a Guinea Negro Man, named **EBEN**, about 21 or 22 years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, somewhat on the yellowish colour, a pert sharp-spoken fellow, has a prodigal walk, and speaks tolerable good English; his cloathing uncertain. Also, the day following, a Guinea Negro Man, named **SOLOMON**, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, somewhat on the yellowish colour, a harmless look, but a sly villain, speaks good English, has some marks on one of his cheeks like the small-pox, has lost part of the side of one of his thumbs, which makes the end of it smaller than the other: Had on, when he

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44 duplicative; see entry and note for 23 June 1774, *Maryland Gazette*, infra.
went away, an iron collar, bent round his neck, which probably is taken off, a half-worn white
country cloth jacket, much too big for him, good leather breeches, too big, an old hat, old shoes
nailed in the heels, and a striped matchcoat blanket. It is likely he will change his name, as he has
done before, and his cloaths, as soon as possible, as he is fond of dressing; his wool is longer
than common, which commonly keeps dressed. He has ran away several times before, and has
been at Fort Pitt, and many other places about the country, and ‘tis likely will endeavour to pass
for a freeman. It is likely the two last-mentioned Negroes are together. Whoever apprehends the
said Negroes, or either of them in any gaol, so that I get them again, shall have, if 10 miles from
home, Ten Pounds; if 20 miles, Twenty Pounds; if 30 miles, Thirty Pounds; if 40 miles, Forty
Pounds; if 50 miles, Fifty Pounds; if 100 miles, One Hundred Pounds; and if above 100 miles,
Three Hundred Pounds for either of them, or the above Reward for them all, paid by THOMAS
COCKEY. March 20, 1780.

21 June 1780, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Nicolson)
Run away from the subscriber in Lunenburg, a small outlandish negro man named CATO,
formerly the property of James Lyle of Manchester, is very talkative, and his back very much
scared [sic]. I expect he will change his name and endeavour to get on board some vessel. I
therefore forewarn all masters and skippers of vessels from harbouring the said negro as they
will have to answer it at their peril. Whoever apprehends the said negro so that I get him again
shall receive one thousand dollars reward. JOSEPH SMITH.45

9 August 1780, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Nicolson)
Forty Pounds Hard Money Reward For taking and delivering to me near Fauquier court-house,
the four following negroes, who run away the 9th instant, viz. PHILL, country born, about 35
years of age, stout and well made, of a yellow complexion, a carpenter by trade; also a good
cooper, cart wheel-wright, and shoemaker, about 5 feet 10 inches high, has many white places on
his hands, arms, and neck, occasioned by some disorder, speaks slow, very artful, and pretends a
good deal to the Baptist religion; had on a blue cloth coat, half wore, with flat netal [sic] buttons,
and old light coloured broadcloth jacket, with mohair buttons, a pair of striped woolen country
cloth breeches, with flat metal buttons, a pair of strong shoes, white yarn stockings, one white,
and one or more brown linen shirts, and a wool hat. ADAM, about 25 years of age, a small
negro, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, a little on the yellow complexion, can do something at the
carpenter’s business, though properly a miller, having attended a merchant mill for some years
past, has a good deal to say for himself, and is pretty forward; carried with him a claret coloured
cloth frock, much wore, with mohair buttons, an old light coloured broadcloth coat and breeches,
which coat I understand he intended cutting up into something else, old shoes, one white and one
brown lined shirt, and a hat. He was once the property of Mr. Hugh Walker of Urbanna, and I

45 For variation see 25 October 1780, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Nicolson): Run away last October, from
Prince Edward court-house, a small outlandish negro fellow, named CATO, who formerly belonged to James Lyle
of Manchester; he is a likely fellow, and talkative, has been much whiped [sic], the scars of which remain on his
back. This is therefore to forewarn all masters of vessels and others from employing him at their peril. I will give a
reward of 2000 dollars to any person who will secure him so that I get him again. JOSEPH SMITH.
believe was born in Middlesex county, where he has kindred. MARK, about 25 years old, a stout able black fellow, about 5 feet 8 inches high, born in the island of St. Jago, and speaks the Portuguese language; by his talk is easily discovered to be foreigner, very active, and remarkable for his ingenuity; and although he has worked with a stone mason and bricklayer, has no particular trade by being capable of doing something at almost every kind of business, blows the French horn, can play on the fiddle, whistles many tunes well, and to be heard at a surprising distance, is fond of marches and church music, particularly that belonging to the Roman Catholic religion, which he professes; carried with him a twilled woollen jacket, a pair of red trousers, one or more white shirts, and some brown linen, and a wool hat. I cannot give a particular description of his dress which I expect his ingenuity will vary as often as he finds necessary. He has the mark of a cut on the outside (I believe) of his left hand. WILL, about 19 or 20 years of age, an African born, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, of a slender make, and has many of his country marks on his face, speaks fast, and not readily understood, has worked sometime with Phill at the carpenter's business, and is much under his direction. He carried with him a twilled woollen jacket of country cloth, a pair of old leather breeches, one or more brown linen shirts, and a straw hat. From their manner of going off, and without having any previous difference with any of them, I suspect it must have been a plan sometime concerned with a design of getting on board some vessel in the rivers or bay, as all of them have been accustomed to go by water in river craft, and are well acquainted with all the harbours and creeks, on some of which I expect they will be found lurking. If they are confined in any jail so that I get them again, the taker up shall be entitled to one half of the above reward, or in proportion for one or more of them. WILLIAM ALLASON. Fauquier, July 12, 1780.

19 September 1780, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
One Hundred Pounds Reward. Ran away, from the subscriber, a Negro Man named LONDON, born in Guinea, but brought into the country when a boy, speaks tolerable good English, is upper fore-teeth open, has some marks in his face, a remarkable scar on one of his legs, occasioned by the bite of a hog, and is a sensible artful fellow. His cloaths cannot be particularly described, as

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46 For later occurrence, see also 13 November 1784 (duplicate), *Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser* (Hayes): Fauquier County, Oct. 25, 1784. Ran away this morning, from the subscriber, MARK, a black negro man, about 29 or 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, a scar on his right jaw, has the mark of a cut on the outside (I believe) of his right hand, walks much with the broadside of his feet foremost, was born in the Island of Saint Jago, and speaks his native (the Portuguese) language, by his talk is easily discovered to be a foreigner, very active, and remarkable for his ingenuity; and although he may pretend to some knowledge in stone and brick work, has no particular trade, being capable of doing something at most kinds of business. Before the war, he was employed in going by water, and is well acquainted with the Bay, Rivers, and Creeks, to which I expect he will make, in order to get on board a vessel, to be carried to a greater distance from home, and then make his escape from it. It is very probable he will pass for a freeman, in consequence of his being able to speak another language. He can blow the French horn, play the fiddle, whistles many tunes, well to be heard at a surprising distance, is fond of marches and Church music, particularly of that belonging to the Roman Catholic religion, which he professes. He carried with him a negro cotton jacket and breeches, a light coloured surtout coat, much wore, one or two blankets, a soldier's hat, bound round with white linen, and a smooth bored gun, pretty wide in the bore, and straighter than common from the breech to the butt. I make no doubt but he will endeavour to vary his dress as much as possible, in order to effect his escape as great a distance as he can. Whoever apprehends said negro, and delivers him to me, near the Court-house, with the gun, will be paid Eight Dollars reward, besides what the Law allows. If great care is not taken by the takers up, he will most certainly make his escape from them. WILLIAM ALLASON.
he took a variety with him. Whoever takes up the said servant, and brings him to the
subscriber, or secures him in any gaol, so that I get him again, shall receive the above Reward.
PHILIP ALEXANDER. Alexandria (Virginia) [sic], Sept. 1, 1780.

18 November 1780, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Nicolson)
Run away from the subscriber [sic] near Petersburg, on Thursday the 2d instant (November) [sic]
two negro slaves, viz. MARCUS, a small well set fellow, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, and
African born, speaks very broken English, and is about 40 years of age. Nanny, who formerly
belonged to the estate of Edward Cocke of Charles City. She run away about two years ago, and
was harboured some time in that county, and afterwards was taken up in Hampton where the
[sic] passed some times as a free woman by the name of NANNY LYMUS, has a husband by the
name of Charles (a fiddler) [sic] belonging to Mr. Masterson in New Kent. She is a likely
sensible wench, of a yellowish complexion, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, has bad teeth, and
about 35 years of age (Virginia born) [sic] had on when she went away, a white yarn petticoat
wove serge, and jacket of mixed black and white Virginia cloth. She took with her a number of
other clothes, and it is possible may change her dress. The fellow was clothed as in [sic] usual for
labouring negroes, though very probable will change his dress. Whoever will deliver the said
slaves to the subscriber, or secure them in any jail so that i [sic] get them again, shall receive
1000 dollars reward, or 500 for either. RICHARD TAYLOR.

18 November 1780, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Nicolson)
Run away the first instant (November) [sic] a short well set outlandish negro fellow named
MAJOR, about 35 years of age, speaks very broken. He carried with him as well as I recollect, a
great coat of a reddish colour, an old felt hat, and other clothes unknown. I am informed that he
is now lurking about Richmond. This is therefore to forewarn all masters of vessels and others
from employing him at their peril. I will give a reward of 700 dollars to any person who will
secure him so that I get him again. WILLIAM ELLIS.

23 December 1780, Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Nicolson)
Now in the posession [sic] of the subscriber, in the county of Amherst, two negro slaves, named
HARRY and MILLY, who say they are the property of Henry Reynolds of South Carolina, upon
the south fork of the Catawba river, and were rescued from their said masters as he was
attempting to carry them within the British lines by Samuel Givins, who brought them into the
county of Augusta, from whence they escaped. Harry is a well set fellow, about 21 years of age,
and has a scar upon one knee, occasioned by a burn; and Milly is an African, about 19 years of
age. JOHN LOVING, Jun.

5 January 1782, Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser (Hayes)
The subscriber is desirous to recover two Negroes of his own, who joined the British enemy, and
who, he has reason to believe, are now living; also three Negroes the property of Joseph Mayo,
Esq; now in France, and whose Attorney the subscriber is. The two first-mentioned Negroes, my
property, are named TOM and JACK; Tom is very large black fellow, about 25 years of age, and very likely; he left the garrison of Gloucester after the surrender of the British, and went to Mr. Carter's of Curratoman, [sic] where he was bred. Jack joined Arnold in January last, and went to Westover, but I believe quitted him there, and I am told has been in Williamsburg, ever since; he is a likely black fellow, speaks broken English, being an African born, about the age of Tom. Those of Mr. Mayo's are named LONDON, MINGO, and QUAMINY. London is a young fellow about twenty years of age, and stammers a little in his speech; Mingo is an African, about forty years of age, a short black fellow: They were both at the surrender of York, and are supposed to be about there or Williamsburg at present. Quaminy came out of York before the surrender, and came home to his master's seat near Richmond, and about the 20th of November he ran away and has not been heard of since; I expect he went back to York; he is a very likely sensible young fellow, about twenty years of age, about five feet seven inches high, had on when he went away a short white coat with blue labels. This fellow is very artful, and will endeavour to deceive if possible, to prevent being brought home.—I hereby offer a reward of Five Guineas each for the delivery of the above Negroes, or any of them, to me, near Richmond. MILES SELDEN, Jun. Henrico, December 28, 1781.

5 January 1782, *Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser* (Hayes)
The following Negroes, the property of the subscriber, were at the surrender of York, viz. HARRY, a black fellow, an African born, speaks tolerable good English, about 30 years of age, much knock kneed, and about 5 feet and a half high; WALKER, a small fellow of a yellowish cast, an African born, speaks good English, and is about 33 or 34 years of age; HANNAH, a Virginia born, about 40 years of age, tall, and of a yellow cast, some of her upper fore teeth are out. Any person that will bring the said slaves to me in Cumberland county, or give such intelligence that I may get them again shall be genteelly rewarded. I will either sell or rent, a valuable Plantation, in Buckingham, which is in good order for cropping, has a fine young orchard on it, and may be entered on immediately. January 3, 1782. WILLIAM CLARKE.

30 July 1782, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Ran away, from the Subscriber, the 17th instant, an artful black Guinea Negro Man, named GEORGE, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, gashed about the face agreeable to the custom of his country, speaks very broken English, is a good waggoner, carried away with him two brown linen shirts, two pair of brown linen trousers, a blue coat turned up with white, and a mixed cloth jacket with sleeves. It is supposed he will attempt to join the French troops, now on their march to the Northward, under the command of General Rochambeau. Whoever will take up the said Fellow and deliver to me, living in the State of Virginia, 18 miles above Alexandria, shall receive a Reward of Ten Dollars Specie, and all reasonable charges, paid by ELIZABETH HUNTER. July 19, 1782.

3 August 1782, *Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser* (Hayes)
Came to the subscriber's plantation, in Prince George County, near Blandford, some time in February last, an outlandish Negro man [MAN], who appears to be about thirty-five or forty
years of age, near six feet high, the third finger on his left hand [sic] has been broke, and seems confined in the palm of his hand: He cannot or will not tell his master’s name. The owner is desired to apply for him to JOHN PHILLIPS, Jun. July 10, 1782.

17 August 1782, *Virginia Gazette or Weekly Advertiser* (Nicolson & Prentis)

Came to the subscriber in the lower end of this county, soon after the surrender of York town, a very likely young negro man, who says his name is WILSON, and that he belongs to Thomas Hart, of New York, and had been employed by a Capt. Nash for five years as a sailor; he appears to be about eighteen or nineteen years old, is an African, five feet seven inches high, very black, has three marks on each side of his face from the temple to the chin, and a hole in each ear; these appear to be the marks of his country; there is also a scar on the upper part of his left ear, which has the appearance as if an attempt had been made to cut it off. The owner is desired to apply, prove his property, and pay charges. JAMES DREWRY. York County, July 19, 1782.

24 August 1782, *Virginia Gazette or Weekly Advertiser* (Nicolson & Prentis)

Taken up in Norfolk county, a negro man, about five feet five inches high, slender made, of a black complexion, about twenty five years of age, is an African born, but has been long in the country and speaks tolerable good English. He says his name is HARRY, and was taken in Chesapeake Bay about three years ago, and has been with the British until the last invasion, but then made his escape from them; he says he formerly belonged to Mr. Dill, in Dorset county Maryland. JOHN HOLLOWELL.

24 August 1782, *Virginia Gazette or Weekly Advertiser* (Nicolson & Prentis)

Taken up at my plantation on Dan river, an outlandish negro man named JAMES. He appears to be about forty years old, about five feet six inches high, well made, pitted with the small-pox. He says he belongs to James Adams of Norfolk, and was taken away by Gen. Phillips about three years ago. WILLIAM BOYD, Sen. Halifax County, August 3, 1782.

14 September 1782, *Virginia Gazette or Weekly Advertiser* (Nicolson & Prentis)

Committed to the jail of Henrico county, the following Negroes, viz. GRACE, a strong well made negro woman, about 5 feet 3 inches high, and 20 or 21 years of age. She has a visible blemish in her left eye, occasioned by the smallpox. She says she originally belonged to a Major Godwin (or as she pronounces [sic] it, Gooden) [sic] on back river, near Hampton, or rather near Mr. Augustine Moore’s; that her old master died about five years ago, and left her to his grandson Martin Goodwin, now living she believes [sic] in South Carolina; that after her old master’s decease, Mr. John Goodwin hired her to William Wise, with whom she lived two years, and that as she was travelling with her young master (who had come in for her) [sic] towards South Carolina, she was taken by the British and carried into the garrison of York. At the reduction of the garrison, she followed the French camp; that she tarried a considerable time in Williamsburg, and has been since loitering in and about this city, until she was apprehended. SALL, born in Africa, between 30 and 40 years of age, much emaciated by a constant pain in her
left hip; she moves very lame occasioned she says by cruel treatment. She says she belongs to Mrs. Rebecca Hairston, who lives with her brother Edward, in Amelia, not far from Jenetto Bridge. Sall joined the enemy in Chesterfield, and went with them to York. Since her confinement, one Aaron Hairston, a relation of her mistress, came to the prison, and told her he would send down for her, but no application has been made for her since. The owners of the above negroes are requested to make immediate application, pay all charges, and take them away. This is the second time of advertising. WILLIAM ROSE, K. H. J. Richmond, September 10, 1782.

1 October 1782, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Six Dollars Reward. Ran Away, on the 28th instant, a Negro Man, called **BRISTOL**, about five feet high, much pitted with the small-pox; he speaks broken English. It is supposed he will endeavour to get on board some vessel at the Point, as he used to work with Mr. Storey at the ship yard. He took with him all his clothes, among which are, a scarlet waistcoat, with broad gold lace, two pair of German cord breeches, two white shirts, three country linen ditto, one pair of white linen overalls, and two pair of country made ditto. Whoever apprehends said Negro, and returns him to the subscriber, shall receive the above Reward. THOMASIN WHITE. Sept. 30, 1782.

5 October 1782, *Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser* (Hayes)
Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, in the upper end of Chesterfield County, about the latter end of July last, an outlandish Negro fellow **MAN**, about 26 years of age, talks very broken, is a good deal knock-kneed, the great toe of his right foot has been broke and bends out very much, his upper teeth have been filed; he is a middle-sized fellow; had on when he went away, a Virginia cloth shirt and trowsers of cotton. I have been informed the said Negro has been harbour'd at Jehu Compton's, and I have good reason to suspect that the said Compton intends to have him secretly conveyed out of the parts. Any person that will bring the said Negro to me shall be paid the above reward; and in case he is taken in the possession of any white person conveying him again, I will give the said Negro, or his value, provided the person whose possession he is in be taken up and brought to justice. WILLIAM BURTON.

26 October 1782, *Virginia Gazette or Weekly Advertiser* (Nicolson & Prentis)
The subscriber has in his possession two Negroes, which he has advertised twice,47 and being desirous that the owners should have them [sic], gives this public notice, that if they do not apply for them immediately, he shall consider himself no longer liable. One of the them is a fellow about five feet six inches high, a yellow complexion, named **JOE**, says he belongs to Betsey Hawkins, Frederick county, Virginia. The other an outlandish fellow, about five feet high, named **JACK**, has only four toes upon one foot; says he belongs to one Peters, near Pine Tree, South Carolina. JOHN THURMON.

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47 referenced notices not seen.
21 December 1782, *Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser* (Hayes)
Two Hundred Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, in Pittsylvania County, some time before the battle of Guilford, two Negro men, WILL and CATO. Will is about twenty-six years old, near six feet high, an outlandish fellow, thin visaged, clean made, and had rings in his ears. Cato is a small fellow, five feet six or seven inches high, this country-born, about thirty-five years old, one of his hips is higher than the other, bow-legged, has a lively walk, and his teeth are very long. I will give the above reward to any person who will deliver the said Negroes to me, or secure them so that I may get them again, or One Hundred Dollars for either. HARDEN PERKINS.

11 January 1783, *Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser* (Hayes)
Came to the subscriber’s plantation near Petersburg, on or about the first instant, an outlandish Negro boy, eighteen or nineteen years of age, about five feet high, limps in his walk, speaks broken English, and has a scar on his forehead: He had on a brown coat faced with red, and a felt hat bound with red: He says his name is TONEY, and that he belongs to Mr. Lunsford Daniel, of King and Queen County, and ran away from him about twelve miles from Petersburg, when on his way to North-Carolina. The owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take him away. DAVID HOLT. Petersburg, Jan. 8, 1783.

8 February 1783, *Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser* (Hayes)
Ran Away from the subscriber, about the time of the invasions of this State by Phillips and Arnold, many of my Negroes, among which are the following, viz. SAM, a stout outlandish fellow, about thirty-five years of age, of a yellow complexion, his face marked, and has sharp teeth before; he had a wife in New-Kent, at Col. Adams’s quarter, where he resorted some time after he ran away, as well as at a place in Hanover, called Tucker-town, where perhaps he now is. SIMON, a short well-made fellow, who formerly came from Petsworth Parish in Gloucester County, has followed the business of a waterman, and I am informed has acted as such up James River since his elopement: He formerly belonged to John Tazewell, Esq; and lived near Williamsburg. ROBIN, who formerly belonged to Doctor Fludd; he has a scar on his neck, and a blemish in one eye, has a sister living near the Halfway House, below Williamsburg, in which neighbourhood he has resorted since he ran away, and I believe he is there now from information. Whoever will deliver the said Negroes or either of them to me, or secure them so that I may get them again, shall be well rewarded; and on conviction of any person harbouring them contrary to law, the informer shall receive Twenty Dollars reward for each. JOHN MAYO. February 7, 1783.

12 April 1783, *Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser* (Hayes)
Twenty-five Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber, on Wednesday the 19th of March, a negro man named CHARLES, about twenty-eight years old, about five feet ten inches high, well made, a broad flat nose, much pitted with the small-pox; he had on when he went away, a Virginia cloth jacket and breeches, striped with black wool. GILBERT, about twenty-one years
old, five feet ten or eleven inches high, slim made, and remarkable long heels; he had on when he went way [sic], a white Virginia cloth coat and breeches, filled in with white wool, a scolloped [sic] beaver hat, and shoes and buckles, and carried with him an old regimental coat faced with red, the buttons No. 62; he has three of his country marks on each cheek, with several small scars across them, and a remarkable scar under one eye, has a smiling countenance when spoken to, and bends back in his knees as he stands. Both the above negroes are Africans born, they have been with the British, and it is expected will make down the country. I will give twenty dollars reward to any person who will deliver Gilbert to me, and five dollars for Charles, with all reasonable charges paid. WILLIAM PARSON. Prince George, April 4, 1783.

26 April 1783, *Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser* (Hayes)

Came to my plantation in Middlesex County, the 24th of December last, a negro man who appears to be about 50 years old, about five feet nine inches high, is very slim and black, and a native of Angola. He says he belongs to David Gill, near King’s Bridge, in the State of New York, and that his name is KITT; but at other times he says he belongs to one Daniel Wusnom, of Amelia County, in this State. The owner may have him on proving his property, and paying the charge of this advertisement. WILL. CHURCHILL.

18 July, 1783, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran away, from the subscriber, a Negro Fellow named SIMON, about 5 feet 4 inches high, born in Africa (but long resident in South-Carolina) [sic] and has his country marks on his cheeks—is very fond of spirituous liquors, and talks a good deal; had on a blue jacket and breeches, but probably may find means to change his dress. Whoever secures said Fellow, and sends intelligence to me here, to Mr. Archibald Moncreiff, at Baltimore, or to Mr. Edward Fox, at Philadelphia, shall be paid the above reward. J. BOWMAN. Alexandria [Va.], July 12, 1783.

23 August 1783, *Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser* (Hayes)

The following negroes, the property of the State, are now ran away, viz. YORK JACK, JACK KNIGHT, WILL BOUSH, BOSTON, ABRAHAM, and AMBROSE. The three first were employed under the direction of the Bay Commissioners. Boston and Abraham are supposed to be in the neighbourhood of Hanover town, and Ambrose some where in Chesterfield County. No particular description can be given of them. They are all outlandish. Five pounds will be given for each of them, that may be apprehended and delivered to Lieutenant Mann, Commanding Officer of the Guards at Richmond. Richmond, August 22, 1783.

12 September 1783, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*

Three Pounds Reward. Ran Away from the Subscriber, living near Snowden’s Iron-Works, a Negro Wench, who answers to the Name of SYLVIA, when at home. She came in the Country a Girl, and talks middling plain. Her Dress is Country made; she is of a middling Size, and very black; she may pass for one of Mr. Samuel Snowden’s Negroes that he has set free. Whoever
takes up the said Negro and brings her home, or secures her so that her Master may get her
again, shall receive if 10 Miles from home, Thirty Shillings, and if 20 Miles, the above Reward,
and so in Proportion for a greater Distance, paid by JAMES RAWLINGS. September 9, 1783.

20 September 1783, Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser (Nicolson & Prentis)
Run away from the subscriber in Chesterfield county, about the first of August, an outlandish
negro fellow named LEWIS, of a middle size and well set, about 26 years old, of a yellow
complexion; he has been seen since in a canoe at City Point, and it is probable he will endeavour
to enter on board of some vessel as a freeman. All masters of vessels are hereby forewarned
taking him off at their peril. I purchased him about eight years since, of one Madicine, of New
Kent, where he probably may be lurking. Any person who will apprehend and deliver him to me
(if taken out of the state) [sic] shall receive forty dollars, if within this state, twenty, or ten
pounds for his head, being out-lawed. JOHN EDWARDS.

8 November 1783, Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser (Nicolson & Prentis)
Taken up by the subscriber in Surry county, near James river, on the 4th instant, October, a negro
man about the middle stature [sic], appears to be about thirty five years of age, has had the small
pox, his complexion not very black; he says his name is BILLY, that he was born in Africa, and
brought from thence very young; that he belonged to one Samuel Waterhouse who lived in the
town of Guildford in the state of Connecticut, he further says his master joined the British about
the time they took possession of Philadelphia, and was carried by him into New York, where he
remained a short time, and then went with his master in a fleet that sailed to the island of
Antigua, from thence went to St. Croix, where his master died, and one Mr. Banker put him on
board of the brig Hope, Capt. Thomson, master, by whom he was brought to Charlestown, South
Carolina, and put on shore very sick last June. Whoever claims the said negro, are desired to
prove their property, and take him away. NICHOLAS FAULCON.

29 May 1784, Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser (Hayes)
Ran away, on the 6th of March last, from the subscriber, a negro man named JACK; he is a thin
short fellow, between 25 and 30 years of age, was brought from Africa, and therefore speaks
rather broken, his legs are marked with sores, which are apt to run at this season. I brought him
from Charlestown when the southern States were invaded by the British, and since he went off,
he has been told that he was free in consequence of bringing him into this State; perhaps he may
therefore go towards South-Carolina. I will pay Eight Dollars for apprehending him, and
securing him in any gaol that I may get him again. JOSEPH WOOD, Jun. Caroline County, May
20, 1784.

17 July 1784, Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser (Hayes)
Taken Up, by John T. Sayers, living in Montgomery County, and committed to gaol, a Negro
man who calls himself TOM, and says he belongs to Captain V. Harrison, in Loudoun County,
in this State; he is an outlandish fellow, talks broken English, is about 25 years of age, and is
about five feet four inches high. Had on when he was taken up, an old blue coat, jacket and leather leggins [sic], and has large scars on his face, and on his neck. Whoever owns the said Negro is requested to come, pay charges, and take him away. WALTER CROCKETT, Sheriff of Montgomery County. June 22, 1784.

23 July 1784, Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser
Sixty Dollars Reward. Ran Away, last evening, from Elk-Ridge, Ann-Arundel County, Maryland, the following Negroes, viz. HARRY, this Country-born, about 35 years of age, near 6 feet high, is very black, and has large feet with knots on his great toes, his eyes are reddish, his dress unknown. TOBY, an African, about 50 years of age, near 6 feet high, pitted with the small-pox, bow-legged, his teeth resemble squirrels teeth [filed], speaks bad English, had on a felt hat, mixed-coloured coarse coat, onsamburg shirt, crocus trousers, and country-made shoes. BEN, a Country-born Negro Man, about 25 years of age, 6 feet high, has a long face and very sharp nose, and plays on the violin; as he took with him different sorts of clothes, his dress is unknown. Whoever secures the said fellows, so that their masters get them again, shall receive, if taken twenty miles from home, Eight Dollars, if out of the State, Twenty Dollars for each, and reasonable charges if brought home. They went off in company with another Negro Fellow, from Elk-Ridge. NICHOLAS DORSEY, WILLIAM HAMMON, JOSEPH WHITE, Sen. Ann-Arundel County (Maryland) [sic] July 19, 1784.

2 October 1784, Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser (Nicolson & Prentis)
Taken up by the subscriber in Charles City county, a negro fellow, who calls himself WALKER, and says he belongs to the widow Philips of South Carolina. He left the British after the capture of York, and has been lurking about this country ever since. He is an outlandish fellow, about five feet five or six inches high, and appears to be about forty years of age. The owner is desired to prove his property and take him away. WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT.

23 April 1785, Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser (Hayes)
Ran away from the subscriber, living in the County of Charlotte, some time in the course of the summer, 1784, a likely mulatto wench [WOMAN], low in stature, and about 35 years of age; is outlandish, and has some of her country marks on one of her cheeks, and been much whipped by her former master, which appears plain when [?] she is supposed to be lurking about the town of [?] and its vicinity. She carried with her the customary country clothing. Any person who apprehends, and will bring her home, shall receive a reward of Ten Pounds. THOMAS FOSTER.

23 April 1785, Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser (Hayes)
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran away Thursday the 31st of March last, a Negro fellow named FRANK, about 19 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, out-knee’d, and has the appearance of a new Negro; had on, when he went off, a superfine yellow drab cloth coat, (too large for him) [sic] with silver twist buttons, a double breasted brown cloth waistcoat, and black corduroy breeches. I suppose he is lurking about this City, and if not, he is either gone to Williamsburg or
Petersburg. For delivering him to me, I will pay Five Dollars if taken up in this place; Ten dollars if taken four miles off, and at any further distance, Twenty Dollars. Masters of vessels and others, are requested not to attempt to carry him out of the State. JOHN ANNESLEY. Richmond, April 4, 1785.

14 May 1785, *Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* (Nicolson)
Committed to the jail in the city of Williamsburg, a negro man by the name of BILLY, who says he belongs to William Thompson in Fredericksburg. He appears to be an outlandish fellow, as he has the marks in his face. Also a negro woman, she has two children [CHILD] [CHILD]; who says her name is NANCY SCOTT, and that she is free, but am informed she belongs to Mr. Harden Burnley in Hanover. The owners are desired to come and prove their property, pay charges, and take them away. WILLIAM BARROM, Jailer.

16 December 1785, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran away, the 14th of November last, from the subscriber, living on the main road from Frederick-Town to Harper’s Ferry, about 10 miles from Frederick-Town, a negro man, named JINGO, about 45 years of age, and about 5 feet 8 inches high; he has a defect in one of his eyes, but it is not remembered in which; he is a salt-water negro, stoops in his walk, and talks fast; he had on and took with him, three white shirts, one blue broadcloth coat and waistcoat, faced with blue shalloon, one farnought jacket, several pair of worsted stockings, his breeches not known. He is supposed to have 10 or 12 pounds cash with him, and possibly may endeavour to pass as a free negro. Whoever will apprehend the said Fellow, and secures him in any gaol, so that I get him again, shall have the above Reward, and all reasonable charges, if brought home to CHRISTIAN EASTERDAY. Frederick County, Dec. 6, 1785.

27 April 1786, *Maryland Gazette*
Ran away from Mr. William Young, of Baltimore-town, an African negro man named TOM, the property of the subscriber, about five feet six inches high, thick and well set, round face, little beard, aquints, and is about twenty eight years old, had on when he went away, a felt hat, blue jacket lined with white flannel, black velvet breeches, yarn stockings, and strong country made shoes, with the soals [sic] full of hob nails; he was seen on the road to Upper Marlborough a few days after he run away with a snuff coloured broad cloth coat on. Whoever takes up the said runaway and delivers him to Mr. William Young, in Baltimore or the subscriber, at West river, shall have the above reward, besides what the law allows, and all reasonable charges. JAMES CHESTON. West river, April 26, 1786.

12 September 1786, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Ran away, from the subscriber, last Friday morning, a Negro Man, named CAESAR, about 35 years of age; had on when he went away, an osnaburg shirt and trousers, a linen coatee, old shoes and buckles, and an old felt hat; he is a middle-sized Guinea Negro, speaks quick, and is a remarkable mimick; one of this ankles much larger than the other, occasioned by a dislocation,
which makes him limp a little. It is probable he has either made for Frederick-Town or Upper-Marlborough, having lived at both places for a considerable time. Whoever secures him in any gaol, so that his master gets him, shall have Six Dollars, and if brought home a like sum, besides reasonable expences. RICHARD CROMWELL. Patapsco-Ferry, Ann-Arundel County, Sept. 11, 1786.

27 December 1786, *Virginia Independent Chronicle* (Davis)
Run a way [sic] from the subscriber, November, 1785, a Negro woman, by the name of PENELlope, an African born, near 50 years old, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, well made, has long hair, her little finger on her left hand crooked. Whoever will deliver me the said Negro, shall receive a reward of Five Pounds, or give such information, that I get her again, a reward of Three Pounds. The above Negro formerly was the property of Mrs. Martin of King-William County; I have reason to believe she is harboured in that neighbourhood. ELIZABETH JONES. Hanover, November, 1786.

28 February 1787, *Virginia Independent Chronicle* (Davis)
Run away from the subscriber, the 17th of December, 1786, a negro man, named JACK, formerly the property of Mr. Robert Brooke, of Essex, and sold by the said Brooke, to Mr. Francis Graves, of this city, and by him to Mr. William Reynolds, of whom I purchased him. He is outlandish, and speaks broken English, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, about 45 or 46 years of age, of a thin visage, spare made, and pug nose; he had on, when he went away, an old blue cloth coat and waistcoat, a pair of cord duroy breeches, osnabrigs shirt, coarse hat; he stole and carried off also, a servant’s coat of green plains, which had been opened in the back and pieced with cloth of a darker colour. I have some reason to suppose he is in the neighbourhood of Mr. Brooke, where he has several children, or at Mr. Brooke’s near Fredericksburg, or in that Town. All masters of vessels are forewarned from taking him out of the State, and all other persons from harbouring him. He may be easily known from his fondness of liquor, and talking of horses, and his knowledge of them. Any person who apprehends said Negro, and confines him, so that I get him again, shall receive Eight Dollars reward, and reasonable expences paid if brought home. CHARLES JONES. Richmond, Feb. 15, 1787.

26 April 1787, *Maryland Gazette*
Ran away last night, from the subscriber, living in Charles county, a negro man named WALLEY, a tall slender made fellow, about six feet and an inch high, aged about 35 years, he is not country born, speaks bad English so that it can be hardly understood; had on when he went away a white fearnought jacket, a pair of white name cotton breeches, an osnabrig shirt, and has taken with him many other cloaths, which I cannot describe, as he is remarkably fond of dress. Also went away at the same time, a negro woman named NELL, aged about fifty years, she is a low squat wench. Also took with them two horses, one a light sorrel, about fourteen hands and an inch high, branded on the near buttock W, the other a dark bay, about fourteen hands high, and a small crop on the end of one of his ears. Whoever takes up the said negroes and horses shall
receive for each of the horses, two dollars if brought home, and eight dollars for each negro, paid by the subscriber. WILLIAM M. WILKINSON. April 16, 1787.

28 May 1789, Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser (Nicolson)
Ten Dollars Reward. Run away from the subscriber the 1st of this inst. a negro fellow by the name of YORK, about 5 feet 6 inches high, and appears to be about 25 or 26 years of age, slender made, he is an African born slave, had on when he went away an olive coloured coat, white waistcoat and small white buttons, black breeches, with shoes and stockings. I had him of Mr. Wm. Radford of Goochland county, he had him of a Mr. Scott, of the said county. I will give the above reward to any person that will deliver him to me in the city of Richmond, or Two Dollars to deliver him to Col. Paine, of Goochland courthouse, as I have reason to believe that he is lurking some where in that neighbourhood; if at a greater distance something more. JOSEPH KAY, Plaisterer. 48

19 September 1788, Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away, some time ago, from Port-au-Prince, a Mandingue Negro Man, named POMPEY, marked on his right breast HINSANT, about 24 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches high, sharp teeth, and a small hole in his left cheek; he speaks bad French, and is not very black, has a serious countenance, and is a good cooper—the first four letters of the brand are very well made, and the three last burnt together. The above reward will be given for securing the said Negro, and all reasonable charges paid, if brought home, by ZACHARIE, COOPMAN and CO. Baltimore, September 17, 1788.

11 November 1788, Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser
Ran Away, from the subscriber, on the 26th day of last month, a Guinea Negro Man, named CONGO, about 40 years of age, speaks tolerable good English, has a flat face and nose, and very black, has a small lameness in his right knee, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, slim made, and straight-bodied, the middle finger on his right hand is crooked, and the middle joint much larger than the other finger; had on when he went away, a country cloth coat, jacket and breeches, country linen shirt and trousers, thread stockings, shoes with buckles, and a felt hat. Whoever takes up said Negro, and secures him in any gaol, so that the owner gets him again, if taken 20 miles from home, shall have Six Dollars reward, including what the law allows, and reasonable

48 For later occurrence, see 8 Aug. 1793, Virginia Gazette and Richmond and Manchester Advertiser (Pleasants): Six Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, about the middle of May last, a negro fellow named YORICK; he appears to be about thirty years of age, five feet six or seven inches high, slender made, and is an African born slave; had on when he went away, a drab coloured great coat, white waistcoat and breeches; shoes and stockings. I expect he is gone to a Mr. John Scott’s, in Goochland county, as he once belonged to him, and I heard he had a wife there. I will give the above reward to any person that will deliver said fellow to me at Comely Bank, about two miles from Richmond, on the Williamsburg road, or one half to secure him in any jail so that I get him again. And I do hereby forewarn all masters or captains of vessels, from taking the above negro out of the state at their peril. ALEXANDER KAY. Henrico, July 11, 1793.
charges, if brought home, paid by ABEL HEADINGTON. Baltimore County, near Capt. Ridgely’s Furnace, Nov. 9, 1788.

9 December 1788, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
KING: a Runaway Negro Man. Five Dollars Reward. Ran Away, from the Brig Eliza, a Negro Man Slave, named KING, of the Hebo [Igbo] Country, about 5 feet 5 inches high, 19 years old, speaks bad English; had on when he went away, a blue jacket and brown trousers. It is suspected he is harboured by some Negroes in Town or at Fell’s-Point, having been frequently seen since he went off. Whoever secures him, so that he may be had again, or delivers him to the subscriber, shall have the above reward, from JAMES SOMERVELL. N.B. All masters of vessels and others are hereby cautioned against harbouring, concealing, or carrying off said Fellow. Baltimore, December 8, 1788.

1 June 1790, *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*
Five Pounds Reward. Ran Away, from the Subscriber, living in Harford County, Gunpowder Neck, on Sunday Morning last, Two Negro Men, each named James. The eldest [JAMES] is an Ebo Negro, about 40 Years of Age, 5 Feet 4 or 5 Inches high, pitted in the Face with the Smallpox, talks broken English, is an artful Fellow, and fond of talking: He had on, and took with him, a blue Surtout Coat, a green close bodied Ditto, a Pair of red Plush Breeches, good Shoes, Stockings, Hat, &c. &c. The other [JAMES] is a likely young Negro, about 21 Years of Age, 5 Feet 10 Inches high, rather slender for his Height, smooth Face, talks slow, and is a great Rogue: It is uncertain what Clothes he will appear in, as stole a Parcel the Evening before he ran away: He had on, a white Shirt, white Breeches, Fearnought Jacket, Shoes, Stockings, and a Felt Hat. Whoever takes up said Negroes, and secures them in gaol, so that I get them again, shall receive Four Dollars for each, if taken in this State; and, if taken in any other, the above Reward, and reasonable Charges paid, if brought Home. JAMES WEATHERALL. N.B. All Masters of Vessels are forewarned from carrying off said Negroes at their Peril. May 29, 1790.

29 September 1790, *Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* (Davis)
Ran Away from the subscriber, about the last of July, an African negro man, named MUNGŌ—about 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, 24 or 25 years old, of a good countenance and speaks very broken English. He formerly belonged to Mr. Breckenridge, late of Hanover, where it is probable he is now lurking—or in Richmond, where he has acquaintances. Whoever apprehends the said fellow, and delivers him to me at Cabin Point, shall receive Five Dollars reward. B. MIDDLETON. Sept. 20, 1790.

10 August 1791, *Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* (Davis)
Run-Away on the 30th of May last, a small, black, African born negro man, named TOM, who is about 5 feet 4 inches high, 47 years old or there about, thin visaged, active, talkative, and very expert in plantation business: His cloathing when he went away was altogether country made; but expect he has exchanged or got others.—I have been informed that a Mr. Eppes of Prince
George hired Tom, to mow for him, in the time of the last harvest, where I believe he is now, or in that gentleman’s neighbourhood, at or near City Point.—Whoever shall apprehend the said negro and secure him in any jail within this state, so that I get him again, shall receive a reward of Ten Dollars; if delivered to George Purdie, Esq. in Smithfield, Twelve; if to the subscriber in Northampton county, or the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Twenty. I forewarn all masters of vessels and others from carrying the said Tom out of this state JOHN STRINGER, Sen. Northampton, July 23, 1791.

28 September 1791, *Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* (Davis)
This day was committed to my custody, a negro man, who calls himself JOHN, and says he was mancipated [sic] by John Bolling on James River, above Richmond, but does not know the name of the county he came from; he has no pass and is an outlandish fellow, about five feet three inches high; very black, appears to be about twenty eight or nine years of age: has very few clothes, the owner is desired to move him, and take him away as the law directs; or should there be such a freedom by said John Bolling, he is earnestly requested to make it known to me.
WILLIAM MITCHELL. Patrick county, June 14, 1791.

23 November 1791, *Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* (Davis)
Negroes Taken Up. Committed (as run-aways) [sic] to the gaol of this county; two African negro men: They have told so many different stories in what part of the state or continent their owner lives, and speak such broken language, it is impossible to say where they belong—but I cannot help believing from every circumstance, it must be in one of the southern states, having shewn them rice, which they give me to understand their owner makes in great abundance. One of them says his name is JAMES, he is about 40 years old, 5 feet 4 inches high, well made, holes in his ears, some marks in his forehead, and has lost one of his fore teeth—The other (DICK) [sic] is about 30 years old, 5 feet 3 inches high, well made, both have remarkable small feet; James has on a woman’s shirt of oznaburgs, and Dick one of the country cotton with the remains of cotton jackets on each. The above negroes were taken up about the first of July last, and are now hired out according to law. JAMES LEWIS, Sheriff. Spotsylvania county, Sept. 1, 1791.

17 April 1793, *Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* (Davis)
Twenty Pounds Reward. Run Away the 31st inst. from the subscriber, an African born Negro named JASPER, by trade a carpenter, speaks very plain English, as he came young into the country; he is about fifty years of age, and I think about five feet five or six inches in height, short limb’d and well made for strength; he can read tolerably well, and is both sensible and very artful, he has a surly countenance, especially if offended, and is of a morose temper, fond of liquor [sic], and when drunk is very turbulent—has had the small-pox for which he was inoculated, and is a little marked with it on his face:—he has also a very remarkable scar above half round his neck, given by a knife in a fight he had with another Negro some time past. The dress he went off in is uncertain: He took with him two coats, one with short sleeves, a drab coloured duffil, the other white Virginia cloth long skirted; whatever other articles is unknown. I make no doubt but he will endeavour to pass for a freeman, and it is most probable will
endeavour to get into some of the Northern states, and in order to facilitate his escape, must believe he has procured some form of pass or writing. Any person who will apprehend said runaway, within this state, and deliver him to me, shall receive a reward of Ten Pounds and if without this state, the above reward. FRANCIS JERDONE. Louisa county, March 3, 1793.49

11 May 1793, State Gazette of North Carolina
Five Pounds Reward. Run Away this morning from the subscriber in Nixonton, a Negro Fellow by the name of SAMPSON, (formerly the property of John Hamilton, Esq.) [sic] aged about 45 years, an African by birth, but talks plain English, has a grave or rather surly look, of a religious turn it is said, and frequently talking to himself; had on when he went away, a blue short coat, a Bath coating jacket, blue trousers, and a grey great coat; two pair of breeches, one of corduroy and the other of brown fearnoughts, and sundry other good cloaths. It is supposed he has taken with him a black horse with small ears and large head, about 14 hands high. It is presumed that a further description would be unnecessary, as the above named fellow is well known in the district, having frequently rode express through the country, and often as a servant to his former owner. I will give the above reward to any person securing him in the district gaol of Edenton. FRANCIS POIRE. Nixonton, April 26, 1792.

12 April 1794, North-Carolina Gazette, or Impartial Intelligencer and Weekly Advertiser
Ran away from the subscriber, a tall, slim negro fellow, named LANG, on the 23d ult. about 26 years of age—about 5 feet 11 or 12 inches high—Guinea born, but having been brought to this country early, speaks very good English. He had on a dark-mixed colour homespun jacket and trousers, and a high crown black hat. He has scars on his cheeks, and has a nick in the left ear. Whoever will bring him to the subscriber, or Mr. James M’Kinlay in his absence will be handsomely rewarded. MORGAN JONES. April 12 [1794].

4 July 1795, North-Carolina Gazette, or Impartial Intelligencer and Weekly Advertiser
Ran away from the subscriber, living on Tar river, Pitt country, a negro man by the name of PRINCE, about 21 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, he’s a black Negro, spare made, Guinea born, speaks the English tongue, so that he may be understood very well; he has been branded

49 See also 9 May 1793, Virginia Herald and Fredericksburg Advertiser (Green): Run away from the subscriber, the 31st ult. an African Negro named JASPER, by trade a carpenter, speaks very plain English, as he came young into the country. He is about 50 years of age, and I think about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches in height, short limb’d and well made for strength; he can read tolerably well, and is both sensible and very artful; he has a surly countenance, especially if offended, and is of a morose temper, fond of liquor, and when drunk is very turbulent; has had the small-pox, for which he was inoculated, and is a little marked with it in his face; he has also a remarkable scar above half round his neck, given by a knife in a scuffle he had with another Negro some time past.—The dress he went off in is uncertain; he took with him two coats, one with short skirts, a drab coloured duffle; the other a white Virginia cloth, long skirted; whatever other articles is unknown.—I make no doubt but he will endeavour to pass for a free man, and is most probable will endeavour to get into some of the northern states, in order to facilitate his escape; I believe he has procured some forged pass or writing.—Any person who will apprehend the said runaway within the state, and deliver him to me, shall receive a reward of Ten Pounds—and if without the state Twenty. FRANCIS JERDONE. Louisa county, April 3, 1793.
with W.G. on both cheeks, but part of some of the letters scarcely can be seen. Any person that will take up the said negro, and put him in any gaol in this state, so that I get him, or will fetch him to me, shall have Ten Dollars Reward. As he has attempted to get aboard of a vessel I am induced to forwarn all Masters of Vessels from carrying him out of the state, or any other person from employing him, under the penalty of the law. WILLIAM GRIMES. Pitt County, Tar River June 24, 1795 N.B. He generally goes about in the day time, and depends upon his ingenuity to frame an artful tale, when suspected and questioned.

8 August 1795, *North Carolina Sentinel*
Five Pounds Reward. Run-Away from the Subscriber on the 27th of June last, a small negro man, Named CUFF, about forty years of age, five feet high; had on when he went away a wool hat, shirt and trowsers, he is remarkably dark, has a large scar on his jaw, speaks broken language, he drinks no spirits, both of his feet very much bitten with frost, and lost two or three of his toes. Any person securing said fellow in jail as information can be given, shall receive the reward of four dollars, and the above reward will be given to any person that will bring the runaway to his master. JOSHUA CARTER. N.B. He has as wife near the mouth of Cape-Fear, and it is expected he is lurking in that neighborhood. Montgomery, Aug. 6, 1795.

24 March 1796, *Norfolk Herald* (Willett and O’Connor) [VA]
Ten Dollars Reward. Run away from the Subscriber about the 6th inst. a Negro woman named BETTY, a Guinea negro, but speaks tolerably plain. She is about five feet high, of a black complexion. The above reward will be paid to any person who will deliver her to me, or secure her so that I get her, and all reasonable charges paid. REBECCA C. CAMPBELL. Norfolk, March 24, 1796.

9 July 1796, *Norfolk Herald* (Willett and O’Connor) [VA]
Ran Away from the subscriber, on Wednesday the 22nd of June, a likely Negro fellow by the name of AFRICA, 27 years of age, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, has a remarkable high breast, walks parrot-toed, and generally wears his beard very long, which occasions him to look much older than he is. He had on when he went away a tow shirt and trowsers, and a blue cloth waistcoat. I have been informed that he has a pruning knife in a sheath slung round his neck. Whoever delivers said Negro to me, or secure him in jail, so that I get him again, shall receive Ten Dollars Reward. ANTHONY MURPHY. Princess Anne County, July 8, 1796.

17 November 1796, *Norfolk Herald* (Willett and O’Connor) [VA]
Forty Dollars Reward. For apprehending three French Negro men slaves, of the following description: REVILLE is about 5 feet 5 inches high, remarkably scared [sic] on each side of his face (being an African) [sic] and is by trade a house carpenter.—CRISPIN is about 5 feet 10 inches high, has a very flat nose, and by trade a mason—TONY about 5 feet 6 inches high, very slender made, and is by trade a joiner. It is supposed they are working between this place and Richmond; all persons, and masters of vessels in particular, are hereby cautioned harbouring or
employing said slaves. The above reward will be given to any person or persons who deliver or secure said Negroes, and advise the printers hereof. Norfolk November 17, 1796.

28 August 1797, *North Carolina Journal*
Ran-Away from the subscriber, on the 29th of July, 1797, a negro man named **JOE**; about 35 years of age, about five feet high, well proportioned, his left eye out, and speaks very broken; he had on when he went off, an osnaburg shirt and trowsers, and negro cotton jacket.—I expect that he has got a pass. Any person that will take up said negro, and put him in jail, or fetch him to me in Edgecomb county, near the Great Falls of Tar river, so that I may get him again, shall receive a generous reward, and all expences paid. RENNISON TISDAL.

26 October 1797, *Norfolk Herald* (Willett and O’Connor) [VA]
Run-Away from the subscriber, two Negro fellows, viz. **JACK** and **SAM**, both Nailors [sic] by trade. Jack is a very small fellow, about 35 years old, very artful, speaks broken English, and has on his several marks common for Guinea Negroes. He is a slim fellow, with a down look, and on his breast or side a scar where he has been wounded. Whoever will secure either of said negroes so that I get them again shall be entitled to receive Twenty-Five Dollars if out of this or Ten Dollars if within the state. T. G. BLOUNT. Washington, N. Carolina, October 20, 1797.

12 January 1799, *Norfolk Herald* (Willett and O’Connor) [VA]
Ran-away From the subscriber, on the 29th of December, a Negro man named **AFRICA**, of a lightish complexion, has a scar under one of his eyes, about 5 feet 1 or 2 inches high. Had on when he went away a red jacket and blue trowsers, but may have changed his clothes. I will give a reward of Six Dollars for securing said fellow in jail, and if returned to me, the above reward and all reasonable expenses. JOSHUA JAMES. Princess Anne, Jan 9.

21 April 1800, *North Carolina Journal*
Ranaway from the subscriber on the 29th of March, in Mecklenburg county, North-Carolina, a negro man named **JACK**, about six feet high, 30 or 40 years old, he has a scar on his ------ [sic] occasioned by the tooth ache, he is an outlandish fellow and cannot speak good English. He had on when he went away a blue coat, the sleeves patched with brown cloth, a blue jacket with no buttons, ------ [sic] pair of overalls, one pair of blue ------ [sic] the other pair of coarse shirt and an old ------ [sic] wool hat, likewise carried away with him a short linen coat. Any person that will confine him in some jail, or bring him home, shall be handsomely rewarded by me. JOHN SIMMONS. April 6th [1800].

21 August 1800, *Norfolk Herald* (Willett and O’Connor) [VA]
Ten Dollars Reward, For apprehending a Negro man by the name of **AZON**, marked on his breast Dupre, 5 feet 6 inches high, marked in his face with a number of cuts; speaks little English, and very broken French. Whoever will secure him in the jail of Norfolk or Smithfield,
shall receive the above reward. Masters of vessels and others are forewarned harbouring or employing said negro. JAMES DELAUNAY. Smithfield, August 21.

10 November 1800, *North Carolina Journal*
Forty Dollars Reward. Runaway from the subscriber on the 30th Aug. last, a negro fellow named GEORGE, formerly the property of Col. Ingles. He is about twenty seven years of age, five feet eight or nine inches high, dark complexion, was born in Guinea, but having been brought into this country very young, remains little, if any at all of his native tongue. It is expected he has gone to Washington or Newbern, or towards Virginia. All masters of vessels and others are hereby forwarned from harbouring said negro or conveying him away, under the penalty by law ---- [sic]. The above reward will be given to any person who will deliver him to me at my plantation in Greene county, or to Col Ingles in Tarborough. WILLIAM CLEMENTS. N.B. He has a spot on his belly or thigh (it is not recollected which) [sic] of a lighter colour than the rest of the skin, supposed to have proceed from a scald or burn. November 9 [1800].

30 November 1800, *Norfolk Herald* (Willett and O’Connor) [VA]
Stop the Run-Away, Eloped, on Sunday night last, from the schooner Eagle, a Negro fellow by the name of WILL, about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, very black and much scarred in the face and breast, being the African mark when he was born, speaks but little English; his foreteeth filed very sharp; he is well set fellow; had on when he went off a long blue jacket and canvas trowsers. All masters of vessels and others are forewarned harbouring or employing said fellow. A reward of Ten Dollars will be given to any person that will deliver him on board the above schooner, or to the subscriber at Mr. Blow’s. EDWARD FRITH. Norfolk, Sept. 30.

10 February 1801, *Raleigh Register and North Carolina State Gazette Weekly*
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away, On the Fourth Instant [Jan. 4]. A Negro Fellow named PRINCE, about five feet high, Guinea born; he has the Marks of his Country upon his Eye, has a large Lump on his Brow, and a bald Place on the Crown of his Head was formerly the property of Mr. Christopher, of Raleigh. The above Reward will be paid to any person who will lodge him in any Gaol in the State. JONES T. BRYAN. Jones County, Jan. 10, 1801. The Printers in this State will be please[d] to give this a Place in their Papers for three Weeks, and send them on, together with their Bill, and they will be paid. J.T.B.50

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50 For later occurrence, see 8 August 1803, *Raleigh Register and North Carolina State Gazette*: One Hundred Dollars Reward. Ran from me at Trenton in Jones County, 4th of January, 1801, a Negro Fellow named PRINCE aged 28 years; he is upwards of five feet high, dark complexion, tolerably well set, has a large lump on the pit of his stomach, and a bald place on the crown of his head; has a stoppage in his speech, which was broken English, and wore his hair queued. I expect he will attempt to pass for a freeman. I have been informed that he has some family connections among the Negroes of General Benjamin Smith, of Brunswick county, and perhaps is working about there. I will give the above Reward to any person who will lodge him in any Gaol [sic] in the United States, or deliver him to me 15 miles above Kinston; in case of his being in Gaol, I shall expect the person who apprehends him, to give me notice by post, directed to Kinston. I will also give a Reward of Fifty Dollars to any one who will give information of his being aided or assisted by any white person, so that they may be prosecuted to conviction. JOHN T. BRYAN. Lenoir County, July 13 [1803].
9 April 1801, *Wilmington Gazette* [NC]
Thirty Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the subscriber, about the first of March last, a negro fellow by the name of PRINCE;—and on the 20th of the same month, another named BEN. The former is a French negro, about six feet high, spare made, has his face scarified in the manner of a Guinea negro, very black gums; and teeth very wide apart, and has eleven large letters on his breast, the first of which is T, and the last is Y—he had on when he went away, a greyish coloured negro cloth jacket and homespun cotton trousers, and an oznaburgs shirt. The latter is country born, about five feet eight or ten inches high, yellow complected, has remarkable large hands and feet, with his toes much spread, his teeth are thinly set in his mouth, and has a large scar on his nose where it joins his forehead—his clothes were the same as the former. Whoever will secure said negroes and deliver them to me, shall receive the above reward, if taken in this county, or ten dollars for Prince and twenty for Ben;—and if taken out of the county, seventy dollars; that is twenty for the former, and fifty for the latter. Jones County, April 2, 1801.

EDMUND HATCH.

24 January 1804, *Alexandria Daily Advertiser, Commercial and Political* [VA]
Forty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber about 5 or 6 weeks ago, a negro wench called RACHEL. She is a small woman, about five feet in height, and 33 years old, rather of a thin make – Her colour is very black and her nose not so flat as is usual in negroes. She has rather a shrill voice and is pert; she is a field negro, and went off with a cotton dress, but may change her cloaths. Her father is a black man named TOM, who recovered his freedom a year or two ago, of Mr. N. Crawford of Maryland, and I am told now lives in Alexandria, Washington or George Town. He is an African upwards of 60 years old, and has lashes on his cheeks; it is probable the wench may be harboured by him, or by a half sister of hers called Winney, belonging to Mrs. Brown near Alexandria. The above reward will be given if taken up anywhere out of the state, and secured so that I get her again, or Twenty Dollars if taken within the state, and not more than 30 miles from home, and for every mile over that distance what the law allows, delivered to T. BLACKBURN. Rippon Lodge, near Dumfries (Virg.) sic. Jan. 24, 1804.

3 July 1804, *Alexandria Daily Advertiser, Commercial and Political* [VA]
Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, living in Cub Run Ford, within three miles of Centerville, a Negro man named CHASE, formerly the property of Robert Losson, (sometime since owner of the Occoquin Iron Works) [sic]: he had on, when he left home, oznaburgs shirt and trowsers, country wove stripped cotton waistcoat, a new coat of mixed cloth and indifferent hat and shoes. He is about 60 years of age, and somewhat grey, has been hurt in one of his knee caps, which causes him to walk lame, and that leg is smaller than the other; he much resembles a Guinea negro and is about 5 feet 8 inches high. Whoever apprehends and secures said fellow, so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home. He was seen in several places on Monday the 2d of July, travelling on the main road between his home and Alexandria. SAMUEL OLIVER, Fairfax County, Virginia, July 3 [1804].
23 October 1804, *Alexandria Daily Advertiser, Commercial and Political* [VA]
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran away from the Subscriber, about the middle of August last a negro man, Named **JUNE**, A native of Africa, though now speaks tolerable English, is about five feet ten inches high, stout made and about thirty years old. He has worked with me at the stone cutting business about ten years. Whosoever will bring the said negro to me, or secure him in any jail so that I get him again shall be paid all reasonable expenses besides the above reward. All masters of vessels are forwarned from carrying him off. GEORGE RICHARDSON.
Fredericksburg (Va.) [sic] Oct. 23 [1804].

26 May 1804, *Alexandria Daily Advertiser, Commercial and Political* [VA]
Runaway Negro Jack. Ran Away from the subscriber, living in Pomonky Neck, Charles County, Maryland, about two miles below Mount Vernon, a Negro Man, named **JACK**, about 50 years of age, his voice is loud, but speaks with ease of himself – he is very black, both of his shins are of a purple color, and extend 5 or 6 inches in length about one inch broad, occasioned by sitting too near the fire, there is a burn on the back of one of his hands, but don’t prevent the use of it. Jack came from Guinea when about 12 or 13 years old.51 I don’t know any thing that would make a stranger suspect Jack’s elopement, sooner than that of calling himself a Baptist and being fond of argument. Whoever brings home the said negro or secures him in jail, so that I get him again, shall be entitled to 20 Dollars if 20 miles from home, if 30 miles 30 Dollars, and if 50 miles 40 Dollars, and reasonable expenses paid by RICHARD BRANDT. May 26 [1804]. N.B. The above Negro Jack eloped from me better than twelve months ago, and bro’t home by one of Judge Washington’s overseers; and on the 15th of June last [1803] left me the second time.

3 June 1805, *North Carolina Journal*
Five Dollars Reward. Runaway from the subscriber, on the 28th of April, a negro man by the name of **ISHAM**, he is about 22 years old, and speaks very broken English, he also understands and speaks the French language pretty well. I expect he will aim for Norfolk, as he was purchased there about twelve years ago. The said negro belongs to William Williams of Franklin. All persons are cautioned from concealing or carrying him off. The above reward will be paid to any person securing him so that I get him again. JOSHUA COLE. Halifax county, May 29th, 1805.

51 By inference, in 1766 or 1767. The *TAST* (1999) records a total of 15 voyages landing African captives in Maryland (4) and Virginia (11) between 1766-1770, totaling an estimated 2,262 slaves disembarked. Of those with a known African coastal provenance (N=2,262), derived estimates suggest that 62 percent came from Greater Senegambia (1,402) [Senegambia 735; Windward Coast 667]; 29 percent from West Central Africa (651); and 9 percent from the Gold Coast (209).
18 February 1806, *Wilmington Gazette* [NC]
6 Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber on the 16th inst. an African Boy named JACK, about 15 years old, 4 feet some inches high; had on when he went away a blue Bambo jacket and trousers, and a striped worsted waistcoat. Whoever will give just information or deliver him to Mr. Joshua Potts or the subscriber, shall receive the above reward. Masters of vessels are forbid taking the said Negro off under penalty of the law. CHRISTIAN EDWARD MULTZ. Wilmington, Feb. 18 [1806].

16 August 1806, *North Carolina Intelligencer and Fayetteville Advertiser*
Fifty Dollars Reward. Runaway from the subscriber about 14 or 15 years ago, a Negro Fellow by the name of TOM; he is 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, of a very dark complexion, with several African marks on his breast and arms. He formerly belonged to Capt. M’Master, of New Hanover county, who imported him from the W. Indies, while in the employ of Mr. M’Naughton. I learn that he is lurking about Wilmington, and calls himself TOM LINDSAY, and says he is free. Whoever will secure said fellow in jail, so that I get him again shall be entitled to the above reward. COLIN LINDSAY. Robeson, August 28, 1806.

24 November 1806, *Raleigh Register and North Carolina State Gazette*
Ran away from the Subscriber, living on 2d Broad River, eight miles below Rutherfordton, on the 23 of September last, Four African Negro Slaves—one a stout built Fellow named JACK, who can speak a little broken English, has one tooth out before, and a large wart under one ear, about 20 years of age. One other a stout Fellow [MAN], marked with the smallpox, has lost his upper fore teeth, and cannot speak a word of English. Also two stout built black Women [WOMAN] [WOMAN], one of whom has remarkably large breasts—neither of them can speak any English—one appears pregnant, and about 17 or 18 years of age. Any person who will give the Subscriber notice where they may be had, shall be entitled to the above Reward; or information forwarded to Col. Gilbert, postmaster, Rutherfordton, N.C. will answer equally as well, as I expect to hear of them at some Gaol either in South or North-Carolina; or I will give Twenty Dollars, if delivered at my house. WILLIAM BAXTER. Nov. 3 [1806].

31 May 1807, *The Richmond Enquirer* [VA]
Forty Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber, living near New-Castle in the lower end of this county, on the 27th of March last. Negro Man BILLY, about 50 years of age, and about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high – he is of rather a delicate form, a little inclined to a yellowish complexion, and considerably marked in the face with the small pox – his hair rather inclines to be bushy, this is not very long – he is a fellow of good understanding, a well informed mind, and very specious insinuating manner – he speaks rather quick & pert, and has a disposition to be

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52 In 1806, these four Africans likely were brought to North Carolina from Charleston, SC, which had reopened the legal transatlantic slave trade in 1803. The *TAST* (1999) records 62 voyages that disembarked an estimated 13,000 enslaved Africans in South Carolina in 1806, over half of whom (52 percent) originated in West-Central Africa (Congo and Angola).
very polite. He no doubt will attempt to change his appearance, by altering his name, changing his hair for a wig, etc. He is pretty well known in most parts of this state, as well as in the Carolinas and Georgia, as the waitingman and fiddler of Mr. Nicholas M. Johnson, of whom I purchased him. His wife lives in Richmond, where he has frequently been since his elopement, and he has also been a part of his time in Petersburg, and his wife has a daughter, a free woman, living in Norfolk, where it is probable he has been also – though having so general an acquaintance, there is no knowing where he will keep himself. – Also runaway, last evening, negro Man COLLEY, he had been runaway about two months, and was taken up in Lunenburg, from whence he was brought and committed to Hanover Jail, and on his way home from thence, it was that he made this elopement. He is an African, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, is tolerably well formed, neither very delicate nor course, speaks broken, and when questioned, discovers a degree of simplicity, which would induce a stranger to think him not far removed from idiotism. His wife belongs to Capt. Wm. Brown, in this neighborhood; about which place on Wm. Wormley’s quarter in King William. I understand he generally kept himself on his first runaway trip, until he started for Lunenburg. I purchased him from the estate of Mr. Robert Ellett near Col. Goodall’s in this county, where he had lived, as also in Lunenburg, at a quarter owned by Mr. Ellett. It is probable that he will try to skulk about this neighborhood, will aim for the neighborhood of Col. Goodall’s, or for Lunenburg. I will give 25 dols. for the delivery of Billy and 15 for the delivery of Colley to me. P. STREET. Hanover [county], May 31 [1807].

24 July 1807, Washington Gazette and Weekly Advertiser [NC]
20 Dollars Reward Run-Away from the subscriber on lake phelps [sic] in Washington county, about the 20th of April a negro fellow named TAFF, Is stout built, about five feet six or seven inches high, Guinea Born, with the marks of his country in his face. When he went away he had on a white drab coat with a black cape and Breeches of the same. I will give the above reward to secure him in any Goal [sic] that I may get him. THOMAS TROTTER. June 5, 1807.

28 July 1807, Wilmington Gazette [NC]
20 Dollars Reward. The above reward and all reasonable charges is hereby offered, to any person, white or black, who will apprehend, and deliver to myself or to Mr. Wright, Deputy Sheriff, at the Goal [sic], my negro man slave BOB, well known in, and about this Town, he having lived here upwards of twenty years—a ship-carpenter by trade, has been hired to Captain Thomas Hunter for near six years past, and has absented from his service on Tuesday the twenty-third June last past. He is a Guinea born negroe, and has retained a good deal of the new negro accent, he is a strong clumsy made fellow about 5 feet 6 or seven inches high, very clumsy about the feet and legs, very slovenly in his dress, goes in all weathers, generally with his shirt collar and jacket unbuttoned—he is very tricky, and very plausible and coxing when he has any favor to ask, and is apparently pleased and in good humor till he obtains his end, and when he laughs shows his teeth to great advantage which are very white, he seldom combs his hair, generally lowsy and is much inclined to go dirty, no certain description can be given as to his clothing, as before he went away he swindled a negroe belonging to a vessel out of three dollars in money & some goods under the promise of buying him fowls for them, with which money and goods he will probably get himself new clothed—it is not apprehended that he is gone to sea, therefore
from the date hereof all masters of vessels are cautioned, against carrying him to sea, and all others white or black harbouring him. HENRY URQUHART. Wilmington, 24th July, 1807.

8 October 1807, The North Carolina Minerva and Raleigh Advertiser
Notice. Run away from the subscriber’s plantation near Webb’s Ferry, Anson County, on the 21st instant, four likely African Negro men, three of which are of a yellow complexion marked on the face and body with their Country marks; the other a very black fellow, marked only on his body, and is named JACK—the other three named AKA, SAM and BOATSWAIN: They had on when they went away, checked shirts and white homespun trowsers; they speak no English. It is supposed they crossed the river Pedee, and are now on the East side. Whoever will deliver the said Negroes to the subscriber, or secure them in any Jail, so they can be had, shall be generously rewarded and expenses paid. J. LANIER. September 28th, 1807.

16 September 1814, Raleigh Register and North Carolina State Gazette
Ranaway from the subscriber on the 9th inst. two negroes; one a Fellow by the name of CHARLES, thirty five years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches, of a bright complexion, talks broken, has lost some of his foreteeth, slow of speech, and of a down look. He took with him a great quantity of cloathing, among which was a dark colored yarn homespun Great Coat, a negro cotton close coat, a light mixed coat with a black cape, a black yarn do. [ditto] pantaloons and vests of different descriptions, a pair of Boots and a fur Hat. His Wife, named LUCY, about seventeen years of age, of a light complexion, thick and chunky, and very likely. Her cloathing was two new yarn frocks, one blue grounded calico do. [ditto] a white cambric, a stone dye, and a red durants do. [ditto] a straw bonnet and a fur Hat, and other cloathing not recollected. The said negroes were purchased by me from James H. Harrison, who I understand passed in Virginia by the name of Hosey.—He told me he lived in Nansemond county, Virginia, and brought the said Negroes from Southampton, Virginia, fifteen miles from Murfreesboro’, where he purchased them from John Brown. Any person who will apprehend the said negroes and deliver them to the subscriber, living 4 miles west of the University in Orange county, N.C. shall receive the above reward, if they are apprehended beyond the limits of said county; and if within the county, or confined in any distant Jail, twenty-five dollars will be given, or half price for the apprehension and detention of either of them. SÓLOMON NEVILL. Orange county, Sept. 13, 1814.

20 January 1815, The Star [NC]
30 Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the subscriber on the 8th inst. two Negroes, SAM and AMY—Sam is an African fellow, thirty five or forty years of age, speaks English tolerably plain, and about a middle stature. Amy is about 21 or 22 years of age, a small woman, yellow complexion and is marked with the small pox. One pit on the end her nose, appears as if a small bit was taken out, keen black eyes, delicate appearance, having been brought up a house servant—she will aim for Norfolk from when I have lately brought her. She ranaway from me in July last [1814], twelve miles west from Murfreesborough, being on my way home from Norfolk, she reaches Norfolk is about two weeks, where she was committed to Jail. The fellow
will no doubt accompany her—They will aim for the following rout, Fayetteville, Averasborough, Raleigh, Murfreesborough, or Winton. The probability is, that Amy will leave Sam after a few days traveling, under the idea of passing for a free person, as she is a yellow girl. I will give the above reward to any person who will secure them in any Jail in this State so that I get them again, or if taken separately twenty dollars for Amy and ten dollars for Sam. JOHN M’RAE. Sneedborough, Anson county, Jan. 9, 1815.

25 June 1816, Alexandria Gazette, Commercial and Political [VA]
Thirty Dollars Reward. Ran away from Salena on the 20th inst., a negro, named ABRAM. He is 17 or 19 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches high, has a very dark complexion, a flat nose and tolerable large mouth. He is a foreigner and his language is very broken, which is rendered more difficult to be understood by an impediment in his speech. He is a fellow of considerable diffidence and speaks but little. His ears have been pierced for rings. When he absconded he wore a blue roundabout of coarse cloth, a pair of blue striped domestic pantaloons, a pair of high quartered shoes that lace before, and a slate hat. I will give Ten Dollars to any one who will deliver him to me at this place, if taken in the neighborhood, or the above reward if apprehended 40 miles from here, and secured in any jail, so that I get him again. J. FAUNTLEROY. Salem, Faquier Co. Va. June 25 [1816].

25 October 1816, Raleigh Register and North Carolina State Gazette
Five Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, in Mecklenburg county, a Negro Boy named TOM, about 16 or 17 years old, with a large scar on his left arm, occasioned by a burn; was born of African parents and can speak their language. Whoever will secure him in any Jail so that I get him shall receive the above reward. JAMES YOUNG. 9th october [1816].

6 September 1817, Carolina Federal Republican [NC]
50 Dollars Reward. Ran-Away from the Subscriber living on Lime Stone Creek, Duplin County on the 30th of August, three Negro Men, named SAMPSON—JOE and BILL.——Sampson is about 50 years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, dark complexion, thick set from his hips up, and below rather slender; had on when he went away Tarpolin Hat, and a homespun Jacket and Trowsers: Joe is about 30 years of age, full six feet high, dark complexion, & slender made, the middle toe on his right foot is off—had on when he went away, a striped round Jacket and a new furd Hat.—Bill is about 20 years of age, five feet high, very black, slender built, dress not recollected. They all speak very broken English, not being long in the country.53 I suppose they will make for some seaport Town, and try and get on board some vessel, either at Newbern, Swansborough, or Wilmington. I will give the above reward of Fifty Dollars to any person that will apprehend said Negroes and deliver them to me in Duplin County, or secure them in any Jail in this State, so that I get them again, and all reasonable expences will be paid, or a proportionable part for each of the above described fellows.

53 This reference suggest smuggling of illegal shipments, or perhaps illegal imports of slaves from the West Indies.
27 September 1817, *Carolina Federal Republican* [NC]
Ten Dollars Reward Run Away on the 21st inst. a negro fellow named BRUTUS about twenty three or four years of age, about six feet high, slim built, has a bad sore on one [of] his ancles, and speaks very broken english [sic].—It is supposed he will endeavor to get to Greensville where he has a wife, or to Beaufort, Washington, or Wilmington, where he may try to make his escape, as he has been brought up to sea. I will give the above reward of Ten Dollars for him if delivered to me or secured in any Jail so that I get him, and all reasonable charges paid. All persons are forwarned from harboring, employing or carrying him out of the State, under the penalty of the law. GEORGE REID. Newbern, September, 27, 1817.

16 May 1818, *Carolina Centinel* [NC]
20 Dollars Reward. Ran-Away From the Subscriber on, the 12th of May, two Negroes, a man & boy, JACK BATTLE, and CHARLES EMERY. Jack is a guinea Negro, about twenty-six years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, dark complexion, full eyes and large whiskers, he pretends to be a barber, has a wife at Mrs. Stilgraves’ in Newbern—had on when he went away, an olive coloured bear skin cloth Jacket & white woollen homespun Trowsers. Charles is about sixteen years of age 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high and of a light complexion—had on when he went away, a white cotton homespun jacket, and pale blue casinet Trowsers, patched in several places, a black leather hat &c. has a brother and sister living in Newbern, Bill Emery and Matilda; Matilda lives near Mr. A. Scott’s distillery, it is supposed they are lurking about the neighbourhood of Newbern. The above Reward will be given to any person who will deliver them to me, or secure them in any Jail so that I get them. All persons are hereby cautioned against harbouring, or carrying them away, under penalty of the law. WM. P. MOOR. Craven County, May 12th [1818].

27 March 1819, *Carolina Centinel* [NC]
Ten Dollars Reward. Ran away from aboard my flat at Handcock’s wharf, on the 25th of March, a Negro man named EPHRAIM, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, middling black, has a white bunch of hair on his forehead just under his hat, and a scar over one of his eyes resembling a burn, is a native of Guinea, speaks very broken English, and is slim built.—He wore off a copperas striped pair of trowsers; and it is likely he will lurk about Newbern with a view of getting away in some vessel. He is a very ignorant fellow, but a good hand to work. The above reward will be given to any person to confine him in any prison in the State. All persons are forwarned from harbouring, employing, or carrying him away, under the penalty of the law. RICHARD MOORE. March 27, 1819.
26 July 1825, *Raleigh Register and North Carolina State Gazette*
Fifty Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber in June last, his Negro Man DIMBO, an African born, but having been brought to America at an early period of his life, his nativity will hardly be discovered by his language. He is about 35 years of [age], quite black, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, has remarkable small ears and feet. It is reported that he has obtained a free pass and designs passing as a free man. I will give the above reward if taken out of the State and delivered to me at my plantation in Lenoir county near Kinston, or 25 dollars if taken in the State and delivered as above, or 20 dollars if secured in any Jail so that I get him again. JOHN COBB. Lenoir county, July 21 [1825].

25 October 1826, *Carolina Observer [NC]*
$20 Reward. Runaway from the Subscriber, about the 12th of September last, a negro man named PETER, about 30 years of age, 5 feet, 8 or 9 inches high, tolerable lusty and of a good disposition, speaks the English language rather broken. He was lately purchased in Bladen county, and previously of Mr. Gore of Columbus. Whoever apprehends and secures the above Negro so that I can get him again, shall receive a reward of ten dollars, and if sufficient proof can be given of his having been harbored by any person, the reward of twenty dollars. NEAL BEARD. Cumberland County, October 25, 1826.\(^{54}\)

8 May 1827, *Western Carolinian*
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber, living ten miles south-west of Salisbury, N.C. on the night of the 16th instant, three Negroes; JOE, a fellow about 30 years of age, common size, very black, uncommonly flat nose, has lost two or three of his upper front teeth, small eyes, a good deal sunk in his head; and ANNIKY, wife of Joe, about 23 years of age, she is small, of a yellow complexion, has hollow small feet, very active, smokes and chews tobacco; also, MOSES, a fellow about 27 years of age very black, stout built, five feet ten inches high, speaks somewhat broken, being an African,— —the only mark remembered is his right big toe, which appears to have been broken, and hooks down. Any person securing the said negroes in jail, or so that I can get them again, shall have the above reward, or ten dollars for either of them secured, and all reasonable expenses paid. NOAH PARTEE. April 30, 1827.

4 December 1827, *Catawba Journal [NC]*
Fifteen Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, about the 25th June last, a negro man named CHARLES. Said negro was purchased at the sale of the property of Frederick Dinkins, deceased, is about five feet seven or eight inches high, black color, and speaks very broken. Any person apprehending said negro and delivering him to the subscriber, or confining him in any jail

\(^{54}\) For variation, see 26 October 1826, *North Carolina Journal*: $20 Reward. Ranaway from the subscriber about the 12th of September last, a negro man, named PETER, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, rather fleshy, and of a good disposition, speaks the English language rather broken. He was lately purchased in Bladen county, and previously of Mr. Gore, of Columbus. Whoever apprehends and secures him again, shall receive a reward of ten dollars; and if sufficient proof can be given of his having been harbored by any person, the reward of twenty dollars. NEAL BEARD. Cumberland co., Oct. 25, 1826.
in the State, so that I get him, shall be entitled to the above reward. MOSES NEELY, sen. Nov. 27, 1827.

13 March 1830, *Newbern Spectator and Literary Journal* [NC]
Fifteen Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, a few weeks since, three Negro men—Jack, Stephen, & Austin. JACK is about 30 years of age, five feet seven or eight inches high, of a slender form, and complexion quite black; he has a large scar on one of his shoulders, and has lost the first joint of one of his thumbs. Having a wife in Newbern, he is probably lurking in town. STEPHEN is about 25 years old, five feet eight inches high, slender made, of a lighter complexion than Jack, has lost most of his front teeth, and stammers a little; he has a wife at Wm. S. Blackledge’s Plantation, and will probably be lurking about that neighbourhood, or in Newbern. AUSTIN is a Guinea Negro, about 40 years of age, five feet high, stout made, and speaks broken English. All persons are forwarned from harbouring or employing any of the above named Negroes, as the law in such case made and provided, will be rigidly enforced. The above reward will be given for the apprehension of the three, or Five Dollars for either of them. JOHN B. SMITH. March 13, 1830.

10 June 1836, *Newbern Spectator and Literary Journal* [NC]
Ran Away From the subscriber, one the second of May last, a negro man JACK,—he is of low stature, and speaks broken English. A reasonable reward and expenses will be paid for his apprehension,—and $20 will be given for evidence that will convict any person of harbouring him. A.H. RICHARDSON. 9th June, 1836.
CHAPTER II:
AFRICAN RUNAWAYS
IN THE CAROLINA LOWCOUNTRY REGION, 1732-1820

19 February 1732, South-Carolina Gazette\(^55\)
Run away from her Master's Service, since Christmas last, a Pawpaw Negro Woman named \textbf{JENNY}, formerly belonging to the Estate of Mr. Giles Cooke, Deceased, being a lusty Woman about 30 Years of Age, having blue Bays Clothes. Whoever brings the said Negro to her Master, in order for Sale, shall have 40 s.[shilling] Reward, and reasonable Charges paid, by JOHN MORTIMER in Christ-Church Parish.

17 June 1732, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from James Searles two Negro Women, one named \textbf{DELIA}, having with a sucking \textbf{CHILD}, and she speaks very little English; and the other named \textbf{CLARINDA}, speaks very good English, she formerly belonged to Madam Trott: They took a Cyprus Canoe about 25 Foot long and 3 Foot wide. Whoever will give Intelligence of them, so as they may be had again, shall be rewarded by JAMES SEARLES.

26 August 1732, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from Abraham Sutar, at Black River, a black well set Negro Man call’d \textbf{CUFFE}, with a Cut on his shoulder and one of his Arms, being a Gold Coast Negro. Whoever brings the said Negro Man to Mr. JACOB SUTER in Charlestown, shall have 10 l.[pound] Reward.

7 October 1732, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away a Bossue Negro Man named \textbf{AARON}, who used to go about the Town with a Cart & Mule. He is a tall Negro, and had on when he went away a pair of Ozenbrig Breeches. Whoever brings the said Negro to his Master DANIEL BOURGET, shall be well rewarded.

\(^{55}\) Georgia, South Carolina. Standardized and adapted from the following sources: Lathan A. Windley, ed., \textit{Runaway Slave Advertisements: A Documentary History from the 1730s to 1790}, Vol. 3, \textit{South Carolina} (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1983); Windley, ed., \textit{Runaway Slave Advertisements: A Documentary History from the 1730s to 1790}, Vol. 4, \textit{Georgia} (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1983); Thomas Brown and Leah Sim, \textit{Fugitive Slave Advertisements in The City Gazette: Charleston, South Carolina, 1787-1797} (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2015); \textit{Charleston Courier} (1803-1853), mf. #AN 1.C53 S726, Cook Library, University of Southern Mississippi (with special thanks to Felisha Sheppard). The publication date is the first noted. Signifiers for imputed Africans include: no English, broken/bad English, outlandish, filed teeth, country marks, new Negroes. African runaways are listed in \textbf{bold}.
2 June 1733, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away, about a Fortnight ago, from Mr. Andrew Allen’s Plantation called Old Barns, a Negro Fellow [MAN] of a middle size, well sett, speaks no English: He had on when he run away, a white cotton Jacket & Breeches, he had lost 2 Toes, his little Toe, and the one next to it, on which Foot I can’t tell. Whoever brings the said Negro to the Plantation abovesaid, or to Mr. ANDREW ALLEN’s in Charlestown, shall be well rewarded.

9 June 1733, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Dr. Samuel Stevens’s Plantation at Westoe Savannah, about Dorchester, a Negro man named POMPEY, of Callabar, who has been in the Country about 7 months, pretty well made, of a middling stature, had sharp fil’d teeth before; and had on when he went away, a white Negro cloth jacket and breeches, but almost worn out, and a blue and white Negro cloth cap, & has some marks on the belly; two new Ebo Negroes [MAN] [MAN] are run away from a neighbouring Plantation, and supposed to be with him. Whoever bring the said Negro to the plantation aforesaid, shall have reasonable satisfaction from SAMUEL STEVENS.

14 July 1733, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Uriah Edwards of Dorchester, on the 5th Instant, a New Negro Girl, named JUNO, about 14 or 15 Years of Age, hath a large Scar on her right Knee, slender and strait Limb’d, and of the blackest Colour, lately imported to Joseph Wragg, Esq; Whoever secures, or brings the said Girl to URIAH EDWARDS above-named shall by him be handsomely rewarded.

9 February 1733, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Mr. Paine’s Plantation on Wando Neck on Saturday last 3 Negroe Men named HECTOR, PETER and DUBLIN, all of Angola, and speak but very little English: Hector is a lusty, tall, well-made Fellow, of a very black Complection, aged about 25: His brother Peter is as well made as he, but not so tall, with his Country-marks cut in shape of a Diamond on each of his Temples: They had both on, when they went away, light drab-colour’d Kersey Jackets and breeches with Horn buttons. Dublin is a tall full-faced and full-eyed Fellow, with short Whiskers, but not so black, nor so well made as the other two, he had on a white plains Jacket and breeches, they have carried with them their Axes and Howes, and ‘tis supposed have carried away Mr. Jeffrie’s Canoe, from his Landing.

18 May 1734, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away in April last from his Master Samuel Creigh at Winyaw a likely young Negro Fellow [MAN] speaks very little English, branded upon his shoulder PI. Whoever takes him up and brings him to his said Master, or to Mr. Johnson at Winyaw, shall have 4 l.[pound] Reward.
26 October 1734, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from Mr. Vander Heyden at Purysburg about five Weeks ago, Two Negro Men, one named PRINCE, and the other named CUPID; the last is a Lad of about 18 Years of age, very much Scarified in the face; the other about 25 Years: They had on when they went away each a blue Jacket and white Ozenbrigs Breeches. Whoever brings them to the said Gerrat Vander Heyden in Purysburg, or to Richard Woodward at Port Royal or to Mrs. Yoor in Charlestown, shall have 10 l.[pound] reward paid for each, and all reasonable Charges by GERRAT VANDER HEYDEN.

22 February 1735, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away on the 29th of December last from Capt. Johnson’s Plantation (near the Ponds) [sic] 4 Negro-Men, named ESHAM, EXETER, JUSTICE and BOSON, Justice can speak good English, the other three but little. They had on new Jackets and Breeches made of white Negro cloath, Whoever brings the said Negroes, or any of them to the said Plantation, shall have a 3 l.[pound] reward for each paid by STEPHEN DYER.

15 March 1735, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from Mr. Bryan Reily and Mr. John CarMichael [sic], two Irishmen servants . . . Run away likewise from the said Masters two Negro men (which we suspect they have taken with them) [sic], one this Country born, named GEORGE, he speaks good English, a short thick well set sensible fellow, the other named DERRY, a tall likely young Ibo Negro branded on the breast IC. Whoever takes them up and brings them to the said Masters or to the publick Goal in Charles Town, shall have a 10 l.[pound] reward for each of the white servants and reasonable charges. NB. A Hue and Cry is gone after them.

19 April 1735, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away about two Months ago from John Whippy at Edisto Island a new Negro named FLANDERS, speaks very little English has his Country marks on both Cheeks, he has been taken up at Mr. James Cochran’s Island about a Month since, but made off again. He had on a white Negro-Cloth Jacket & breeches. Whoever takea [sic] him up and brings him to his said Master at Edisto Island, shall have 5 l.[pound] reward, and whoever conceals him, may expect to be prosecuted at Law. JOHN WHIPPY.

10 May 1735, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away Saturday the 3d instant from the Plantation of Mr. Thomas Diston, a new middle seiz’d [sic] Angola Negro man [MAN], he has one sore eye, and was bought lately of Mr. Savage, had on an old pair of broad Cloth Breeches with blue puffs, and carried his blanket along with him. Whoever takes up the said Negro Fellow, and brings him to the Plantation aforesaid, or to Goal [sic] in Charlestown, shall be reasonably rewarded by JOSEPH WAY.
21 June 1735, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away some time in March last from Peter Roberts of Santee, an Eboe Negro man, by name **PRIMUS**, of a very yellow complexion with scars on each side of his stomach down his belly, he is a little fellow, and was cloathed when he went away in white plains: Any person that will bring the said Negro to his Master, shall be well regarded, & have all reasonable charges paid by PETER ROBERTS.

9 August 1735, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away a few days ago from David Mongin an Angola Negro Man, named **SOHO**, speaks very little english [sic], mark’d all over his breast his country mark, had on when he went away a blue jacket and brown fustian breeches with garters, he’s mark’d on his right or left knee with a burn about the bigness of an english shil [sic]. Likewise another on his back also three holes on each temple, not supposed to be out of town. Any one that brings the said Negro to his master in Charlestown shall be well rewarded, and all reasonable Charges paid by DAVID MONGIN Watch maker.

November 1735 [sic], *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Goose-Creek a new Negro [MAN] of a short slim stature, bought from Messrs. Cleland and Wallace,56 mark’d upon the shoulder AVD in one, had on a white Negro cloath jacket and breeches: Whoever takes up the said Negro and brings him to me, shall have 5 l.[pound] reward. ALEXANDER VANDER DUSSEN.

22 May 1736, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from John Edwards living on Edisto Island, a white Servant Boy named Peter . . . [sic] he has enticed an Angola Negro to go along with him, named **DICK**, speaks good English, a middling Stature, has on a homespun Jacket and breeches. Whoever takes up both or either of them and brings them to me or to Goal [sic], shall have for the white boy (who is a great Thief) [sic] 5 l.[pound] and for the Negro 3 l.[pound] besides all reasonable Charges.

29 May 1736, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away about 11 Months ago an Angola Negro Man named **SAMPSON**, speaks English, very well set for strength, lost two of his fore upper teeth. Whoever brings the said Fellow to Mary Guerin or Peter Marion at Goose Creek shall have 5 l.[pound] reward and all reasonable Charges pay’d by Mary Guerin or Peter Marion. Also good Corn to be had at the said Peter Marion of Goose-Creek.

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5 June 1736, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away an Angola Negro Wench named **FLORA**, she had on only a blue negro cloth petticoat. Whoever takes her up and gives notice, or brings her to the Printer, shall have 40 s.[shilling] reward paid by him.

4 September 1736, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Gone away from Mitton Plantation in St. John’s Parish 3 Gambia Negroes [**MAN**] [**MAN**] [**MAN**], bought of Mr. John Guerard out of the Cargo imported by Capt. Coe.57 Whoever brings the said Negroes to Mr. John Lawson at Mitton Plantation aforesaid, or to Thomas Monck in Charlestown, shall receive six l.[pound] reward for the three, or 40 s.[shilling] for each. They had on grayish Negro Jackets and Breeches with brass or white mettal [sic] Buttons.

23 October 1736, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away about 3 Week [sic] ago, 2 New Gambia Negroes, bought out of the Cargoe imported by Capt. Coe,58 they had on brownish jackets, and Breeches with Brass or white mettle [sic] buttons, and are named **SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER**. Whoever takes up the said Negroes, and brings them to Mitton Plantation in St. John’s Parish, or to me in Charlestown, shall receive 4 l.[pound] reward or 2 l.[pound] Currency for each. THO: MONCK.

12 February 1737, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Stray’d from the Plantation of William Donning at the Ponds Plantation, 2 Negro Men, one named **WILL** the other **TOM**, Angola Slaves; bought about 2 months ago of Joseph Wragg Esq: the one a tall Fellow with a red Jacket, blue Trowsers and Cap, the other a middling sized Fellow very black, he had on a brown Jacket, blue Trowsers and Cap. Any Person bringing the said Slaves to the said Plantation, shall have 4 l.[pound] for the two or 2 l.[pound] for the one by GEORGE DONNING.

12 March 1737, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away a lusty strong well set Angola Fellow named **CUDJO**, has been about two Years in the Country, is branded on his right Breast

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MONCK. [sic] Whoever takes up the said Negro and carries him to Henry Duffey at Mitton Plantation in St. John’s Parish, or brings him to me in Charlestown, shall recieve 5 l.[pound] currency reward by THO: MONCK.

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58 Ibid.
12 March 1737, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away a Fortnight ago from Barak Norman at Dorchester, a Negro Wench, named LUCY, she is a new Negro, and speaks no English, middle seized [sic] and well set, had on a Jacket and Petticoat of white Negro Cloth, and carried with her two Crocus Aprons, and has been seen towards Town. Whoever brings her to her said Master, shall have 2 l.[pound] reward and reasonable Charges.

4 June 1737, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Geo: Austin about Three Months ago, a tall Gambia Negro Man, named CAROLINA, about 25 years of age, speaks very bad English. Whoever will give intelligence of him to Sam. Eveleigh in Charles-Town (his present Master) [sic] so that he may be apprehended shall have 4 l.[pound] reward from said Eveleigh, and any one who shall hereafter employ him, shall be prosecuted with the utmost Severity.

6 August 1737, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from the Plantation of Isaac Porcher on Wassamsaw, a new Angola Negro Man, named CLAWS, he is a small Fellow, and very black, he had on when he went away a Breeches, Jacket and Cap of white Plains, pretty much worn and dirty, any Person who shall apprehend the said Negro Man, and bring him to his Master, or to Goal [sic] in Charlestown, or give Information so as he may be had again, shall receive 2 l.[pound] reward and all Charges paid by ISAAC PORCHER. N.B. As there is abundance of Negroes in this Province of that Nation, he may chance to be harbour’d among some of them, therefore all Masters are desired to give notice to their Slaves who shall receive the same reward, if they take up the said Run-away.

29 October 1737, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Ran away from Tho: Wright’s Plantation near Silk-Hope, an indented Servant Man . . . [sic] Also run away about two Months since, a Negro-Man, named PAUL, he can’t speak any English, having been only one Year in a Plantation.59 Whoever brings him to Tho: Wright’s Plantation, or to Wm. Roper of Charlestown, shall receive 3 l.[pound] reward.60

29 October 1737, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away a short squat Negro Man, named STEPHEN, was Patroon of a large Wood Boat, also a lusty strong Angola Negro [MAN], flat Nose, and much mark’d with the small Pox, is branded on the Shoulder AD. Whoever takes up those Negroes and carries them to Goal [sic], or my

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59 see also 2 February 1738, *South-Carolina Gazette*: ...Also run away in August last, a Negro Man named Paul, who had been one Year in my Plantation near Silk-Hope, he spoke little or no English. Whoever brings him to said Plantation, or can give any Intelligence of him, shall have a 10 l.[pound] paid upon Demand. ...Thomas Wright.

60 for duplicated advertisement, see 2 February 1738, *South-Carolina Gazette.*
Plantation in Goose-Creek, shall receive 10 l. [pound] for the first and 5 l. [pound] for the other. ALEXANDER VANDER DUSSEN.

12 January 1738, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from my Pettiauger at Elliot’s-Bridge, two Negro fellows, one an Angola Negro, named LEVI, about 19 years old, has a silver bobb in his right ear, the other an Ebo Negro, named KENT; they had on gowns of brown Kearsy with breeches of the same, and are both supposed to be up the Path, within 3 or 4 miles from Town. Whoever apprehends them and brings them to Mr. Geo: White in Broad-street, or to Mr. Johnson, Clark [sic] of the Market, shall have 40 s. [shillings] for each from WM. MARTIN.

2 February 1738, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Tho: Wright, about two Years since, a Negro Man named TRAMPUSE, branded on the right Shoulder TW in one, he could not speak English when he went away. If any Person gives any Intelligence of him so that he may be apprehended or discover’d, shall receive upon Demand 50 l. [pound] reward. Also run away in August last, a Negro Man named Paul, who had been one Year in my Plantation near Silk-Hope, he spoke little or no English. Whoever brings him to said Plantation, or can give any Intelligence of him, shall have a 10 l. [pound] paid upon Demand. Also run away in November last, a Negro Man named CHARLES, he speaks pretty good English, is an elderly Fellow, is branded TW in one, on the right Shoulder, and has had a large Cut on the Small of his Back, he is supposed to be harboured by the Negroes of Silk-Hope Plantation. Whosoever apprehends him and brings him to my Plantation near Silk-Hope, shall have 5 l. [pound]. Also run away in January last, from my Plantation near Silk-Hope, two new Negro Men, they speak but little English, they are branded on the right Shoulder TW in one, one of them is named WILL the other SUMMER. If any Person brings them to said Plantation, shall receive 40 s. [shilling] reward for each. THOMAS WRIGHT.

16 February 1738, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from Mr. George Sommer’s the Beginning of August last, two tall Gambia Negro Men, named PRINCE and CHOPCO, talk but little English, which I suppose to be harbour’d at some Plantation. If any Person will inform me where the said Negroes are entertained, shall have 40 l. [pound] for each; and any Person bringing them to Mr. Fley in Charlestown, or my Plantation at Beach-Hill on Edisto River, shall have 20 l. [pound] for each.

23 February 1738, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away a Week since an Angola Negro, called HECTOR, about 20 Years of Age, speak English, and had on an Oznabrig Shirt, and blue Negro Cloth Jacket, and is branded on his right Shoulder IO. Whoever takes him up and brings him to me, shall receive 40 s. [shilling] reward paid by EDW. ORAM.

61 [duplicate] see 29 October 1737, *South-Carolina Gazette.*
16 March 1738, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from Ferdinando Dart in April last [1737], a Negro Man, named **NORCOTT**, he could not speak English when he went away, & in October last, 3 Negro Men, SAMBO, BOSWINE, & PETER; Boswine branded on his Back D. And the 12th Instant, two Negro Men, ADAM & STRAFFORD, both speak English, stought, able Fellows. Whoever carries them to my Plantation at Pon-Pon, or brings them to me in Charles-Town, shall have 40 s.[shilling] for each of the two last, and 10 l.[pound] for each of the 4 first, from JOHN DART.

23 March 1738, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Benjamin Godin’s Plantation, about 3 Weeks since, 3 Angola Negro Men, named **HARRY, CYRUS** and **CHATHAM**, they have been in the Country three Years, and speak little English, they are branded BG on the right or left Breast, and are suppos’d to be gone towards Winyaw, Harry having before (about a Year ago) [sic] run away and been taken up in that Part of the Country. Also run away a Mustee Negro Man, named SAM, he is a short thick well made Fellow, and a Gambia Negro Man, named **NED**, he speaks English, and is a lusty, tall Fellow, branded as aforesaid. Whoever shall apprehend the said Negroes or any of them, shall receive 10 l.[pound] per Head, from BENJ. GODIN.

22 June 1738, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Richard Wright’s Plantation on Caucaw Swamp 5 Negro Men, one named CYRUS, born in Carolina, formerly belonging to Mrs. Trott, one named WILL, formerly belonging to Mr. Swinton at Winyaw, one called **CAIN** a Bambra [Bambara] Negro, Two Angola Negro Men, one named **BEN** the other **SYMON**. If any person takes any of them up and brings them to Mr. Wm. Roper in Charles-Town, or to their Master at his Plantation, shall receive 40 s.[shilling] for each Negro, and all reasonable Charges from RICHARD WRIGHT.

6 July 1738, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away an Angola Negro Man, named **KINSALE**, middle sized, well set, about 20 years of Age, speaks good English, he belonged to the Late Mr. Hill’s Estate, and is supposed to be lurking about the Hon. Mr. Secretary Hammerten or Mr. Cartwright’s Plantation on the Neck, or Mr. Hill or Mr. Godfrey’s on the other side Ashley River. Whoever brings him to Goal [sic], shall have 5 l.[pound] reward, and reasonable Charges. J. BADENHOP.

24 August 1738, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Stray’d or run away on Saturday Night last, from the Ship Princess Carolina now lying at Ashley-Ferry) [sic] a new Negro Man Slave [**MAN**],62 middle sized, thin Man, he had on when

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he went away, a colour’d worsted Cap, a pair of brown Oznabrig Trowsers, and branded behind the left shoulder thus O. [sic] Whoever brings the said Slave to the said Ship Princess Carolina, or to John Billiald at Ashley-Ferry, or to Rice Price in Charlestown, shall receive 5 l.[pound] reward, and all reasonable Charges paid by either of the abovesaid, or by the Owner. THO: WILKINSON.

19 October 1738, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away about 9 Months ago, two Gambia Negroes, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, the one his Name is WALLEY, the other’s BOCARREY, they were some time ago seen near New Windsor. Whoever will apprehend either of the above Negroes, and deliver them either to Mr. Roper Merchant in Charlestown, or to me at my Plantation on Wampee Savannah, shall receive 5 l.[pound] for each of them. WILLIAM WALTER.

7 December 1738, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from Ja: Bulloch’s Plantation, near Pon Pon Bridge, on the 7th of Nov. [sic] last, 3 new Angola Negro Men, they speak little or no English, and had on when he [sic] went away new Cloaths of white Plains, with a new Duffil Blanket each, branded upon their right Breasts just above the nipple B, and are named FELLOW, EDINBURGH & HUMPHRY, the first, viz. Fellow is very remarkable with Bumps on the Joints of his two Knees and Elbows. Whoever takes them up or any of them, ships them according to Law, and brings them home, shall, over and above what the Law appoints, have 40 s.[shilling] paid them by JAMES BULLOCH.

21 December 1738, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away about 3 Weeks ago, from Mrs. Skinner, an Angola Negro GIRL about 14 Years of Age, she speaks pretty good English, had on blue Linnen Cloaths. Whoever takes her up and brings her to Mr. Ja: Withers in Charlestown, shall have 40 s.[shilling] reward.

11 January 1739, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from John Treer near Madam Drayton’s Cowpen in the Month of August last, a short, broad shouldered, well made, new Angola Negro Man [MAN], and is imagined to be lurking about some of the Plantations there, or else gone towards Beach Hill or Dorchester, he was then pinioned on his Arms, and had a red Duffil Blanket with him, could speak no English. Whoever discovers, apprehends and brings him to John Treer nigh Willtown, or to the Subscriber at Mr. John Atchison’s Plantation at Stono, shall have 10 l.[pound] reward. GEORGE MITCHELL.

3 May 1739, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away a short well set Negro Man, named GOLLA HARRY, lately belonging to the Hon. Alex. Skene, has been gone ever since his Sale. Whoever takes him up and brings him to Goal [sic] or to my Plantation shall have 10 l.[pound] paid by ALEX. VANDER DUSSEN.
8 September 1739, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Mr. Wm. Shaw at Edisto, a Haloe Negro Fellow, very yellow, thick and well set, with his Teeth filed, speaks a little English, and had on when he went away a white Negro Cloth Jacket and Breeches and a Hat, and named **CUFFEE**. Whoever brings him to the said SHAW, shall be well rewarded.

26 January 1740, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from James Akin a Negro fellow, lately belonging to Capt. James Wathen, named **BASEY**, is a short well set fellow of a tawny complexion, speaks broken English, and is either an Eboe or Calebar Negro.63 Whoever takes him up and brings him to the Plantation of said James Akin or to Mr. Wm. Roper in Charlestown, shall have 5 l.[pound] reward paid by said Akin.

2 February 1740, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Peter and Isaac Seccare at Peadee, speak little or no English, and had on when they went away white Negro Cloth Jackets and Breeches, and have not had the Small-Pox. The one named **OCTOBER**, a middle sized Fellow, about 35 Years of Age; the other named **JACK**, about five Feet high and about 29 Years of Age. Whoever takes them up and brings them to me the said Seccares shall have 20 l.[pound] reward.

9 February 1740, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away the 6th of this instant from Mr. William Shaw of North-Edisto an Angola Negro Man a Wench Name [sic] **POMPEY** & MENDA and two young Childrens [sic] [CHILD] [CHILD], formerly belonging to Wm. McKenzie deceased, they are both very well known in Town & Goose-Creek, whosoever takes them up and brings them to the owner shall have 5 £ reward.

9 February 1740, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Mr. Ja: Cochran’s Plantation on Daususea, 2 new Angola Negro Men [MAN] [MAN], branded on the left Breast A, closed at the Bottom. Whoever brings them to the said Plantation, or Mrs. Middleton’s at Goose-Creek, shall be well rewarded.

5 July 1740, *South-Carolina Gazette*
On the 25th of June last from my Plantation at Goose-Creek, an Angola Negro Fellow named **SANTRY**, had on when he went away a brown Coth Coat, lin’d with red Shalloon, and is very well known in both Town and Country. Whoever takes him up and brings him to me at Goose-Creek, or to the Printer shall have 3 l.[pound] reward. JOHN MARTINI.

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63 Given his name, “Bassey” was very likely a Calabar [Efik] African.
1 August 1740, *South-Carolina Gazette*
An Angola Negro Girl about 18 Years of Age, named **FLORA**, lately run away from her Master Rich. Linter Carpenter, in Charlestown. Whoever finds her and brings her back again to her said Master, shall receive 40 sh.[shilling] reward, which shall be paid by the said RICHARD LINTER.

12 February 1740, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run=away [sic] from John Tucker the 30th of January last, a short Angola Negro Fellow named **AUGUST**, had on when he went away, one Ozenbrig and one speckled Shirt, a white Negro Cloth Jacket and Breeches, a pair of woollen Stockings, and old shoes, a Handkerchief about his Head, and old Hat, and a Silver Jewel in one of his Ears. Whoever takes him up and brings him to the said John Tucker, or the Printer hereof, shall have 3 l.[pound] Reward.

19 March 1741, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from my Plantation at Stono, about six Months ago, a tall Gambia Negro Fellow, nam’d **TONY**, formerly belonged to Mr. Cheeseman of Barbados, and was of that parcel sold by Messrs. Lake & Hare the 3d of Dec. [sic] 1739. He is supposed to be harboured about Goose Creek. Whoever apprehends and brings him to me at Stono, shall have 10 £ reward.
FREDERICK GRIMKE.

2 April 1741, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the Subscriber at James-Island, two Angola Negro Men, named **CUDJOE** and **CLAMELL**, Cudjoe had one when he went away, two or three old white Negro Cloth Jackets, and a Cap with a Flap turn’d up with Blue, and is a pretty tall Fellow: Clamell had on when he went away, an old brown Cloth Jacket, one pair of strip’d cotton Breeches, and one of blue and white Linnen, and one of white Negro Cloth; he formerly belonged to Mr. Anthony Williams of Williamsburgh Surveyor. Whoever takes them up and brings them to their Master the Subscriber, or to the Work House in Charlestown, shall have 40 sh.[shilling] reward for each, paid by ARCHIBALD SCOTT.

4 June 1741, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from Richard Baker’s Boat at Dorchester, a Negro Fellow named **DICK**, about 30 Years of Age, he is very short and of a pleasant Look, is lame in his right Leg, and speaks but little English, had on when he went away an Oznabrig Frock without Sleeves and a clare knee’d Trowsers, and took with him a Hat and Flannel Jacket from his Consort. Whoever takes up and brings him to Mr. Thomas Legare in Charlestown, or to me at Dorchester, shall have 3 l.[pound] reward. RICHARD BAKER.
18 June 1741, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Mr. Guichard’s Plantation at Goose-Creek, **TOM**, a tall thin strong Fellow, had on when he went away, a Yellow Jacket, Oznabrig Breeches, Cap and Hat: **PRIMUS**, a short squat Fellow, and **SAMBO**, a tall Fellow, both had on Negro Cloth Jackets and Breeches; **TONY**, a broken bellied Fellow, had on a Negro Cloth Gown, they all speak little English, and ran away in May last: Also a Week ago, another Negro Fellow named **JACK**, has an Impediment in his Speech, but being this Country born he speaks pretty good English, had on a Yellow Jacket, Capt [sic] and fine Hat. Whoever takes them up and brings to me in Charlestown, or to my Plantation at Goose Creek, shall have 40 s.[shilling] reward for each. FRANCIS GUICHARD. N.B. They are suppos’d to be sculking about Red bank in Goose-Creek, Christ Church Parish, or Wassamsaw.

13 March 1742, *South-Carolina Gazette*
In May, 1740, ran away from Pine-Tree-Creek, a slim, middle sized Angola Negro Fellow, named **LONDON**, has been 10 Years in this Province formerly belonging to Mr. John Elliot, of St. John’s Parish, but now to John Scott, and is supposed to be harbour’d in some of the Out Settlements. Whoever brings the said Fellow, or gives such Intelligence of him that he may be had again, to said John Scott or Mrs. Anne Le Bas, shall have 20 £ reward.

13 September 1742, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Robt. Quash’s Plantation, on the Head of the Eastern Branch of Cooper River, a tall young Gambia Negro Man, named **GLASGOW**, can talk a little English, and formerly belonged to William Saunders deceased. Whoever takes up the said Negro and brings him home, shall have 5 l.[pound] reward from ROBERT QUASH.

18 October 1742, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away about a Month ago, from Mr. Wragg’s Plantation, in the Parish of St. James Goos Creek, commonly call’d Spring Grove, 5 Negro Men viz. **LIMBRICK**, a lusty black well sett Fellow, near six Feet high; several scars on his Back with a (?) [sic] Skin; **CATO** a tall slim Fellow with no Marks upon him; **CYRUS** a lusty black Fellow, a little pitted with the Small pox; **SCIPIO**, a short well sett Fellow, very black; They are all Sawyers, and speak very good English; **EDINBOROUGH** a young likely Fellow, about 20 Years of Age & speaks but very little English. They had all white Negro Cloth Jackets and Breeches on, when they ran away: Whoever takes up the said Negroes, or any of them, and brings them to the said Plantation, or to Joseph Wragg in Charles-Town, shall be well rewarded for their Trouble.

17 January 1743, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from my Plantation at Pedee in Winyaw, a lusty tall Gambia Negro Fellow, nam’d **TONEY**, about 35 Years of Age, speaks pretty good English, he belonged formerly to Capt. Ebenezer Simmons, in Charles Town, had on when he went away White Plains Jacket and
Breeches, and an Oznabrig Shirt, and affects to dress like a Sailor. Whoever will bring him to his Master shall have 5 £ reward, from JOHN OULDFIELD.

14 February 1743, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away about the first of November, a short thick Elboa [sic] Negro fellow named TOM, who formerly had belonged to Mr. Shute, he had on when he went away a white Negro cloth jacket and breeches, and speaks but very little English. Whoever brings the said Negro to the Subscriber or Capt. John McKenzie in Charles-Town, shall receive 5 l.[pound] reward. STEPHEN BULL, jun.

4 April 1743, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from Edward Fisher about the 12th of March last, two Negro fellows, named CYRUS and CASAR [sic], the former is an Ebo, and the other an Angola fellow, both had on white Homespun Jackets and Breeches. Cyrus had on besides a Garlix shirt and breeches, they both speak pretty good English, and are supposed to be harboured about Togudoo or Ponpon. Whoever brings them to the Work House in Charles-Town, or to Edward Fisher aforesaid, on Wadmelaw Island, shall receive 5 l.[pound] reward for each.64

10 October 1743, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from George Ducat, a Negro Man named MORRICE, a young fellow about 25 or 26 Years of Age, a Calabar Negro, speaks indifferent English, has been gone these 3 weeks from his Master. Any Person that takes him and brings him home, shall be rewarded for their trouble. By George Ducat.

4 June 1744, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away, from Elizabeth Grove, an Angola Negro Woman named JENNY, her Teeth fil’d, full ey’d [sic], and of a middle Age, speaks good English. Whoever takes up and brings the said Negro Woman to Mr. Daniel Thomas, Schoolmaster in Charlestown, or to John Rice, Constable, shall have 40 sh.[shilling] reward, and if taken up in the Country, the reasonable Charges.

64 Cf. the classic description of the supposed enmity between Igbo [“Iba”] and Angola [“Gulli”] in the Ashley River region of coastal South Carolina in the 1770s:

It is diverting to hear them in their quarrels, reproaching one another with their respective countries.—There are some provinces from whence the negroes are brought, whereof the people have a violent antipathy to one another, and when they are brought over here, the same antipathy subsists; those of the Gulli or Gully, and Iba are the chief.—The one will say to the other, “You be Gulli Niga, what be the use of you, you be good for nothing.” The other will reply, “You be Iba Niga; Iba Niga great ‘askal [rascal]”’; James Barclay, The Voyages and Travels of James Barclay, Containing Many Surprising Adventures, and Interesting Narratives (Dublin, Ireland, 1777), p.26.
26 November 1744, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the Subscriber some Months ago, a lusty Negro Fellow named CASAR, this Country born, he has a Sister at Mr. Alexander Peronneau’s, by which he is supposed to be harboured. And on the 8th of this Instant Nov. [sic] a short Angola Negro Fellow named ABERDEEN, but goes by the Name of JACK in Charlestown, he speaks good English, and had on when he went away, a Sailor’s Oznabrug Frock, a check’d Shirt, and a pair of old Ticken Breeches; he was harboured some Time ago by the Boatswain of the Rose, telling him he was a free Man and has been so for Two Years past, and had a mind to go to Sea; he was seen in Town last Monday. Whoever takes up the said Negroes and brings them to David Brown Shipwright in Charlestown, or to me, shall have 3 l.[pound] reward and reasonable Charges.
WILLIAM BRUCE. Nov. 15, 1744

1 April 1745, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away about six Months ago, two Angola Negroes belonging to Mr. Samuel Wragg, one a Man, named MANUEL, the other a Woman, named PLABY, both are branded on the Shoulder SW. Whoever takes them up and gives Notice thereof to Doct. John Baptist Bourquin at Purrysburgh, shall have 7 l.[pound] Reward, besides Charges.

19 August 1745, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away above three Months ago, an Angola Negro Fellow named SAMPSON, speaks very little English, had on when he went away a white Duffil Jacket, and a blue broad Cloth Breeches. Whoever takes up and brings him to me in Charlestown, shall have 5 l.[pound] as a Reward, besides the reasonable Charges. DANIEL BOURGET.65

1 February 1746, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away on the 25th of January last, a Negro Man named LONDON, a Butcher, about 19 Years of Age, Angola born, speaks good English, and is about 5 Feet high, had on when he went away a blue Negro Cloth Jacket, and a white one, a pair of red Breeches, and oznabrug Trowsers. Whoever harbours or entertains the said Negro, will be prosecuted with the utmost severity; and whoever brings him to me shall have 5 l.[pound] Reward. SAMUEL SMITH.

18 October 1746, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Ran Away in January last, a Negro Fellow named CAROLINA, and his Wife VENUS, both formerly belonging to the Estate of Capt. Richard Wright, but now to the Estate of Doct. Arthur

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65 See also 11 April 1748, *South-Carolina Gazette*: Run-Away on the 17th Instant, and supposed to be gone in a Canow [sic] to the Southward, two Angola Negro Men, one named MOSES, middle siz’d, his Country Name MONVIGO, had on a Linen Jacket, broad Cloth Breeches with silver’d thread Buttons, and a woollen mill’d Cap; the other a tall, lusty and elderly Fellow, named SAMPSON, his Country Name GOMA, had on a blue woollen Jacket and black Breeches. Whoever delivers them to me in Charles-Town, shall have 10 l.[pound] Reward for each, besides reasonable Charges. DANIEL BOURGET.
Mowbray, deceased; Carolina is tall and lusty, a Gambia Negro and very black pitted with the Small Pox, and talks pretty good English; they have been seen about Capt. Richard Wright’s Plantation at Ashepoo. Whoever takes up and delivers the said Negroes to me at the Plantation at Stono whereon Doct. Mowbray lately lived, or to the Work House in Charles Town, shall have 10 l.[pound] Reward besides reasonable Charges, of LILLIAS MOWBRAY, Executrix.

18 October 1746, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from his Master at Ashley-Ferry, a young middle siz’d Angola Negro Fellow named NED, has some Marks (where he was whipt) [sic] on his Back, had on an Oznabrug Breeches, and speaks good English when he pleases. The Person concealing, employing or entertaining the said Ned, may depend on being prosecuted with the utmost Severity. Whoever brings him to me, shall have 3 l.[pound] Reward, besides reasonable Charges. JOHN GORDON.
N.B. He formerly belonged to Mr. Batsford.

11 May 1747, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the Parsonage in St. Thomas’s Parish, on the 2d day of May last; a Negro man named MARCH, a short slender fellow, Ibo born, and speaks a little English. He formerly belonged to the estate of Major William Pinckney, and is supposed to have gone toward Ashepoo where he then lived. Any person who apprehends the said fellow, and brings him to the Printer, or to the Work-House in Charles Town, shall have 3 l. [pound] reward, besides charges according to Law, paid by ALEXANDER GARDEN, Jun.

14 September 1747, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the Subscriber on St. Helena Island, on the 11th of July last, a Negro fellow named MINGO, about 40 years old, and his wife QUANE, a sensible wench about 20, with her child a BOY about 3 years old, all this Country born: Also CUDJO a sensible Coromantee Negro fellow, about 45 ears old, stutters, and his wife DINAH, an Ebo wench that speaks very good English, with her two children, a BOY about 8 Years old, and a GIRL of about 18 months. Whoever takes up and delivers them to me or to the Work-House in Charles-Town, shall have 10 l.[pound] reward besides reasonable Charges. THOMAS CHISHAM.

14 March 1748, South-Carolina Gazette
Run-Away from the Subscriber, an Angola Negro man, middle sized and about 26 Years of Age, named PRINCE, formerly belonged to John Cook at Santee, and had on an old brown cloth jacket over two new cotton ones, blue cap, leather breeches, homespun boots, and shoes. Also an Ebo wench, aged about 19 years, named LYDIA, has lost one of her toes, and formerly belonged to Mr. Wragg. Whoever delivers the said Negroes to me or to Mr. John Cordes, shall have 5 l. [pound] reward, besides reasonable charges. PATRICK BRINNON.
11 April 1748, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run-Away on the 17th Instant, and supposed to be gone in a Canow [sic] to the Southward, two Angola Negro Men, one named **MOSES**, middle siz’d, his Country Name MONVIGO, had on a Linnen Jacket, broad Cloth Breeches with silver’d thread Buttons, and a woollen mill’d Cap; the other a tall, lusty and elderly Fellow, named **SAMPSON**, his Country Name GOMA, had on a blue woollen Jacket and black Breeches. Whoever delivers them to me in Charles-Town, shall have 10 l.[pound] Reward for each, besides reasonable Charges. DANIEL BOURGET.

16 May 1748, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from the Subscriber, a short, clumsey, Angola Negro Man, named **SIMON**, formerly belonging to Mr. Jenys deceased. Whoever secures and delivers him to me, or carries him to the Work-House, shall have 3 l.[pound] Reward and usual Charges. CHARLES HILL.

20 June 1748, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run-Away from my Island, Two Negro Men, **LYMUS** and **FRANK**, the former is black, tall and thin, and born in Guiney, the latter this Country born, about 20 Years old, a very well made likely Fellow, and is supposed to be kept out by Mr. Henry Yonge’s Negros near Port-Royal. Whoever delivers the said Negros to John Pritchard on the said Island, or to me in Charles-Town, shall have 5 l.[pound] Reward for each. ANNE BOONE.

24 October 1748, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run-Away from the Subscriber, a tall Angola Negro Wench, about 40 Years old, named **FLORA**, speaks so bad English that she can hardly be understood, had on when she went away a white Negro Cloth Petticoat and blue Jacket. Whoever secures her in the Work-house in Charles-Town, or brings her to Mr. John Vaun, or to me, shall be rewarded. MARY ELIZABETH TIMOTHY.

26 December 1749, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from the Subscriber, on the 21st of Dec. [sic] a young Angola Negro Man, named **BRUTUS** (formerly belonged to Mr. Benjamin Seabrook) [sic] and is supposed to be harbour’d on Ashley River. Whoever will apprehend the said Negro, and deliver him to me, or the Warden of the Work-House, shall receive 3 l.[pound] Reward; And whoever harbours the said Negro, shall be prosecuted to the utmost severity of the Law. JOHN SEABROOK.

2 October 1749, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away, and commonly is harboured by the Whitter’s negroes on John’s-Island, and by Mr. Styles’s, an Ebo negro fellow named **SIMON**, well known in town and country, and pretends to

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66 [duplicative], see 19 August 1745, *South-Carolina Gazette.*
be a doctor. Whoever brings him to me in Charles-Town, shall have 10 l. [pound] reward, but whoever harbours or entertains him must expect to be prosecuted with the utmost severity, by JACOB MARTIN.

21 May 1750, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away May the 22d, from the subscriber’s plantation, in Christ Church parish, 5 negroes, viz. CATO, his face scarified [sic] with his country marks; SAMBO, with blear eyes; ABRAM, a thin young fellow; JUNO, a tall likely wench; the above 4 new negroes: And PHAEBE, speaks French and English, her hands emaciated with the yaws.\(^{67}\) Whoever brings them to the work house, or to my plantation, shall have a satisfactory reward. RICHARD L’ON.

25 March 1751, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away the 10th of November 1749, from Jonathan Evans, an Angola negro man, named CESARS, about 25 or 30 years of age, a short well set fellow, pretty much marked with the small pox, was late the property of Mr. John Pettenger at the Congrees, and formerly belonged to Mr. Abrahm Slan near Dorchester. Whoever will take up the said negro and bring him to Mr. William Howell at the Congrees, shall have £ 25 reward, and if to the subscriber, at the Long-Pond in Bladen county on Cape-Fear river, shall have fifty pounds South-Carolina money reward, paid by JONATHAN EVANS.

15 July 1751, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the Plantation of Charles Pinckney, Esq; on Ashepoo-River, the beginning of February last, three negro men, viz. CUFFEE, a tall, slim, yellow fellow, about six feet high, and about 26 years old, this country born, a sensible fellow, speaks very good English, and formerly belonged to Mr. William Harden at the Horse-Shoe. ADAM, a thick-set black Angola fellow, between 30 and 40 years of age, and speaks good English is a pretty good sawyer, and formerly belonged to Mr. Anthony Poitevine in St. Thomas’s parish. JUNE, a small black Angola fellow upwards of 30 years of age, and speaks but indifferent English; formerly belonged to Mr. William Guy, jun. at Goose-Creek. Whoever takes up any of the above negroes, and sends them to the said Pinckney in Charles-Town, or to Mr. Josiah Sullivan at the aforesaid plantation on Ashepoo-River, shall receive Five Pounds reward for each, over and above what is allowed by law. CHARLES PINCKNEY.

\(^{67}\) A common, and feared, disease thought to be distinctive to slaves with symptoms of lesions on the skin that lasted from several weeks to as long as three years. The disease appears to have had a West African origin, but is also associated with severe nutritional deficiencies. The secondary symptoms were similar to syphilis, and both were called “bubos” in the Spanish Americas, though in the Anglophone Caribbean yaws was often compared to leprosy and other contagious “scrofulous” diseases. See Kenneth F. Kiple, *The Caribbean Slave: A Biological History* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984), pp.21, 136-140, 243-244 n29.
29 July 1751, South-Carolina Gazette
Went away from my Plantation the 14th of July last, a middle sized new negro man [MAN], has lost several of his teeth, and has a large bump like a kernel between the skin and the ribs on one side; had on when he went away a white negro cloth round his waist, and a red cap: can’t speak one word of English. Whoever brings him to me, shall have Five Pounds reward. JOHN PAMOK.

23 October 1751, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the Subscriber, living on the North-side of Black River, a Gambia new negro fellow bought of Messrs Austin and Laurens in July last, answers to the name of MANSO, is very black and middle sized, mark’d on the forehead with a cross, and three perpendicular strokes on each cheek, and has also the mark of a large cut on his back, as if done with a cutlass. Whoever brings him to his master, or to Mr. William Newman shall have Five Pounds; or more, according to the trouble had in taking and bringing him. JAMES CONYERS.

8 November 1751, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the Plantation of Mr. Alexander Perronneau, a short well set Angola negro fellow named CORDELIER, speaks good English (having been in this province from a boy) formerly belonging to Edmond Atkin, Esq; at Hobcaw, suppos’d to be thereabout and often in Charles-Town. He has been absent three weeks, and had on when he went away oznabrugs shirt and breeches; and an old negro cloth jacket. Whoever will bring the said fellow to the above plantation on Wando, or to the warden of the work-house, shall receive Five Pounds as a reward from NATHAN TART.

18 May 1752, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the Subscriber, on the 24th of February last, a tall lusty Guinea negro man, named GLASGOW, pitted with the small-pox, and formerly belonged to Mr. Cripps, by whom he was sold at public vendue in December last. Whoever brings him to me near Doct. Linning’s plantation at French Santee, or to the work-house, shall have a 10 l.[pound] reward. JOHN BAKER.

10 August 1752, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the Subscriber, two negro men, one named PAUL, a tall likely black Barbados born fellow, about 40 years of age, stammers in his speech, very well known in Charles-Town, and supposed to be harboured either there at Mrs. Bennet’s, where he hath a wife, or at Henry Middleton, Esq.’s Savannah plantation, where his mother and sister are: The other an Ebo fellow, named ISAAC, middle sized, likely and black, speaks but indifferent English, Whoever takes up and brings them to the work-house, or to either of my plantations, on Ashley River or Bear-

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68 cf. TAST (1999), ID#90296, the Orrell, Capt. Samuel Lacer, from Liverpool via Gambia, disembarked 29 July 1751 in South Carolina, 105 slaves.
Swamp, shall have £ 3 reward for each. As they both pretend to be sailors, and Paul a cook besides, 'tis likely they will attempt to go off in some vessel, against taking whom on board all masters, &c. are hereby cautioned. RICHARD LAKE.

10 August 1752, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the Subscriber, a new negro man named POMPEY, a tall thin fellow and remarkable for having six toes upon one foot, and the scar of a cut with whip saw on one of his knees. Any person that can apprehend the said negro, and deliver him to me in St. Thomas’s parish, or to the warden of the work-house, shall have Five Pounds reward; but whoever harbours, entertains or conceals him, shall be prosecuted agreeable to law. ALEXANDER GARDEN, jun.

19 September 1752, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away in May, 1751, from the subscriber, 3 Angola negro men, one named ISHMAEL, one ANDREW, and the other JACOB. Whoever brings the said negroes to me at Ashepoo bridge, shall have ten pounds per head, or fifty pounds, for the three. ABRAHAM SWADLER.

29 January 1753, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away, a Negro fellow named PRINCE, formerly belonging to Major Pinckney, had on a red broad cloth jacket, and a white one over it, with his country marks like diamonds between his eye-brows. And a tall slim wench, called MARIA, formerly belonged to Justice Gordon, had on a dark camblet gown. Whoever takes them up shall be handsomely rewarded by the subscriber, who lives in Elliott street next door to Mr. Fowler’s. WILLIAM SHEPPARD.

19 February 1753, South-Carolina Gazette
Run-Away in Dec. [sic] last, two negro men, named ISHMAEL and PLYMOUTH; Ishmael, an Angola fellow, about 30 years of age, and hath an impediment in his speech, Plymouth an Ebo negro, about 24 years of age: Whoever brings them to the subscriber, or gives him information where they may be found, shall have a reward of Ten Pounds for each: And whoever harbours or entertains them, may depend on being prosecuted with the utmost severity by JOSAIAH PERREY.

27 August 1753, South-Carolina Gazette
Strolled away from my house, about midnight between thursday [sic] the 16th and friday the 17th instant, a tall well-made new negro man (of the Mindinga country) [sic] of a yellowish complexion, can speak no English, had on a new osnabrug shirt, and long trowsers, and a new romall handkerchief about his head. The hair of his forehead, about two or three inches up toward the crown of his Head, was lately cut of [sic] with scissars [sic], and will appear as a mark for some time to come. His name is JOHN, but he will more readily answer to the name of FOOTABEA, which he went by in his own country. He is supposed to have been decoyed away
by some other negro. Whoever takes him up, and delivers him to me in Charles-Town, shall have a reward of Five Pounds current money, and reasonable charges. HENRY LAURENS.

3 September 1753, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from the Subscriber, living on St. Helena’s Island, a short yellow negro fellow named **JACK**, with filed teeth, had on when he went away, a pair of sailor’s trousers. Also a short fat negro wench named **LINDA**, pitted with the small pox, belonging to Mr. Permenter, of Port Royal, had on a brown homespun gown, and ‘tis supposed she was decoyed away by the said fellow. Whoever brings them to me or said Permenter, shall have Ten Pounds reward for each, and all reasonable charges. DANIEL WILLIAMS.

24 September 1753, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Strolled from my Plantation in Goose-Creek, on Monday night the 17th instant, two Gambia new negro men: One of them a tall fellow [**MAN**], had on a striped worsted cap, with shirt and breeches of brown roles, or crocus, hath lost one of his toes, and hath a large bump in the back of his neck: The other [**MAN**] a short yellow fellow, lost two of his fore teeth, hath a dent in each cheek, with a bump on the shin of his right leg, had on an indigo [sic] bag for a cap, with shirt and breeches of brown roles. Whoever takes up the said negroes, and delivers them to the warden of the work-house, Mr. George Smith, merchant, in Charles Town, or to me at my plantation, shall be 50 sh. [shilling] reward for each, from JOHN FILBIN. Sept. 19, 1753.

24 September 1753, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from the Subscriber’s house, about Ten days ago, a tall, thin new negro wench named **MARY**, speaks little or no English, she formerly belonged to Francis Curtin, and lived some time at Doct. Carne’s, she looks very sickly, was once taken up on the Broad-Path, going towards the Quarter-House, and is supposed to have gone that way again. Whoever brings her to me, or to the warden of the work-house, shall have 40 sh. [shilling] reward. WILLIAM GLEN. Sept. 17, 1753.

29 October 1753, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from the Subscriber, a negro man named **QUAMINA**, formerly belonging to Samuel Dunlap, of Ponpon, a short thick Ebo fellow, by trade a copper, speaks very little or no English, very well known in Charles-Town, where he is supposed to be harboured. Whoever harbours or entertains him, may expect to be prosecuted with the utmost rigor; but whoever brings him to me, or the work-house, shall have 3 l. [pound] reward. THOMAS ROSE.

15 January 1754, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away, the beginning of March last [1753], 4 Gambia new negro men, viz. **CAESAR**, a tall slim yellow fellow, about 20 years of age, with a hair mole on one side of his face. **WALLY**, a yellow fellow, near 6 feet high, very lusty, about 20 years of age, and a little ruptured. **DUKE**, a
black well made fellow, about 6 feet high, with several of his country marks down each side of his face, and about 30 years of age. **BEN**, a short well set black fellow, about 5 feet 6 inches high, with one of his feet crooked. And in September last [1753], a Gambia negro man named **JUSTICE**, a slim fellow near 6 feet high, with several of his country marks down each side of his face, and some of fore teeth out. Any person that takes up and delivers them to the subscriber on the Indian Land, or the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, shall receive Five Pounds reward for each of them, and all reasonable charges, of DANIEL HEYWARD.

22 January 1754, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away, an Angola Negro named **CUDJOE**, about 18 years of age, a bricklayer by trade, carried with him his tools and a blanket, and had on one osnabrug and one negro cloth jacket, and negro cloth breeches. Whoever brings him to the work-house, or to Thomas Miles at Ashepoo, shall have a 10 l.[pound] reward.

28 May 1754, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away From the subscriber on Edisto-Island, a Guiney negro fellow, named **BOY**, pretty old, tall, and round shouldered; he belonged formerly to Mr. Paul Jenys’s estate, and once to Mr. Bell on James Island. Whoever brings him to me, or carries him to the work-house, shall have 5 l.[pound] reward. JOHN McLEOD.

18 July 1754, *South-Carolina Gazette*
On Sunday the 7th Instant (July) [sic] ran away from the subscriber in Charles-Town, a very hairy, short, thick, chubby negro fellow, named **MARCH**, between 30 and 40 years old, Angola born, formerly the property of Jonah Collins deceased, and lately belonging to John Balzegar of Orangeburgh: He had on when he went away, a checkqued [sic] shirt, large osnabrug breeches with strings in the knees, an old hat cut in the form of a jockey cap, and an old homespun blue and white waistcoat; was lately bou’t at vendue; and it’s imagined that if he is not harboured in or about Charles Town, he is gone towards Orangeburgh or Santee: Whoever takes him up in any part of the province above 10 miles from Charles Town, shall have Fifteen Pounds reward; and in the said town or within 10 miles thereof, Ten Pounds, on bringing him to JAMES PARSONS.\(^69\)

\(^69\) See also 19 December 1761, *South-Carolina Gazette*: Run away from my plantation at Ashepoo, in the month of September last, a very black tall, likely young new Surago negro fellow named **LIMAS**, he had on an osnabrug frock without sleeves, a pair of black stocking breeches, and osnabrug trowsers. With this negro went away another, since taken on an island of marsh near Long-Island, about which place it is supposed they parted. Also run away from the said plantation, about two years ago, a short chubby hairy Angola fellow named **MARCH**: and about four months since, a very black hipshot fellow this country born, called **HARRY**, speaks good English, and is well known in Charles-Town, and many places in the country, but the name of PARSON HARRY. Also a negro lad named **ISAAC**, formerly belonging to John Reily, deceased, and supposed to be harboured about Spoon-Savannah, where he has several relations. Likewise went away about fourteen months ago (two days after I bought him in the ship in which he was imported) from Mr. William Williamson’s plantation in St. Paul’s parish, a new negro lad of the Papaw country, his country name **ARROW**. I will pay Ten Pounds reward and all legal charges for each of the said negroes that shall be taken up and delivered to my overseer, at my said plantation, or to me in Charles-Town; and Two Hundred Pounds reward to any person that shall inform against a white man and Twenty
5 September 1754, *South-Carolina Gazette*

Run Away, or stolen, in July last, a likely negro boy nam’d MARMILIO, about 14 years old, mark’d on the outside of both his arms, has been near 3 years in the province, and spoke good English for that time; had on (when miss’d) [sic] a blue coat and breeches, and worsted cap. If taken or found within 20 miles of my plantation at Wassamsaw, and there deliver’d, or such information given that he may be got, I’ll give 5 l.[pound] reward, and in proportion if taken at a greater distance: But I’ll give 20 l.[pound] to any that shall convict any white person (and 5 l.[pound] if a negro) [sic] of stealing, entertaining or harbouring the said boy. ROBERT ADAMS.

26 September 1754, *South-Carolina Gazette*

Run Away from a waggon going to 96, belonging to Robert Gourdy, a new negro man named JEMMY, of a midling stature, pretty yellow, and seems to be about 22 or 23 years of age; he had on a check’d shirt, and his hands were pinioned with a white rope when he got away. Whoever takes up and brings him to the work house, or secures him and gives an account where he may be had, shall be well rewarded by LIVIE, McQUEEN, & COMP.

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Pounds to any informing against a slave, harbouring any one of the said negroes, upon conviction of the harbourer. JAMES PARSONS. See also 22 January 1763, *South-Carolina Gazette*: Run away, the beginning of September last, from my plantation at Ashepoo, a very black tall likely young new Surago negro fellow, name [sic] LYMUS, who by being formerly frost bitten, lost a small part of the flesh of one of his big toes, and to the best of my memory his teeth are filed; he may be the same advertised sometime since by Capt. Lazarus Brown, and that called himself Charles. Also, run away lately, another negro of the same country, named ABRAHAM, a tall stout young fellow, and with him a well set Guinea negro, named OSMOND, his teeth filed. Likewise, from Charles-Town, in the last summer, a short hair negro fellow, named MARCH: And, about two years ago, from Mr. Williamson’s in St. Paul’s parish, two days after I bought him out of a Guinea ship, a new well grown negro lad, of the Pappaw country, his country name ARROW. I will pay ten pounds reward and all legal charges for each of the said negroes, that shall be taken up and delivered to my overseer at my said plantation. And as it has lately become a pernicious custom for back-settlers when they meet with run away negroes, and for some of the magistrates and others in the back parts of the country when such negroes are brought to them, to publish purposely blind advertisements for a short time of them, and afterwards keep them at work for themselves, instead of bringing or sending them, according to law, to the warden of the work-house, who would properly, and for a proper time, advertise and describe them, and in whose possession losers would have an opportunity of seeing and finding them, I will, in order (as far as in me lies) [sic] to bring to justice such and the like offenders, pay a reward of Thirty-Three Pistoles to any person that shall inform against any white man whosoever harbouring any one of the said negroes upon conviction of the harbourer. JAMES PARSONS. See also 14 January 1764, *South-Carolina Gazette*: Run Away in November last, from my plantation at Ashepoo, a Very black, tall, likely young new Ssurago negro fellow named LYMUS, with irons on his legs; he has lost a piece of his right ear, and a small part of the flesh of his left great toe: Also, a well set Guinea negro fellow named OSMOND, his teeth filed. Likewise from Charles-Town in the summer of 1762, a short hairy negro fellow named MARCH, taken up several times at the Congarees. And about three years ago, from Mr. William Williamson’s in St. Paul’s parish, two days after he was bought out of a Guinea ship; a well grown negro lad of the Pappa country, his country name ARROW, and is perhaps the same advertised to be in Savannah gaol. I will pay Ten Pounds reward and all legal charges, for each of the said negroes, that shall be taken up and delivered to my overseer at my said plantation, or to me in Charles-Town: And Twenty Pistoles to any person that shall inform against any white man whosoever harbouring any of the said negroes, upon conviction of the harbourer. JAMES PARSONS.
21 November 1754, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the Subscriber’s plantation near Dorchester, about 3 weeks ago, six new negroes, viz., two stout fellows [MAN] [MAN], three wenches [WOMAN] [WOMAN] [WOMAN], and one boy [BOY]; one of the fellows of a yellowish complexion. Whoever brings them to me, shall have a reward of 5 l.[pound] for each of the fellows, and 40 sh.[shilling] for each of the others. DANIEL BLAKE. Nov. 21, 1754.

12 December 1754, South-Carolina Gazette
Run or rambled away from my plantation at Wambaw, about the beginning of October last, a new negro man named CUPID, supposed to be about 22 years of age, about 5 feet 6 inches high, very black, and smooth face, and speaks little or no English. Whoever takes up and delivers him to Mr. John Jordan at the above plantation, or to me in Charles-Town, shall have 10 l.[pound] reward, over and above what is allow’d by law. JAMES WRIGHT. Dec. 10th, 1754.

26 June 1755, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber, about two months ago, a negro man named CAESAR, had on brown negro cloth gown and trowsers, has his country (Gambia) [sic] marks on his cheeks and temples, with a remarkable scar on his right leg. Whoever takes up the said negro, and delivers him to me in St. Thomas’s parish, or to the warden of the work house in Charles Town, shall have Ten Pounds reward: But whoever harbours, entertains or conceals him, may expect to be prosecuted, by ALEXANDER GARDEN.

10 July 1755, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away on the 4th Instant, a short, thick, well lim’d, down-looking, thick lip’d Angola negro fellow, 5 feet high, 22 years old, named JACK, well known in Charles-Town; had on a check shirt, coarse narrow osnabrug trowsers, and a strip’d handkercher [sic] about his head; supposed to be harbour’d in town or on the neck [sic]: Any white person that takes up and delivers him to me, shall have 3 l.[pound] a negro 40 sh.[shilling] and I will give 5 l.[pound] reward to any person that proves by whom the said run-away is harboured, being determined to prosecute all offenders of that sort. RICHARD POWERS.

17 July 1755, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away in January last, a middle sized, middle aged negro fellow, named LONDON, but his country name is APPEE: He came from St. Croix last year, speaks broken English, has several

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70 see also 19 June 1755, South-Carolina Gazette: ...Also Run Away from the above plantation [on Wambaw-Swamp], about 10 weeks ago, a new negro man named CUPID, who speaks very little English, supposed to be about 22 years of age, very black, smooth faced, and bout five feet and a half high. Whoever takes him up and delivers him, shall receive Ten Pounds reward, over and above what is allowed by law, from JAMES WRIGHT. May 6th, 1755.
bullet scars in his arms and under the waistband of his breeches; had on a white negro cloth jacket and trowsers and a woollen cap; and took a gun; shot pouch, and some powder and shot with him. Whoever delivers him to Mr. Box at Mr. Stuart’s store in Beaufort, or to the warden of the work house in Charles-Town, shall have 10 l.[pound] reward, of ARTHUR BULL.

20 November 1755, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away From the subscriber’s plantation, in Christ-Church Parish, the 16th instant, the 5 following negroes, viz. PETER, a lusty well set fellow, country born, about 30 years old, has a large mark on his stomach. ADAM and ABRAHAM, both this country born, aged about 20 years. CUPID, a Gold-Coast negro, a tall slim fellow, TOM, a lusty well set Angola negro, speaks tolerable good English. Whoever secures in the Work house or delivers them to me at my plantation, or to Mr. Gadsden in Charles-Town, shall have 20 pounds for Peter, and 10 pounds for the others, with all lawful charges. JAMES WHITE.

25 December 1755, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber, on the 1st of December 1755, two (Gambia) [sic] new negro men [MAN] [MAN], had on, each of them, when they went away, a white negro cloth jacket, a sort of under frock, breeches, boots, and their shoes, and carried with them 3 new blankets. Whoever delivers them to me, shall have 5 l.[pound] currency as a reward, and all reasonable charges paid by FRANCIS YONGE.

29 January 1756, South-Carolina Gazette
Two Years last Nov. [sic] ran away from the subscriber’s plantation in Goose-creek, parish [sic], a negro fellow named JAMIE. Angola born, his teeth filed, about 5 feet 5 inches high, with crook legs [sic] bending forward, he is supposed to resort about Wassamsaw. Whoever takes up the said negro so that he may be had again, shall have 20 pounds reward, or if he refuses to be taken, 10 pounds for his head. WILLIAM WHITE.

12 February 1756, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from my Plantation, on the 21st of last July, a Calabar negro man, named BEN, was taken up about the first of August at Mr. McCree’s plantation at Black Mingo, and delivered to Mr. Zacharia Brazier, constable in George Town, who let him make his escape by neglect or design; he is a short fellow, with some marks on his back, filed teeth, and a sullen countenance, speaks a little English, about 35 years of age. Whoever brings him to me, or to the Work-House in Charles-Town, shall have 25 pounds reward, or 50 if they can will give just intelligence where he is harboured. DAVID ANDERSON.

23 September 1756, South-Carolina Gazette
Ran (or stolen) [sic] away, Sept. 16th, 1756, a young slim new negro fellow, about 19 years of age, and about 5 feet 5 inches high; had on when he went away, a check’d shirt and osnabrug
trowsers, but no cap, and was bought at my late sale; he was named **POMPEY**, but it's supposed wo’n’t [sic] remember his name. Whoever delivers him to me or to the warden of the work-house, shall have 5 pounds reward, and all reasonable charges paid. JOHN GUERARD.

14 October 1756, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away, a new Negro Man, above 6 feet high, thin visage, is wind pipe sticking out remarkably sharp, and named **PETKR** [sic]: Also a new negro named **WILL**, full visaged, and had a large boil on his back when he went: Both of them had on long jackets, with short ones under them laced instead of buttoned and without sleeves, long breeches and caps, all of white negro cloth, but the caps turn’d up with blue. Whoever brings them to me, or gives information where they may be taken, shall have 5 l.[pound] reward for each. WILLIAM GREENLAND.

27 January 1757, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the Subscriber, near Port Royal, the following slaves, viz. **JUNICE**, a tall slim black Gambia fellow, about 40 years of age, with several of his country marks down the sides of his face, and has lost some of his fore teeth. **CYPHAX**, a well set yellow Gambia fellow, about 5 feet 8 inches high, 35 years of age, and has several of his country marks down the sides of his face. **APRIL**, a lusty Angola fellow, near 6 feet high, about 25 years of age, with a round full smooth face, and very black: The two first has [sic] been gone upwards of two years, and the last about 15 months, and they are supposed to be concealed by some of the settlers in the back parts of the province. Any person that delivers them to me, or to the warden of the Work-House in Charles-Town, shall receive 50 pounds reward for each. DANIEL HEYWARD.

3 February 1757, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away in June or July last, a Gambia negro fellow named **WALLEY**, middle sized, of a yellowish complexion, has remarkable grey eyes, or rather of a yellowish white, smooth skin, and is about 20 years of age. Whoever takes him up, and delivers him to me in St. Stephen’s parish, or to the warden of the Work House in Charles-Town, or gives information where he is, so that he may be had again, shall have a good reward, from RENE PEYRE.

10 March 1757, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Inticed [sic] and carried off from the plantation of the late Richard Waring, deceased, by a man who calls himself Bartin Brown, who was late overseer at the said plantation, and is supposed to be gone to some of the back settlements, a small Angola negro man, named **CHARLES**, speaks very little English, about 5 feet high, a large nose, his face rough inclining to bumps. Whoever delivers the negro to the subscriber, shall have 20 pounds reward, and 50 pounds to any person that will bring the said Brown to the gaol in Charles-Town, and prove his going off with the said negro. N.B. The said Brown is a thin fellow, speaks slow and came into the province from Virginia. BENJAMIN WARING. JOSEPH WARING.
14 April 1757, *South-Carolina Gazette*
ADAM CULLIATT. Ran Away from the said Culliatt, about 6 or 7 months ago, a middle sized Angola negro man, named **JACK**, between 35 and 40 years of age, formerly belonging to Mr. John Brailsford, and may be easily known upon close examination, being castrated. Whoever delivers him to his master, shall have 5 l.[pound] reward, besides reasonable charges.

9 June 1757, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the Subscriber, two negro fellows, viz. **SAMBO**, a Gambia negro, about 5 feet 10 inches high, speaks tolerable English, a little knock kneed, and pitted with the small pox, was taken up last fall at Col. Heyward’s and made his escape; he frequently denies his master’s name, **JACK**, a short well made fellow, this country born, formerly the property of Andrew Rutledge, Esq; deceased, who is supposed to be harboured at Mrs. Rutledge’s plantations at Stono or Wando. Whoever apprehends the said negroes, or either of them, and delivers them to the warden of the Work house, or at my plantation at Ponpon, shall have 20 pounds reward, from **GEORGE LOGAN**.

18 August 1757, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Strolled from the Market-wharf, on Tuesday night last, a Guiney negro named **YORK**, a stout well-set Fellow, with no other than his Country marks about him; the Property of Mr. William May on Edisto-Island; had on a white negro cloth Jacket, Osnabrug or crocus Breeches, a Cap, and Hat. Whoever delivers him to his said master, or to Mackenzie & Moodie in Tradd-street, shall be handsomely rewarded.

13 October 1757, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from my Plantation at Horse-Savannah, the following ten [sic] Negroes, viz. **SAMBO**, full 6 feet high, large lip’d, one of his ears naturally sharp, affects valour, had on a fearnought jacket, is a Pettiaugua-man, and supposed to hire himself as a Boatman or to work on board of vessels; **DUBLIN**, well-set, 5 feet and an half high, and this Country born; **MONDAY**, about the same height; **TOM**, a yellow Ebo fellow, about 5 feet 7 inches high; **LONDON**, about 5 feet, 4 inches; **NED**, January, about 5 feet and an half, and aged 40 years; **MARCH**, a thin squinting fellow; **POMPEY**, about 5 feet 4 inches. Whoever delivers them to me, or to the Warden of the Work-House, shall have 20 l.[pound] reward for the first-named, 5 l.[pound] for the second, and 40 s.[shilling] for each of the others. **BERNARD ELLIOTT**.

13 October 1757, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Mr. Wright’s plantation at Santee, about the first of May last, a negro man named **CATO**, a middle sized black fellow, speaks very good English, and formerly belonged to Mr. Fouquett at Amelia township, and is supposed to be harboured in or about that neighbourhood. Also run away, from Mr. Wright’s plantation at Wambaw, about the same time, a negro fellow named **WILL**, a short square-made yellow fellow, a blacksmith by trade, and speaks very good English, and has lost all his toes by the frost; he formerly belonged to Herman
Gieger at the Congaree’s, and is supposed to be gone that way. Also run away from the plantation last mentioned, in April last, a new Gambia negro man, named TITUS, a tall well-made fellow, pretty black. Any person who shall take and deliver up the above mentioned negroes, or any of them, to Mr. John Jordan at Wambaw aforesaid, or at Mr. Wright’s house in Charles-Town, shall have 5 l.[pound] reward for each of them, besides all other charges allowed by law. And Whereas there is strong suspicion, that the abovesaid negro Cato was taken up by some person at or near Amelia township: And that he said negro Titus has been taken up and kept near three months at a plantation nigh Monck’s corner: If any person will inform and give evidence, against him or them who have kept and harboured either of the said negroes, so that such person or persons may be lawfully convicted thereof, the informer shall receive a reward of 50 l.[pound] for each, from DAVID GRAEME.

13 October 1757, South-Carolina Gazette
Ran Away on the 22d of August last, a Calabar Negro Fellow named JACK, had on a double-breasted blue jacket; and Angola fellow named TOM, had also a blue jacket on; and WILL, with his wife, ALCE, and daughter DAPHNE, all this Country born, and belonged formerly to Mr. McCante. I will give 40 s. [shillings] reward for each delivered to me. WILLIAM SMITH.

[June, 1758], South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away in February last, a Negro Fellow named ANTHONY, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, with his Country Marks on the Breast and Arms, and many on his Face, speaks tolerable English, and had on white Negro Cloth Jacket and Breeches. Also his Wife JUDITH, marked nearly in the same Manner on the Body, with three black Spots on each and had one a white negro cloth Habit. Whoever takes and delivers them to the Subscriber, shall be well rewarded, as shall be, upon Conviction of the Offender, any Person who will inform by whom they are harboured. JOHN ASH.

14 July 1758, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away on the 10th Inst. a tall lusty negro woman named KATEY, is marked with 3 strokes down each cheek, and one below her nose, speaks very little English, and had on a blue worsted down and oznabrug apron. Whoever carries her to the work-house, shall have 5 l.[pound] reward of M. BINSKI.

25 August 1758, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the subscriber last March, a middle sized Gambia fellow, about 30 years of age, named LONDON, speaks tolerable good English, is remarkable for having but 3 toes upon one foot, which I think is the right, and his cloaths dyed with indico [indigo]. Whoever will deliver him to the subscriber, or the warden of the work-house, shall have 5 pounds reward and reasonable charges: But whoever will give information of his being harboured, so that the offender may be convicted of the same, shall receive, if he be a negro, 10 pounds reward, and if a white person, 25 pounds. DANIEL LEGARE.
8 September 1758, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away about a week ago, a young Angola negro wench [GIRL], about 13 or 14 years of age, speaks very little English, and is supposed to lurking [sic] about some plantation on Charles-Town neck or the lower ones at Goose-Creek; she had on a green negro cloth petticoat and oznabrug shift. Whoever delivers her to me in Charles-Town, shall have a suitable reward, and any charges paid. ALEX. GARDEN.

8 September 1758, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away or stolen from the Subscriber, on Friday the 8th Instant, a new Negro Boy named **STEPNEY**, who can tell his own, but it’s believed not the Subscriber’s Name, as he speaks very little English; he is about 14 Years old, has a Mark on his Arm from a fresh Burn, had on when he went away a Check Shirt, Oznabrug Breeches with yellow Buttons, and carried with him a Pewter Dish with a Coat of Arms engraved on the Brim. Whoever apprehends him, or discovers where he may be concealed, and delivers him to me or to the Warden of the Work-House, shall be sufficiently rewarded, by SUSANNAH CROKATT.

27 September 1758, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from William Day at August in Georgia, on the 13th of June last, a new negro fellow [MAN] who can speak no English; he had on when he went away a sailors blue jacket, with 6 bullet-hole marks thro’ it; he is very black, about 5 feet high, and has his country marks on each side of his face, and a very large one on his right shoulder and down part of his arm. Whoever delivers the said negro to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, to the said William Day at Augusta, or to the subscriber in Charles-Town, shall have 15 pounds reward, and reasonable charges. GEORGE DAY, Constable.

2 October 1758, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from Mr. Boone’s plantation at Ponpon, seven Eboe negroes, five men [MAN] [MAN] [MAN] [MAN] [MAN] and two women [WOMAN] [WOMAN].71 Whoever delivers them to Mr. Lewis Way at the above plantation, or to the subscriber in Charles-Town, shall receive of him 5 l. [pound] for each negro. THOMAS BOONE.

13 October 1758, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber in the month of July last, a new negro fellow named **AUGUST**, about 20 years old, and 3 feet and an half high [sic], of a very black complexion, has large bumps

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71 In 1758, of 17 recorded shipments to Carolina, only one was from the Bight of Biafra, which disembarked some 283 slaves from 16 July 1758: *TAST ID#17420*, the snauw *Africa*, Capt. Alexander Robe, Bristol ship (owners Thomas Deane, Corsely Rogers, Philip Jenkins, Edward Nicholas), from Bonny.
on each of his elbows, and lost one of his little toes, was lately brought from the other side of Savannah-river, and is supposed to be gone the same way again. Whoever shall deliver him to me at the Horse-Shoe, or the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, shall receive 10 pounds reward, from JOHN BAKER.

20 October 1758, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away on the 6th instant, from the subscriber’s plantation at Wambaw, a new negro fellow [MAN], near 6 feet high, has his country marks on each side of his face, and is a little knock knee’d; had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket and breeches, and a striped cap. Whoever delivers him to me in Charles-Town, or to my overseer at the said plantation, shall have 5 pounds reward and reasonable charges. PAUL DOUXSAINT.

19 January 1759, South-Carolina Gazette
Rnn [sic] away from Fort-Hill, in Goose-Creek Parish, A New negro wench named MOLLY, had on when she went away a white plain wrapper, and an oznabrug coat, marked with her country marks: Whoever take up the said wench and delivers her to the warden of the work-house, or to me in Charles-Town, shall have a reward of two pounds currency, besides all reasonable charges. PAUL SMISER.

1 February 1759, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber, in October last, a well-set new negro fellow, named BRISTOL, about 45 years of age, and about 5 feet 6 inches high, generally wears a long beard, has several scars from his temple down his cheeks (being Guiney born) and has also a large scar down his left arm; had on an old white negro cloth jacket and breeches. Whoever harbours or entertains the said fellow, may depend on being prosecuted with the utmost severity. And whoever brings him to the Work-House, or delivers him to the subscriber, shall have 3 pounds reward. JOHN CATTELL, Son of PETER.

28 April 1759, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away about two months ago, two Gambia new negro men, viz. PRIMUS, and DERRY, both short fellows, and branded on one of their buttocks GH, had on when they went away white negro cloth trowsers, and home-spun jackets of wool and cotton mixed. Whoever takes up and delivers them to the warden of the work-house, or to me at the Yewhaw’s, shall have 3 l.[pound] reward for each. GEORGE HOGG.

19 May 1759, South-Carolina Gazette Extraordinary
Run away from the subscriber’s plantation at the Horse-Shoe, about the 25th of April last. A New negro woman named STATIRA, of the Gold Coast country, of a yellowish complexion, marked on the temples and on the small of her back with her country mark; had on a white negro cloth gown, a green woolen jacket, and blue camblet coat, cannot speak any English, and is
supposed will endeavour ro find the way to Goose-Creek from whence she was sent: Whoever delivers her either at the said plantation, or to me in Charles-Town, shall receive over and above lawful charges, the sum of Three Pounds from RAWLINS LOWNDES.

1 September 1759, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the subscriber the 5th last month, two Gambia new negro men named SMART and SAMBO, had on when they went away crocus frocks without sleeves, crocus trowsers, and worsted caps. Whoever delivers the said negroes to me at my plantation at Stono, or to the warden of the work-house, shall receive a reward of Five Pounds for each. ROBERT MACKEWN, jun. Sept. 3d, 1759.

29 September 1759, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the subscriber, a stout able lusty negro fellow, about 5 feet 9 inches high, marked with scars on each side of his cheeks and temples, had on a blue cloth coat and brown thickset breeches, a check shirt, with stockings and shoes; he hath been about 3 years in this country, speaks pretty good English, and his proper name is PAWLEY: Whoever apprehends the said negro, and brings him to the work-house, shall have Five Pounds reward; but whoever harbours or entertains him, may depend on being prosecuted with the utmost rigour, by CHRISTOPHER HOLSON.

31 October 1759, South-Carolina Weekly Gazette
Run away on Wednesday 3d October, 1759, from Philip Kolp living on the plantation of the deceased Mr. Robert Ladson, about two miles from Ashley-Ferry, Four Negroes, viz. JACK, a tall well made fellow about 26 years of age, talks but little English, and has not been imported above a year. MARCH, a short thick fellow of the Angola country, is very cunning and subtle, about 35 years old, and talks good English. POMPEY, a Guinea Negro, tall and slim, about 25 years of age, and speaks pretty plain. HANNAH, a wench about 17 years old, Pompey’s wife. The said Negroes were all bought new except March, who is suspected to have carried off the others; he was purchased of Mr. Daniel Gulzer in 1755. Whoever takes up the said Negroes and delivers them to their master at the above-named plantation, or to the warden of the workhouse in Charlestown, shall have Sixteen Pounds Reward for all, or Four Pounds for any one of them.

17 November 1759, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the subscriber the 12th instant, a new negro fellow named BOATSWAIN, about six feet high, of a yellowish complexion, with 3 cuts on each of his cheeks, and a scar on his left; his country properly Guiney: he had on when he went away a negro cloth jacket dyed black, with white metal buttons, a white negro cloth jacket and breeches with blue buttons, a pair of oznabrug trowsers, and a blanket. Whoever takes up the said fellow and delivers him to me at the plantation of Ralph Izard, Esq; at Combahee, or to the warden of the work-house, shall receive forty shillings reward and all reasonable charges paid by JAMES CLARK.
8 January 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber at Augusta, a negro fellow named RICHMOND, Angola born, is a well set thick fellow, very black, speaks pretty good English, but his voice is very hoarse. Whoever takes up the said negro, and brings him to Samuel Sleigh at Ponpon, or to me at Augusta, shall receive Ten Pounds reward; and whoever will prove his being harbour'd by a white person, shall receive Thirty Pounds from JOHN FITCH.

19 January 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber the 19th inst. a negro fellow named CHARLES, Ebo born, is marked on his forehead with his country marks, and formerly belonged to Mr. Malachy Glaze on Wademelah; he has a wife at Mr. William Williamson’s on the said island, and ‘tis thought he keeps there. Whoever apprehends the said negro and brings him to me at Jacksonburg, or delivers him to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, shall receive Five Pounds reward, besides all reasonable charges. JOHN MARTIN.

31 May 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from my plantation on James-island, about the middle of April last, a Gambia negro fellow named PETER, well set, and round-shoulder’d, about 30 years of age, and 5 feet and a half high; had on when he went away a blue negro cloth lappell’d jacket, the lappels lined with strip’d flannel, and white negro cloth trowsers. Whoever delivers him to me at the aforesaid plantation, or to mr. [sic] Thomas Liston in Charles-Town, shall have Three Pounds reward besides reasonable charges. JOSEPH COX.

10 June 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the Subscriber, on Wednesday the 11th of June 1760, a new Negro Fellow named JEFFREY, but cannot tell his own or Master’s Name, had on when he went away a Crocus Shirt withous [sic] Sleeves, and Crocus Trowsers: He has in his left Ear Three Beads strung for an Ear-Ring, the first Joint of the middle Finger of his left hand cut off, is about 18 or 20 Years old, and carried a Blanket with him. Whoever takes up the said Fellow, and delivers him to me at Goose-Creek, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Charles-Town, shall receive Five Pounds Reward. BENJAMIN HURST.

21 June 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from Savannah in Georgia, and supposed to be gone into Carolina, Five Negroes, viz. DANIEL, a tall likely fellow, of a yellow complexion, Virginia born. GLASGOW, KILBERRY, and BRISTOL, three well-set stout fellows, born in Africa. The above negroes had on when they went away strip’d woollen jackets and breeches. BEN, a boy about 14 years of age, had on when he went away a light colour’d cloth coat and breeches, and blue cloth waistcoat: The coat had blue cuffs. All the above negroes speak good English, and it is suspected will endeavour to get to North-Carolina, from whence they were lately brought. Any person who
will secure all or any of the above negroes, and deliver him or them to the subscribers, or to the warden of the Work-House in Charles-Town, shall receive a reward of Seven Pounds Currency for each, besides all reasonable expences for carrying them to Charles-Town, paid by MACARTAN & CAMPBELL.

12 July 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber, about 12 months ago, a tall lusty negro man named BEN, Guiney born, with his wife, named LINDA, Ebo born, and her CHILD. They are supposed to be on Edisto, or some of the small islands near it. Whoever takes them up, and delivers them to Mr. John Becket on Edisto-island, or to me at Ponpon, shall have a reward of Twenty Pounds. JAMES REID.

30 August 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber’s plantation on Horse-Savannah, August 23d, 1760, three Angola new negro fellows [MAN] [MAN] [MAN], who carried away with them an old gun with a small quantity of ammunition, neither of them can speak any English; had on when they went away each a crocus shirt without sleeves, and crocus breeches; they are of a middling stature, two of them are black, and the other of a yellowish complexion. Whoever takes up the said negroes and brings to me on Ashley-River, or delivers them to the white man on said plantation, will receive a reward of Forty Shillings for each. JOHN BULLINE.

20 September 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber about two months ago, four negroes, viz. BOB, SAMBO, SANCHO, and BESS; Bob is about 30 years of age, of a yellowish complexion, about 6 feet high, and Guiney born: Sambo is about 5 feet 8 inches high, black complexion, and Guiney born; Sancho is Ebo born, of a black complexion, about 16 years of age, and five feet six inches high: And Bess, a young wench, of a yellow complexion, about 16 years of age. Whoever takes up the said negroes and bring them to me shall be rewarded. N.B. Bob and Sancho are supposed to be gone to Wadmelah where ‘tis thought they are harboured. JOHN MARTIN.

27 September 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber the 4th day of September 1760, a negro man named BEDFORD, about 25 years of age, middle sized, took with him a blue negro cloth jacket and breeches, and a pair of short wide trowsers: He is a black fellow and goes lame of one foot, has lost a joint of one of his fore fingers and one of his little toes, is marked on his body and arms with his country marks, and is supposed to be about Charles-Town. This is to forwarn any persons from harbouring the said fellow, as also captains of vessels from taking him off the province, as I am determined to prosecute with the utmost rigour such as shall offend. Whoever secures the said negro, and delivers him to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, or to me in Goose-Creek, shall receive Forty Shillings reward. PETER SANDERS.
18 October 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Five Pounds Sterling Reward. Besides reasonable charges for a new negro fellow [MAN], Guiney born, who absented himself from my plantation at Medway, in Georgia, the beginning of June last: He is branded on the breast with the letters SC. Whoever delivers him on said plantation, or to me, near Dorchester, or to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, shall be reward [sic] as above by STEPHEN CATER.

1 November 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away about twelve-months ago from me at Purrysburg, a Guiney born negro man named SAMBO, but sometimes goes by the name of CATO; he is a tall slim raw-boned fellow, about 5 feet 8 inches high, two of his fore-teeth are black and he has a bump on his belly about the navel, occasioned by a cut. Whoever takes up and delivers the said run-away to John Tobler, Esq; at New-Windsor, to Mr. John Armbruster, or to me, shall have Twenty Pounds reward besides lawful charges. N.B. Said negro is supposed to have gone towards Georgia when he first went away. JOHN WALZER.

8 November 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away on wednesday [sic] the 5th instant, five Gambia new negro men [MAN] [MAN] [MAN] [MAN] and a boy [BOY]; they speak no English, had on when they went away new white negro cloth jackets and breeches, and carried with them their blankets. Whoever takes up and delivers the said negroes to the subscriber on James-island, or to the warden of the work-house in Charlest-Town, shall receive a reward of Forty Shillings for each, and reasonable charges from THOMAS HEYWARD.

15 November 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber the 25th of October last, a tall slim negro named DURHAM, Guiney born, the joints of both his thumbs seem as if disjointed, is a very likely negro, and ready in making his cause good; he had on when he went away a coat made of blue plains with brass buttons on the left side, and a pair of blue broad cloth breeches, and is supposed to be harboured in town. Whoever delivers the said fellow to me or to the warden of the Work-House, shall receive a reward of Three Pounds. JOHN BAXTER.

29 November 1760, South-Carolina Gazette
William Walker of Wilmington in North-Carolina, advertises a hard-favored Run Away Coromantee negro [MAN] about five feet six inches high, who speaks bad English, and is said to belong to one John Dunn at the Indian-Land; which said fellow has been in his custody ever since August last was twelve-month, and has been frequently advertised in the North-Carolina Gazettes. The owner may have him again by applying to Mr. John Walker, or said WILLIAM WALKER.
29 November 1760, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from the subscribers about a month ago, the following new negro men, viz. **AUSTIN**, **JULY**, **STRAWBERRY**, and **GEORGE**; Austin is of a yellow complexion about 5 feet 6 inches high, and has his country marks down his cheeks; July, calls himself EMANUEL, is of a black complexion; Strawberry is very black and about the same height; and George is about 5 feet 6 inches high, and has a scar on his left cheek occasioned by a gum boil. Whoever delivers any of the above negroes to us in St. John’s parish, Colleton county, or to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, shall receive Five Pounds reward for each. DAVIEL RAVENELL, sen, JAMES RAVENELL.

18 April 1761, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from colonel [sic] Laurens’s scooner [sic] on sunday [sic] the 19th of April, a short young Guiney born negro fellow named **HAMBRO’**, he formerly belonged to Philp [sic] Hart, is well known in Charles-Town, and has been lately seen lurking about the New-Barracks. Whoever takes up and delivers the said negro to me, shall have Five Pounds reward. GEORGE APPLEBY.

16 May 1761, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away about 4 months ago from the subscriber’s plantation at Ponpon, near Parker’s ferry, a negro man named **JACK**, Angola born, about 5 feet 7 inches high, and supposed to be harboured by negroes in or near the borough. Whoever delivers the said fellow to the overseer on said plantation, or to me at Goose-Creek, shall have Five Pounds reward. HENRY SMITH.

11 July 1761, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away From Mr. John Raven’s plantation at Horse-Savannah, about the middle of June last, an artful, sensible negro fellow named **DICK**, Angola born, near 40 years old, and about five feet six inches high, had on when he went away a blue cloth jacket and breeches with brass buttons: he is supposed to be harboured on James Island, where he is well known. Whoever delivers him to me in Charles-Town, or to the overseer at the aforesaid plantation, shall have Five Pounds reward from SARAH RAVEN.

26 September 1761, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber, about the beginning of September last, a short Angola negro fellow named **ABRAM**, had on a fear-nothing blue pea jacket, brown cloth breeches, is well known in Charles-Town, where he has for some time worked as a porter and labourer, and formerly belonged to Mrs. Elizabeth Timothy, deceased. Whoever takes up and delivers the said fellow to the warden of the work-house, or the subscriber in Charles-Town, shall have a reward of Three Pounds and all reasonable charges, from JAMES RICHARDS.
3 October 1761, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the ship Amity’s Assistance, in his Majesty’s service, at Strawberry, on Monday the 5th inst. a negro fellow named **NORFOLK**, 18 years old, about five feet three inches high, understands but speaks little English; had on when he went a sailor’s jacket and trowsers, has a cross or country mark on the back of each leg, and the same round his waist. Whoever secures the said negro, and brings him to the ship, or the subscriber in Charles-Town, shall receive a sufficient reward; and any person who may hereafter be found harbouring the said negro, will be prosecuted as the law directs, by **TORRANS, GREG, & POAUG**.

24 October 1761, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Lately run away from my plantation at Ashepoo, two tall likely young new Banbara [Bambara] negro fellows, named **ABRAM** and **LYMAS**, each of them had on a crocus frock without

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72 See also 19 December 1761, *South-Carolina Gazette*: Run away from my plantation at Asheepoo, in the month of September last, a very black tall, likely young new Surago negro fellow named **LIMAS**, he had on an osnabrug frock without sleeves, a pair of black stocking breeches, and osnabrug trowsers. With this negro went away another, since taken on an island of marsh near Long-Island, about which place it is supposed they parted. Also run away from the said plantation, about two years ago, a short chubby hairy Angola fellow named **MARCH**: and about four months since, a very black hipshot fellow this country born, called **HARRY**, speaks good English, and is well known in Charles-Town, and many places in the country, but the name of **PARSON HARRY**. Also a negro lad named **ISAAC**, formerly belonging to John Reily, deceased, and supposed to be harboured about Spoon-Savannah, where he has several relations. Likewise went away about fourteen months ago (two days after I bought him in the ship in which he was imported) from Mr. William Williamson’s plantation in St. Paul’s parish, a new negro lad of the Papaw country, his country name **ARROW**. I will pay Ten Pounds reward and all legal charges for each of the said negroes that shall be taken up and delivered to my overseer, at my said plantation, or to me in Charles-Town; and Two Hundred Pounds reward to any person that shall inform against a white man and Twenty Pounds to any informing against a slave, harbouring any one of the said negroes, upon conviction of the harbourer. **JAMES PARSONS.**

See also 22 January 1763, *South-Carolina Gazette*: Run away, the beginning of September last, from my plantation at Ashepoo, a very black tall likely young new Surago negro fellow, name [sic] **LYMUS**, who by being formerly frost bitten, lost a small part of the flesh of one of his big toes, and to the best of my memory his teeth are filed; he may be the same advertised sometime since by Capt. Lazarus Brown, and that called himself Charles. Also, run away lately, another negro of the same country, named **ABRAHAM**, a tall stout young fellow, and with him a well set Guinea negro, named **OSMOND**, his teeth filed. Likewise, from Charles-Town, in the last summer, a short hair negro fellow, named **MARCH**: And, about two years ago, from Mr. Williamson’s in St. Paul’s parish, two days after I bought him out of a Guinea ship, a new well grown negro lad, of the Pappaw country, his country name **ARROW**. I will pay ten pounds reward and all legal charges for each of the said negroes, that shall be taken up and delivered to my overseer at my said plantation. And as it has lately become a pernicious custom for back-settlers when they meet with run away negroes, and for some of the magistrates and others in the back parts of the country when such negroes are brought to them, to publish purposely blind advertisements for a short time of them, and afterwards keep them at work for themselves, instead of bringing or sending them, according to law, to the warden of the work-house, who would properly, and for a proper time, advertise and describe them, and in whose possession losers would have an opportunity of seeing and finding them, I will, in order (as far as in me lies) [sic] to bring to justice such and the like offenders, pay a reward of Thirty-Three Pistoles to any person that shall inform against any white man whoseover harbouring any one of the said negroes upon conviction of the harbourer. **JAMES PARSONS.**

See also 14 January 1764, *South-Carolina Gazette*: Run Away in November last, from my plantation at Ashepoo, a Very black, tall, likely young new Ssurago negro fellow named **LYMUS**, with irons on his legs; he has lost a piece of his right ear, and a small part of the flesh of his left great toe: Also, a well set Guinea negro fellow named **OSMOND**, his teeth filed. Likewise from Charles-Town in the summer of 1762, a short hairy negro fellow named **MARCH**, taken up several times at the Congarees. And about three years ago, from Mr. William Williamson’s in St. Paul’s parish, two days after he was bought out of a Guinea ship; a well grown negro
sleeves, a pair of black stocking breeches, and osnaburgh trowsers. Also run away from the said plantation, about two years ago, a short chubby, hair Angola fellow named MARCH; and about two months since a very black hipshod fellow, this country born, called HARRY, who speaks good English, and is well known in Charles-Town, and many places in the country: Likewise went away about this time twelve-month (two days after I bought him in the ship in which he was imported) from Mr. William Williamson’s plantation in St. Paul’s parish, a new negro lad of the Pappa country, his country name ARROW. I will pay Ten Pounds reward, and

lad of the Pappa country, his country name ARROW, and is perhaps the same advertised to be in Savannah gaol. I will pay Ten Pounds reward and all legal charges, for each of the said negroes, that shall be taken up and delivered to my overseer at my said plantation, or to me in Charles-Town: And Twenty Pistoles to any person that shall inform against any white man whosoever harbouring any of the said negroes, upon conviction of the harbourer. JAMES PARSONS.

73 [duplicative], see 18 July 1754, South-Carolina Gazette.

74 Cf. TAST (1999), ID#90734, the Marlborough, Capt. Ambrose Lace, from Liverpool via Whydah [Bight of Benin], disembarked 293 slaves from 29 July-11 September 1759 at Charleston, SC. See also 19 December 1761, South-Carolina Gazette: Run away from my plantation at Ashepoo, in the month of September last, a very black tall, likely young new Surago negro fellow named LIMAS, he had on an osnabrug frock without sleeves, a pair of black stocking breeches, and osnabrug trowsers. With this negro went away another, since taken on an island of marsh near Long-Island, about which place it is supposed they parted. Also run away from the said plantation, about two years ago, a short chubby hairy Angola fellow named MARCH: and about four months since, a very black hipshot fellow this country born, called HARRY, speaks good English, and is well known in Charles-Town, and many places in the country, but the name of PARSON HARRY. Also a negro lad named ISAAC, formerly belonging to John Reily, deceased, and supposed to be harboured about Spoon-Savannah, where he has several relations. Likewise went away about fourteen months ago (two days after I bought him in the ship in which he was imported) from Mr. William Williamson’s plantation in St. Paul’s parish, a new negro lad of the Papaw country, his country name ARROW. I will pay Ten Pounds reward and all legal charges for each of the said negroes, that shall be taken up and delivered to my overseer, at my said plantation, or to me in Charles-Town; and Two Hundred Pounds reward to any person that shall inform against a white man and Twenty Pistoles to any informing against a slave, harbouring any one of the said negroes, upon conviction of the harberourer. JAMES PARSONS. See also 22 January 1763, South-Carolina Gazette: Run away, the beginning of September last, from my plantation at Ashepoo, a very black tall likely young new Surago negro fellow, name [sic] LYMUS, who by being formerly frost bitten, lost a small part of the flesh of one of his big toes, and to the best of my memory his teeth are filed; he may be the same advertised sometime since by Capt. Lazarus Brown, and that called himself Charles. Also, run away lately, another negro of the same country, named ABRAHAM, a tall stout young fellow, and with him a well set Guinea negro, named OSMOND, his teeth filed. Likewise, from Charles-Town, in the last summer, a short hair negro fellow, named MARCH: And, about two years ago, from Mr. William’s in St. Paul’s parish, two days after I bought him out of a Guinea ship, a new well grown negro lad, of the Pappa country, his country name ARROW. I will pay ten pounds reward and all legal charges for each of the said negroes, that shall be taken up and delivered to my overseer at my said plantation. And as it has lately become a pernicious custom for back-settlers when they meet with run away negroes, and for some of the magistrates and others in the back parts of the country when such negroes are brought to them, to publish purposely blind advertisements for a short time of them, and afterwards keep them at work for themselves, instead of bringing or sending them, according to law, to the warden of the work-house, who would properly, and for a proper time, advertise and describe them, and in whose possession losers would have an opportunity of seeing and finding them, I will, in order (as far as in me lies) [sic] to bring to justice such and the like offenders, pay a reward of Thirty-Three Pistoles to any person that shall inform against any white man whosoever harbouring any one of the said negroes upon conviction of the harberourer. JAMES PARSONS. See also 14 January 1764, South-Carolina Gazette: Run Away in November last, from my plantation at Ashepoo, a Very black, tall, likely young new Surago negro fellow named LYMUS, with irons on his legs; he has lost a piece of his right ear, and a small part of the flesh of his left great toe: Also, a well set Guinea negro fellow named OSMOND, his teeth filed. Likewise from Charles-Town in the summer of 1762, a short hairy negro fellow named MARCH, taken up
all legal charges, for each of the said negroes that shall be taken up and delivered to my
overseer, at my said plantation, or to me in Charles-Town; and Two Hundred Pounds reward to
any person that shall inform against a white man, and Twenty Pounds to any informing against a
slave, harbouring any one of the said negroes, upon conviction of the harbourer. JAMES
PARSONS.

31 October 1761, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from one of the subscriber’s plantations at Horse-Savannah, on Monday night the 19th
of October last, three Gambia negro fellows, who were lately bought out of Capt. Watts’s
cargo, and speak no English. One of them is a short, black, well set fellow, and stoops very
much, occasioned by a large wound he had in his back, either between or a little below his
shoulders, the scar of which is still very visible. Another is a middle-sized fellow, of a yellowish
complexion, and is much marked in the face with his country marks. The last fellow answers to
the name of SCIPIO, the short fellow is named WILL, and the other JACOB. They had on
white negro-cloth jackets and breeches, and caps of the same; and carried with them their
blankets and an axe. Whoever apprehends the said negroes, and will bring them to my plantation
on Ashley-River, or deliver them to the warden of the work-house, shall receive a reward of
Three Pounds currency for each, besides all lawful charges. HENRY MIDDLETON.

31 October 1761, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the subscriber about two years since, two Coromantee negro fellows, named
DICK and CHARLES: Dick has since been taken, and Charles is supposed to be harbouring; he
is about 20 years old, has a round face, and remarkable large legs. Whoever will give
information of his being harbouring by a white person shall have One Hundred Pounds reward,
and if by a negro Twenty Pounds; and Twenty Pounds will be given if delivered to the warden of
the work-house, or to BENJAMIN SMITH.

7 November 1761, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away about 20th August last, from a waggon near Neilson’s ferry, a new negro fellow,
cannot speak English, his country name SAFFRAN, had on a new hat and cap, a check shirt, and
oznaburg trowsers, and is pretty tall and likely. Whoever delivers him to Mr. Joseph Kershaw at
the Waterees, or to us in Charles-Town, shall have Ten Pounds reward. ANCRUM, LANCE, &
LOOCOCK.

several times at the Congarees. And about three years ago, from Mr. William Williamson’s in St. Paul’s parish, two
days after he was bought out of a Guinea ship; a well grown negro lad of the Pappa country, his country name
ARROW, and is perhaps the same advertised to be in Savannah gaol. I will pay Ten Pounds reward and all legal
charges, for each of the said negroes, that shall be taken up and delivered to my overseer at my said plantation, or to
me in Charles-Town: And Twenty Pistoles to any person that shall inform against any white man whosoever
harbouring any of the said negroes, upon conviction of the harbourer. JAMES PARSONS.

75 See TAST (1999), ID#24529, the Vernon, Capt. Watts, from Dorset via Gambia, disembarked estimated
165 slaves in South Carolina in 1761, subsequently captured by the French.
7 November 1761, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from a waggon, on the road between the Halfway house and Mr. Godlin’s in Goose-Creek, on Tuesday night 10th inst. a new negro boy [BOY] about 12 or 14 years of age, well set, lately purchased out of Capt. Bostock’s cargo, from Gambia,76 and cannot speak a word of English; had on when he went away white negro cloth cloathes, and a cap of the same with a red border. Whoever gives information of said boy, or delivers him to us in Charles-Town, shall receive a reward of Three Pounds, besides all lawful charges. JOHN & EDWARD NEUFVILLE.

28 November 1761, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the subscriber’s plantation True-Blue, in Prince-William’s parish, on the 18th Nov. [sic] 1761, one Calabar and seven Coromantee negro men, named DICK, ARTHUR, SMART, CUDEJO [sic], QUAMINO, STEPHEN, CUFFEE, and HUGHKY.77 They have been in the province about 15 months, and speak little English; had on white negro cloth waistcoats and breeches, and took their blankets with them. A reward of forty shillings for each, and the lawful charges, will be paid to any one delivering them at the said plantation, or to the warden of the work-house. THO. MIDDLETON.

28 November 1761, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the subscribers, about the middle of August last, two new negroes, one a fellow [MAN], the other a wench [WOMAN]: They were brought from Charles-Town a day or two before they went away, are not named, and can speak no English. The fellow is tall, with very thick lips, has some of his country marks about his body, and had nothing on but a blanket. The wench is short and lusty, very much pitted with the small-pox, marked with her county [sic] marks, one of her legs crooked, which seems as if it had been broke, having a bump and white scar thereon, and had an old brown quilted petticoat. Whoever takes up the said negroes, and delivers them to either of the subscribers at Purrysburgh, or to Mr. Adam Gulliat at Jacksonburgh, shall receive a reward of three pounds for each, and all reasonable charges; and whoever gives information of their being harboured or entertained, shall, on conviction of the offender, if a white person, receive a reward of one hundred pounds. HENRY LEWIS BOURQUIN. HENRY MEURON.

76 See TAST (1999), ID#75369, the Duke of York, Capt. Peter Bostock, from London via Gambia, disembarked in South Carolina 250 slaves, from 3 October 1761.

77 It is notable that of the 3 recorded slaving voyages from the Gold Coast to Carolina in the summer of 1760, one originally intended for Calabar: see TAST (1999), ID#908824, the Nestor, Capt. John Maddock, from Liverpool via Anomabu [Gold Coast], owners John Maddock and William Ingram, disembarked estimated 208 slaves beginning 13 Aug. 1760.
26 December 1762, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber some time ago, a likely Gambia fellow named **DICK**, he is a little knock-kneed, and has a flat nose. Whoever brings him to the warden of the work-house, or to the subscriber in Goose-Creek, shall have ten dollars reward, and all reasonable charges. **WILLIAM WITHERS.**

27 March 1762, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber on the 6th of March, a negro fellow **MAN** about thirty years of age, and five feet nine inches high, speaks very little English as he has been but a short time in the country; he had on when he went away a blue sailor’s jacket and leather breeches. Whoever delivers the said fellow to Mr. Melchoir Warley in Charles-Town, or the subscriber at the Congarees shall have ten pounds reward. **JOHN LIGHTNER.**

3 April 1762, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from my plantation the 5th of April instant, five new negroes, viz. **MICHAEL, JOB, MOSES, and CATO**, middle-sized fellows, and **PAUL**, a lad: They had on when they went away cloaths made of white plains. Whoever takes up the said negroes, and delivers them to me in St. Thomas’s parish, shall be sufficiently rewarded, and all reasonable charges paid. **ROBERT QUASH.**

8 May 1762, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the plantation of his excellency governor Boone, seven new stout negro fellows, who cannot speak English, named **CARPENTER, AJAX, HERCULES, THUNDER, DRUMMER, SOLDIER** and **SAILOR**. Whoever secures them and brings them to the said plantation at Ponpon, or to the work-house in Charles-Town, shall have six pounds reward for each. **BENDIX WAAG.**

22 May 1762, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Mrs. Bee’s plantation near Ponpon-Bridge, six weeks or two months ago, the following negro men (of the Guiney country, bought at Messrs. Smith and Nutt’s sale at Ashley-Ferry last October)78 viz. **TRITON, DANIEL, and HECTOR**, tall, well made likely fellows; and **MARCH**, a middle-sized or rather short fellow. Whoever takes up said four negroes, and delivers them at the said plantation, shall have ten pounds, or forty shillings per head for one, two or three of them, and reasonable charges, by **JAMES DONNOM.**

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5 June 1762, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Three run away new negroes, one a very likely boy [BOY] about 18 years old, another is a young fellow [MAN] about 22, and the third a fellow [MAN] about 30, have been in the Back Settlements from about Christmas last. The owners of the said slaves, by applying to Capt. John Dargan, at Kingston-Hill, Santee, may have intelligence where to find them. They speak no English.

10 July 1762, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Went away from me a year past, two Angola negro men, named HANDY and FORTUNE: Handy is about thirty-five, strong made and middle-sized, heavy look and thick legs: Fortune is very large bodied, and has so remarkably crooked legs, that he appears to walk with difficulty. I am informed that they were seen with a white man in a camp near the upper part of Wassamsaw swamp, and who was suspected to be going to Georgia. I hereby offer a reward of one hundred pounds to any white person that will inform of their being harboured or carried off by a white man, on his being convicted, and ten pounds for delivering the said slaves to the warden of the work-house, or to FRANCIS LEJAU.

10 July 1762, *South-Carolina Gazette*
To Be Sold A Plantation . . . [sic] JAMES JORDAN. From whom ran away, from the plantation of Thomas Bee, Esq; about the 20th of April last, two Guiney negro men, one named BOATSWAIN, a very black tall young fellow, his fore teeth filed, but has none of his country marks, speaks pretty good English, is a pretty good cooper, and well known about Coosawhatchie; the other named CHARLESTOWN, is a short fellow, and speaks little English; both had on when they went away old white negro cloth jackets and breeches, and are supposed to be gone towards Edisto or up Ponpon river. Whoever harbours them may depend on being prosecuted, but whoever delivers them to their master at the aforesaid plantation, shall have 4 l.[pound] reward for each and reasonable charges.

24 July 1762, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber, about the middle of June last, from Mr. Peter Porcher’s plantation on Santee, a likely slim new negro fellow about five feet seven inches high, with scars on his temples, can speak no English, named JACOB; had on when he went away a homespun cloth jacket and breeches. Whoever takes the said negro, and delivers him to the warden of the work-house, or to me on the said plantation, shall receive a reward of Five Pounds. JOHN ELIAS KEOLER.

28 August 1762, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away about the end of July last, from my plantation on the Five and twenty-mile Creek, on the Wateree-river, a new negro girl about 12 years old, named ROSE, speaks pretty good English. Whoever takes up said negro, and delivers her to me at the aforesaid plantation, or the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, shall receive a reward of five pounds. And any
person giving information of her being harboured by a white person, shall, on conviction of
the offender, be entitled to a reward of twenty pounds. SAMUEL SCOTT.

2 October 1762, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away in August last, CHARLES, a tall, stout, Gambia negro fellow about 26 years old,
speaks pretty good English. PLENTY, a tall, slim Gambia fellow, about 20 years old, near
kneed, speaks little English: They both had waistcoats and breeches of white plains. Ten pounds
for each, besides lawful charges, will be paid to any person who delivers them in the work-
house, or at my plantation at Round-O. N.B. As my negro fellow JACK, formerly the property of
Andrew Rutledge, Esq; deceased, has not yet returned home, I therefore offer a reward of thirty
pounds to any person who delivers him in the work-house. He has lately been seen in Christ-
church parish. GEORGE LOGAN.

2 October 1762, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away the 30th of August last, two negro men of the Guiney country: one named DICK,
about 40 years of age, about five feet eleven inches high, of a thin visage, and has a large scar on
one of his ears: The other named AUGUST, about five feet nine inches high, well made, with
remarkable large legs: They speak little or no English. Whoever apprehends the said negroes,
and delivers them to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, or to Mr. Edward Splatt at
Ponpon, shall receive three pounds reward for each. DANIEL SLADE.

13 November 1762, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the subscriber, in St. Stephen’s parish, a new negro man, Mandingo born, named
BOATSWAIN, of a middling heighth, and small limbed: The said negro has been run away
since June last, together with two other that have been since taken up on Black-Ming (?) [sic].
Whoever takes up the said fellow, and delivers him to me, shall have ten pounds reward; and any
person informing me of his being harboured by a white person, shall be intitled to a reward of
one hundred pounds; and if by a negro, ten pounds. SAMUEL RICHBOURG.

20 November 1762, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the subscriber’s plantation, six negroes, viz. PRINCE, DAPHNE, with a young
child [CHILD], CHARLOTTE, PHOEBE, and AMORETTA. Prince is a lusty fellow, Guiney
born, about six feet high, the fore finger on one hand he cannot bend, and was formerly the
property of Mr. Benjamin Hurst. Whoever delivers him to me, or to the warden of the work-
house, shall have ten pounds reward and all reasonable charges; and fifty shillings for each of the
wenches by JOHN FILBIN.

8 January 1763, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from the subscriber, about six months ago, two negro men; one named DOWAY, the
other CAESAR. Doway is a very likely, tall, black fellow, about 24 years old, and this country
born; he has several relations at Stono, particularly at Mr. Joseph Smith’s and Mr. Thomas Farr’s plantations, where I am well informed he is at present harboured; he had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket faced up with blue. Caesar speaks broken English, is of the Guiney country, has a bump on one of this feet, where he sayd [sic] he was bit by a snake, is about five feet five inches high, well set, and about 26 years old. Whoever apprehends Doway, and delivers him to the warden of the work-house, or to me at Indian-Land, shall receive 25 l.[pound] reward, and all reasonable charges; and for Caesar 10 l.[pound]. JAMES CUTHBERT, jun.

22 January 1763, South-Carolina Gazette

Run away, the beginning of September last, from my plantation at Ashepoo, a very black tall likely young new Surago negro fellow, name [sic] LYMUS, who by being formerly frost bitten, lost a small part of the flesh of one of his big toes, and to the best of my memory his teeth are filed; he may be the same advertised sometime since by Capt. Lazarus Brown, and that called himself Charles. Also, run away lately, another negro of the same country, named ABRAHAM a tall stout young fellow, and with him a well set Guinea negro, named OSMOND. Likewise, from Charles-Town, in the last summer, a short hair negro fellow, named MARCH: And, about two years ago, from Mr. Williamson’s in St. Paul’s parish, two days after I bought him out of a Guinea ship, a new well grown negro lad, of the Pappaw country, his country name ARROW. I will pay ten pounds reward and all legal charges for each of the said negroes, that shall be taken up and delivered to my overseer at my said plantation. And as it has lately become a pernicious custom for back-settlers when they meet with run away negroes, and for some of the magistrates and others in the back parts of the country when such negroes are brought to them, to publish purposely blind advertisements for a short time of them, and afterwards keep them at work for themselves, instead of bringing or sending them, according to law, to the warden of the work-house, who would properly, and for a proper time, advertise and describe them, and in whose possession losers would have an

79 [duplicative], see 24 October 1761, South-Carolina Gazette.

80 [duplicative], see 24 October 1761, South-Carolina Gazette.

81 See also 14 January 1764, South-Carolina Gazette: Run Away in November last, from my plantation at Ashepoo, a Very black, tall, likely young new Surago negro fellow named LYMUS, with irons on his legs; he has lost a piece of his right ear, and a small part of the flesh of his left great toe: Also, a well set Guinea negro fellow named OSMOND, his teeth filed. Likewise from Charles-Town in the summer of 1762, a short hairy negro fellow named MARCH, taken up several times at the Congarees. And about three years ago, from Mr. William Williamson’s in St. Paul’s parish, two days after he was bought out of a Guinea ship; a well grown negro lad of the Pappa country, his country name ARROW, and is perhaps the same advertised to be in Savannah gaol. I will pay Ten Pounds reward and all legal charges, for each of the said negroes, that shall be taken up and delivered to my overseer at my said plantation, or to me in Charles-Town: And Twenty Pistoles to any person that shall inform against any white man whosoever harbouring any of the said negroes, upon conviction of the harbourer. JAMES PARSONS.

82 [duplicative], see 18 July 1754, South-Carolina Gazette.

83 [duplicative], see 24 October 1761, South-Carolina Gazette.
opportunity of seeing and finding them, I will, in order (as far as in me lies) [sic] to bring to justice such and the like offenders, pay a reward of Thirty-Three Pistoles to any person that shall inform against any white man whosoever harbouring any one of the said negroes upon conviction of the harbourer. JAMES PARSONS.

14 May 1763, South-Carolina Gazette
About a month ago ran away from the subscriber, A Negro man named PETER, about 6 feet high, who about a twelve-month ago belonged to Mr. Fitzsimmons, has sailed in the Snow Austin, capt. Holme, and is now supposed to be in some sooner [sic] or other vessel; had on when he went away a blue negro cloth jacket and trowsers. Also ran away, in October last, a well set Angola negro man named PUNCH, about 5 feet 6 inches high, formerly belonging to Doct. John Hutchinson. Whoever delivers the said run aways to the warden of the work-house, or to me, shall have a reward of Six Pounds for each. And if any person will give information by whom either of them is harboured, so that the offenders may be convicted thereof, shall have a reward of Twenty Pounds, if the harbourer be a white person, or Ten Pounds, if a negro. SAMUEL WAINWRIGHT. May 21st, 1763.

25 June 1763, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber, An Angola born, JACK, five feet six inches high, with a remarkable wide mouth and broad nose. Whoever takes up and delivers him to the warden of the Work-House, shall have Five Pounds reward, and all reasonable charges, from THOMAS LINING.

14 July 1763, Georgia Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber, about six months ago, a Negro Fellow called CYRUS; he is a short thick and well set fellow, country born, and talks good English, but speaks low, and is about 24 or 25 years of age. Also, about four months ago, another Negro Fellow Named CUFFE; he is also country born, and speaks good English. These two are supposed to be gone up towards Augusta, as Cyrus was seen and in custody near that place, and as the other was taken up there last year. Also, another Negro Fellow called CAESAR; he is a little fellow, and speaks but very indifferent English, is of the Angola country; he is supposed to be lurking near Savannah, as he has been taken near that place several times before. Whoever brings these negroes, or any of them, to the subscriber at his plantation, or to Mr. George Baillie merchant in Savannah, shall be sufficiently rewarded, according to the trouble they have been at, and all legal charges paid; and if he can find that they, or any of them, has been harboured or kept in secret by any person or persons whatever, he will prosecute him or them to the utmost of his power; and any person shall be well rewarded that can give certain information by whom they or any of them have been so harboured or secreted. DA. DOUGLASS. Morton-Hall, near Savannah, 11th July, 1763.
10 September 1763, *South-Carolina Gazette*

Run Away from the subscriber’s plantation, in St. Andrew’s Parish, A Negro fellow named JACK, this country born, and his wife named SAPHO, of the Guinea country, formerly belonging to Mr. William Henderson, and supposed to be harboured on James-Island, where they formerly lived. Whoever delivers them to me, or in the Work House shall have Five Pounds reward, and whoever will prove their being harboured, if by a white person shall receive Fifty Pounds, or by a negro Ten Pounds, from JOHN ERNEST POYAS.

N.B. The said negro man is a very sensible fellow, and a good market-man, good butcher, good plougher and mower, the wench is also fit for any use in a plantation, they are both young: if any person is inclinable to purchase the above negroes, may apply to the above subscriber, who is willing to dispose of them.

8 October 1763, *South-Carolina Gazette*

Run Away from the subscriber on the 13th of September last, two new negro fellows [MAN] [MAN], one a tall yellowish fellow, the other a small black fellow; they had on when they went away, worsted caps, negro cloth gowns and breeches. Whoever will deliver the said negroes to me at Ponpon, shall be handsomely rewarded, by MORTON WILKINSON.

12 November 1763, *South-Carolina Gazette*

Run Away from the subscriber, a new negro girl named CHARLOTTE, about twelve years of age; had on when she went away a white negro cloth wrapper, cap, &c. Whoever delivers her to me or to the warden of the work-house, shall have a Dollar reward. HANNAH CAESAR.

12 November 1763, *South-Carolina Gazette*

Run Away from my plantation near Bacon Bridge, about 5 or 6 weeks since, Six able young fellows, all sawyers, viz. SAMPSON, this country born, tall and black; the others Angola’s [sic] [MAN] [MAN] [MAN] [MAN] [MAN], &c. have been about 5 years in the province: ’tis thought they are near the said plantation, or about Bob savanna. Whoever brings them to me at Goose-Creek, or to the overseer at my plantation aforesaid, shall have 5 l.[pound] reward for Sampson, and 3 l.[pound] for each of the others. If harboured by any white person, on information and conviction of the offender, 50 l.[pound] will be given, and if by negroes 10 l.[pound]. HENRY SMITH. Nov. 15 [sic], 1763.

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84 In the Carolina Lowcountry, especially from the 1760s, the term “Guinea country” may well have denoted a more specific geographical provenance than the more common generic sense of ‘Guinea’ as ‘Africa’, that is, may well reference the ‘northern rivers’ region of Upper Guinea (“the Guinea-Bissau Coast”), from the Rio Casamance to the Rio Nunez, and the numerous small-scale coastal peoples on these coastal margins of the Kaabu kingdom. See Walter Hawthorne, *Planting Rice and Harvesting Slaves: Transformations along the Guinea-Bissau Coast, 1400-1900* (Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 2003).
17 December 1763, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from the subscriber’s plantation in St. John’s parish, on the eastern branch of Cooper river, about three weeks ago: Two negro men, from the Gold Coast, named **JUPITER** and **SAMPSON**. Sampson is full of his country marks in his face and all over his body, with large scars striped downwards. Jupiter with a long beard, and no marks. Both pretty tall, and had on when they went away white negro cloth jacket and trowsers. Whoever apprehends the said negroes, and delivers them to the warden of the work-house, or to me, in Charles-Town, shall be well rewarded. JOHN GUERARD. Dec. 22 [sic], 1763.

1 March 1764, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away, from my plantation, New Negroe [**MAN**], of the Angola country, about five feet seven inches high, speaks no English, had on a red milled cap, white negro cloth cloaths, and an under jacket. Whoever brings him home, or to Thomas Vincent, Esq; in Savannah, shall be rewarded by GREY ELLIOTT.

12 April 1764, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber in Sunbury two months ago, a Negroe Girl [**GIRL**], about 16 years old, Guiney born, speaks English tolerable well, had on when she went away a coat and wrapper of white plains; she was taken about three weeks ago at Ogechee ferry, from whence she made her escape again with handcuffs on. Whoever will deliver her to Mr. Frederick Holzendorff’s saddler in Savannah, or to me in Sunbury, shall have half a guinea reward. THOMAS CATER. April 4, 1764.

12 April 1764, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away the 4th instant, A Young Angola Negroe Fellow, [**PETER**] [sic] about five feet two inches high, speaks very little English; had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket and breeches, and a linen cap, and took with him a felling ax. He may be easily known by a large scar on his left knee. Whoever will deliver him to the subscriber shall receive 10 s. [shillings] Sterling reward, and all reasonable charges. HENRY PARKER.

18 April 1764, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette* (Supplement)
Run away the first of June 1762, A Negro fellow named **ANDREW**, cannot tell his master’s name, he is remarkable by having a bosent, which he tried to cut out, and was cured by a doctor, Guinea born, and is supposed to be harboured; if by a white person, on conviction, the sum of Thirty pounds, and if by a Negroe Ten Pounds. Whoever delivers him to me on the Cypress, within ten miles of Dorchester, shall receive a reward of Ten Pounds, and all reasonable charges. ROBET EKILLS.

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85 perhaps a “bosset”; a “small protuberance or knob” (OED Compact Ed.).
24 May 1764, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away, from on board the subscriber’s boat, on the 22d of April last, near the plantation of Robert Hudson, in St. Matthew’s parish, whereabouts he is supposed to be harboured, A Negroe Man [MAN], Bamba [Bambara] born, about 25 years old, six feet high, speaks little English, of a very black complexion, marked on both shoulders with a deep cut, and a large scar across the left elbow; had on when he went away a blue pea jacket, with a white negro cloth under jacket, and breeches of the same. Ten shillings sterling reward, and reasonable charges, will be paid, on delivering the said negroe to the keeper of the jail in Savannah, or at Abercorn to JAMES LAMBART.

12 July 1764, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run away from Mr. JAMES DONNOM, of Ponpon, in December last, Two Negroe Men, named Santee and Jemmy. Santee has since been taken, and says they were harboured in the Forks of Saltketcher by one Simon Bradley and his friend Samuel Cruse. It is suspected that Bradley has carried off Jemmy, (a short well made Angola fellow, with lists under his eyes, he understands a little of the cooper business, and formerly belonged to John Gould of Ponpon) [sic] and may sell him either in this province or Florida. Whoever delivers the said fellow to me near Savannah, or to his master in Ponpon, shall have a reward of 7 l. [£] sterl. if taken in this province, and if taken in either of the Floridas 10 l. [£]. And whoever will give information of the said Bradley or any persons carrying off the said Jemmy, so that they may be convicted, shall be handsomely rewarded by JOSEPH GIBBONS.

12 July 1764, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber on Monday the 9th inst. A short thick black Negroe Fellow, named Marquis, talks little or no English, wore a stripped jacket and an oznaburg shirt and trowsers, and likewise took with him a blue jacket with a red collar. A handsome reward, with reasonable charges, will be given to any person who takes up and delivers the said negroe in Savannah to ANTHONY PAGEY.

16 August 1764, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run away from the subscribers, Two New Negroe Men [MAN] [MAN], one a tall fellow, the other short and well made; both branded on the right breast IB. Whoever will deliver the said negroes to us, or to the warden of the work-house in Savannah, shall receive a reward of Twenty Shillings Sterling for each, over and above what the law directs. JOHNSON and WYLLY.

25 August 1764, South-Carolina Gazette
Not having heard anything of the new negro boy [BOY] I advertised in March last; and having great reason to suspect that he has been carried off by some of the back settlers; I do hereby offer a reward to Fifty Pounds currency, to any person that will give me such information as the offender may be brought to justice, and 20 l.[pound] on delivery of the boy to me in Charles-
Town, besides all reasonable charges: He is Angola born, with a remarkable smooth face, about 16 or 17 years old, and was bought at Mr. George Smith’s sale. GEORGE TEW.

30 August 1764, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run away from the subscriber, Three Negroe Men, viz. two likely young fellows, this country born, named BACCHUS and PETER, well-known in this neighbourhood, the other [MAN] a lusty well made new negroe, speaks little English, is a little bow-legged, and has had one of his teeth broke out. Whoever takes any of the above negroes, and conveys them to me, or to the jail in Savannah, shall be rewarded. JONATHAN BRYAN. Monmouth Plantation, on Savannah River, August 15, 1764.

15 October 1764, South-Carolina Gazette
Run away from me, on Thursday October 4th 1764. A tall negro fellow named SAUNDY, of the Mandingo country, near 6 feet high, very much pitted with the Small-Pox in his face; had on when he went away an osnabrug shirt and trowsers, a green woollen jacket with white mettal [sic] buttons, walks very much upright, his heels very long, was purchased at Mr. Prioleau’s vendue the 12th of April last. Whoever will apprehend the said negro fellow, and bring him to me, shall have a reward of Five Pounds currency; but whoever will give information where he is harboured, so that the offender or offenders may be brought to justice, if by a white person, shall be paid on conviction, the sum of Ten Pounds, if by a negro, Five Pounds. All masters of vessels and others, are hereby cautioned not to carry off the said fellow, on pain of being prosecuted with the utmost severity of the law, by CHRISTOPHER HOLSON, Warden of the Work-House.

18 October 1764, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, a Negroe Man named FRANK, who carried off a gun and shot puch with him. He is a likely well made stout fellow, speaks broken English, with the Spanish accent, having been several years at the Havana. Whoever will deliver him to Mr. George Baillie in Savannah, or to me in Augusta, shall receive 20 s. [shillings] reward, besides all charges. JAMES GRAY.

15 November 1764, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run away from the subscriber, A Stout Young Negroe Fellow named AFRICA, well known in and about Savannah. Whoever takes him up shall be rewarded by JEMIMA LOVE.

17 December 1764, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber, about three months ago. A new negro fellow [MAN], tall and slender; had on when he went away, white negro cloth cloaths, his country marks three scars down each side of his face. Whoever will deliver him to the subscriber, in Williamsburgh Township, or to Mr. Perdrian, in Charles-Town, shall have a reward of Ten Pounds, and all reasonable charges. CORNELIUS DONNAVAN.
10 January 1765, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber above four months ago, a New Negroe Fellow named WILL, Guiney born, speaks little or no English, is of the black complexion, and pretty slim, about five feet eight or nine inches high, has a remarkable bump on one of his elbows, and has lost a joint of one of his fingers; had on when he went away an oznaburg shirt, and breeches and cape, and has a blanket; he is about 22 years of age. Run away also above two months ago, a New Negro Fellow named MARTIN, of the same country, speaks little or no English, is about five feet ten inches high, has some of his country marks on his forehead like scratches, has lips pretty long, and are generally open; had on when he went away a new jacket and breeches, a short gown and cape of white plains, his cape notched round the edge, had a pair of new shoes with stiff hind-quarters, and carried a new blanket with him. Whoever takes up either of the said two fellows, and delivers them to the goal-keeper in Savannah, or to me at Mr. Brewton’s plantation near the town, shall receive 30 s. [shillings] sterl. reward, and all reasonable charges. HUGH BURN. Jan. 3, 1765.

19 January 1765, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from the subscriber, in October last. A tall negro fellow, named SCIPIO, of the Guinea country, speaks no English; had on when he went away, a blue stroud jacket and breeches, much pitted in the face with the small-pox. And a negro wench named BONY, with cloaths of the same stuff, speaks English, and much pitted with the small-pox. Ten Pounds reward, together with all reasonable charges, will be given for the fellow, and Five Pounds for the wench, to whoever will deliver them to me, near Purrysburgh. DAVID HEMBAR.

7 February 1765, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away, about three weeks since, from the subscriber’s plantation on Savannah river, Two New Negroe Men, one a tall fellow, called COLERAIN, the other a slender fellow, called DERRY, branded on the breast with the letters IB, had on when they went away white negroe cloth jackets and breeches and milled caps. It is suspected they carried away a small canoe with a forecastle, and ring bolts in her head and stern. Whoever will bring the said negroes and boat to me, or to the overseer at my plantation, shall have 10 s. [shillings] reward for each, over and above the charged allowed by law. ALEX. WYLLY. Feb. 5, 1765.

7 March 1765, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run away from the subscriber, A Young New Negroe Wench, named SIDNEY, has her country marks on her breast and arms, and a mole under her left eye, talks no English, wore a blue negro cloth gown and coat, a new oznaburg shift, a cheque handkerchief on her head and another about 86 For later occurrence of running away, or possibly duplicative, see 18 July 1765, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah].
her neck. A reward of Ten Shillings will be given to any person who takes her up and delivers her in Savannah to ELIZABETH ANDERSON.

9 March 1765, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the subscriber, the 3d of January last, a negro fellow named CALEB, about 5 feet 7 inches high, very square set, of a yellowish cast, with very large pits of the small pox in his face, of the Bambara country, and speaks very good English. Whoever delivers the said negro to the warden of the work-house, or to the subscriber, shall have Twenty Pounds currency reward, and all reasonable charges. THOMAS HARTLEY.

4 April 1765, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the plantation of LACHLAN M’GILLIVRAY, Esq. A short well-set Negroe Fellow, named STEPNEY, of the Angola country, about 40 years of age, speaks good English; he wore when he went away a red jacket and white negro cloth breeches. A reward of 10 s. [shillings] will be given to any person who delivers him at the said plantation to JOHN OATES.

16 May 1765, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away about three or four weeks ago, from the subscriber’s plantation, a Negroe Fellow named TOM, formerly belonging to Messrs. La Comte, and may be gone toward Ogechee, or to Alexander Wyly, Esq.’s plantation, where he lived before Messrs. La Comte had him. He speaks but little English. Whoever takes him up shall be rewarded by JOSEPH GIBBONS.

6 June 1765, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, on Tuesday the 14th ult. a Tall Negroe Man named JACK, Angola born, about 5 feet and 3 or 4 inches high, thick and strong set, had on when he went away an old hat sewed all round the brim with white thread, a pair of old leather breeches, a cheque shirt, a pair of white boots, a blue and white jacket with flat metal buttons. Whoever takes up the said negroe, and delivers him to me at Ebenezer, or to Mathias Ash or George Winkler in Savannah, shall have twenty shillings sterling reward. JOHN GRUBER.

6 July 1765, South-Carolina Gazette
Ran Away about the 1st of June, a stuttering negro fellow named CUFFEE, about 5 feet 7 inches high, the toes of one of his feet burnt off, the other foot sore; supposed to be gone to the Indian-Land, where he has a mother at Mr. Paul Wilkins’s. Whoever delivers him to the warden of the work-house, or to the subscriber, shall have 3 l.[pound] reward; and whoever will give information of his being harboured by a white person or a negro, shall have 20 l.[pound] reward for the former, or 5 l.[pound] for the latter. Also ran away about three weeks since, two Angola new negroes, one [MAN] about 5 feet 7 inches high, the other [MAN] 5 feet 6; the former very black, full of marks over his body, and had on blue jacket and breeches; the latter yellowish, and
had on negro cloth frock and trowsers. Forty shillings reward will be paid to whoever delivers them, as aforesaid. FRANCIS ROCHE.

6 July 1765, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber, July 6th, a negro fellow, named TOM: He is a thick little fellow, and talks broken English, had on when he went away, a pair of white negro cloth breeches, with a blue apron. Whoever brings the said fellow to me, at my tan-yard, on White-Point, or to the warden of the work-house, shall have Forty Shillings reward. ALEXANDER DEARMOUTH.

11 July 1765, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, Two Negroes, viz. LONDON, a well made fellow, about five feet two inches high, Angola born, has a small scar below his left ear; DICK, a sensible well made lad, about 16 years of age, five feet one inch high, or near it, country born; both of them speak very good English; the boy had one a bear-skin coat and a cheque shirt, the other white negro cloth cloaths. Whoever delivers said negroes, or either of them, to me at my plantation, or brings them to the gaol in Savannah, shall be well rewarded. MARY DOUGLASS.

18 July 1765, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, Two New Negroes, one named BEN, a short thick well set fellow, the other named COLERAIN, a tall well made fellow; both had on white negro cloth coats and breeches. A reward of 5 s. [shillings] for each of the said negroes, besides other reasonable charges, will be given to any person who takes them up. ALEXANDER WYLLE.

25 July 1765, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away last Thursday night, a New Negroe Boy, about 10 or 12 years of age, named EDINBURGH, though he some time calls himself TOM, and speaks little or no English. He had on a short oznaburg frock without sleeves and blue negro cloth breeches; two of his upper fore teeth are filed sharp. Whoever takes him up, and delivers him to me, shall have any reasonable reward. ANDREW JOHNSTON. July 25, 1765.

27 July 1765, *South-Carolina Gazette*
A New Negro GIRL, about 13 or 14 years of age, was sent on shore at Hobacaw, out of the ship Elizabeth, Capt. McNeill, to Capt. Clement Lempriere’s, from whence she has either lost herself in the woods, or is taken away, and harboured, by some person or persons. Whoever will deliver her to Capt. Clement Lempriere, at Hobacaw, or to John Giles, in Charles-Town, or to the

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87 duplicative, see above.

88 See *TAST* (1999), ID#75396, the *Elizabeth*, Capt. John McNeil, from London via Gold Coast (initially intending for Jamaica), disembarked 180 slaves in Charleston, from 6 July 1765.
subscriber, shall have a reward of Five Pounds currency, and all reasonable charges: Or, whoever will give information of her being harboured by a white person, a reward of Fifty Pounds is offer’d, and if by a negro, Ten Pounds. WILLIAM HARRIS.

22 August 1765, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber’s plantation last week, Six Negroe Fellows, viz. PRINCE, a likely black young fellow, about 20 years old, speaks pretty good English; SAMPSON, a middle sized well set fellow, about 23 years old; STROMNESS, a tall fellow, wants a tooth before, about 25 years old; COOK, a well set stout fellow, a little bow legged, full faced, about 25 years old; MALCOLM, a stout young heavy fellow, speaks a little English; JEFFREY, too well known to be described; all sawyers. Whoever will apprehend and deliver the said fellows to me shall have a reward of 5 s. [shillings] for each if on this side Ogechee ferry, and 10 s. on the other. MARK CARR. Sunbury, 20th August, 1795 [sic] [1765].

24 August 1765, South-Carolina Gazette
Ran away from the subscriber’s plantation on James island, the 26th of August two likely lusty, negro slave men named PIERRE and SCIPIO, both Carolina-born; and one negro slave Ebo wench, named AMORETTA; they all speak good English; Pierre is a very black fellow, aged about forty-five years, with red eyes and white teeth, and is about five feet nine inches high; Scipio is a darkish-brown fellow, aged twenty-one years; about five feet eight inches high; and Amoretta is a middling darkish brown wench, aged about forty-three years, and has lost many of her fore-teeth; she has a husband at col. River’s plantation on John’s island. All persons are hereby cautioned against harbouring, entertaining or carrying off any of the said run aways; and whosoever shall apprehend and deliver them (or any of them) [sic] to the warden of the work-house, or to me, in Charles-Town, shall be paid four dollars, for each fellow, and two for the wench, besides mileage, by THOMAS LAMBOLL.

14 September 1765, South-Carolina Gazette
Ran away the 28th of July, 1765, two negro men, Guiney born, named PLYMOUTH and AMOS, had on when they went away white negro cloth jackets and breeches; Plymouth is about six feet high, pitted with the small pox in his face, a black fellow. Amos is a little yellow, about the same height. They are supposed to have made for the mouth of Santee river, as one of them had run away in the spring, and was taken up that way. A reward of Five pounds will be paid for each, if they are taken up and sent to St. John’s parish, but JOHN HARLESTON.

11 March 1766, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Ran away on the 13th Feb. 1766, three new negro men named POMPEY, BEDFORD, and BRAM: Pompey is about six feet high, branded on the breast with a small brand [A I], has a scar on one of his shoulders, his country name MAHOMET: Bram is about the same height, well-set, his teeth very small, and has three of his country marks down each cheek: Bedford is a short well-set fellow, has lost one of his upper fore teeth, had an iron ring on one of his wrists, his
country name MOUSSER: They can all speak a little English, had on negro cloth jackets and breeches, dyed yellow, with boots and under jackets of indigo sheets. They took with them their blankets and a broad ax. Any person that will apprehend and deliver them to me at my plantation on the Long-Bay, or to Benjamin Simons, Esq; in Charlestown, shall have One Guinea reward, for each, and all reasonable charges. JOSIAS ALLSTON.

25 March 1766, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Absented himself from the Subscriber (who lodges at Mrs. Price’s, in Church-street) a new Negro Boy, named LIMERICK: Had on a brown Drab Coat, brown Negro Cloth Jacket and long Breeches, and speaks a little English. Whoever delivers him to me at Mrs. Price’s, shall receive One Dollar Reward. JAMES CROWLY.

3 June 1766, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Run Away from the Subscriber, about twelve Months ago [1765], a slim Negro Fellow, named JACOB, of the Shugar Country, about five Feet eight Inches high, and has worked sometime at the Wheelwright’s Business: Had on when he went away, a Jacket and Breeches of white Plains. Also, a short, thick, black Wench, named MARY, formerly the Property of Mrs. Boone, well known in Charles-Town, where she is supposed to be harboured: She is sometimes hired out as a Nurse, and other Times attends the Markets. Also a stout, well made, black artful Fellow [sic], named WILL, has a very thick black Beard: Had on when he went away blue Clothes. Five Pounds Currency Reward, and reasonable Charges, will be paid to any Person that apprehends and delivers either of the above Run-away to me in Charles-Town, or to the Warden of the Work-House, or at my Plantation at Ponpon or Indian-Land: And Thirty Pounds will be paid for either of the above Fellows Heads, by JOHN MITCHELL. N.B. Whoever harbours any of the Slaves above mentioned, may depend upon being prosecuted with the utmost Rigour of the Law. Charles-Town, May 30, 1766.

17 June 1766, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Ran away from the subscriber, about a month ago, two new negro men of the Guinea country, one named JEFFERY, and the other CAESAR. Jeffery is a tall well set fellow, with his country marks down his face, of a yellowish complexion. Caesar is a well set black fellow, with a mark on his cheek, as if it had been stamped with a thimble. Ran away about the same time, a negro fellow named JACOB, of the Bambara country, formerly the property of Mr. William Raven, and it is supposed he is gone to Stono. Whoever apprehends said negroes, and delivers them to me, or to the warden of the work-house, shall have Five Pounds Reward for each, besides all other reasonable charges; and all persons are desired not to harbour the said negroes. And as it is a customary thing for the back settlers of this province, and keep them employed privately, and in order to bring such offenders to justice, I hereby offer a Reward of Fifty Pounds on conviction of said negroes being harboured by white people, and Ten, if by a negro. ROBERT DEARINGTON. 

See also [duplicative] 4 October 1768, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal: A Run-Away Negro Man, who says his Name is CAESAR, speaks very little English, Guinea born, is now in the possession of an
21 July 1766, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Ran Away from Arthur Neil, Esq; at Pensacola [West Florida], about the 10th of last month, and supposed to be making for this province thro’ the Indian nations: Three Negro Men called *SCIPIO*, *BLACKWALL*, and *OSMYN*; Scipio is a likely, well-made, strong negro, about 5 feet 8 inches high, speaks English very well, and is fit for the house or field; he went off in a blue jacket and breeches, took a Militia musket and powder horn with him: He was purchased in Charles-Town of the Rev. Mr. Wilton. Blackwall is not so tall, or lusty, hath small legs, but is very healthy, knows how to shave well, cook, &c. speaks good English, but very thick, and a little hoarse, has been in England; he went off in a blue surtout coat, with brass buttons. Osmyn is a new negro, bought at Charles-Town in November last [1765], is well made, and about 18 years of age, inclin’d to squint or looking side-ways. Whoever takes up the said negroes, and delivers them to the warden of the work-house, shall have 10 l. reward for each, and every reasonable charge, paid by GEORGE SMITH.

29 July 1766, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run away, some Months since, from Mr. George Austin’s Plantation at Pedee, the five following Negro Slaves, viz. *PARIS*, a likely strong made Fellow, about 25 Years of Age, he is of the Guinea Country, but has none of their Marks upon him, is about five Feet eight Inches high, and rather yellow than black. *SIDO*, a slim black Fellow, speaks good English, about 5 Feet ten Inches high, is of the Sugah Country, has no other Marks than Weals of the Whip on his Belly.

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90 Only one shipment is recorded disembarking at Charleston in November 1765. See *TAST* (1999), ID#90717, the *Britannia*, Capt. Robert Witherington, from Liverpool via Angola, disembarking 200 slaves at Charleston from 18 November 1765.

91 See also 5 September 1766, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*: Ran Away, in May last, from Pensacola [sic] in West-Florida, three men viz *SCIPIO*, *BLACKWALL*, and *OSMYN*, all well-made, of a good size, and two of them speak good English. Scipio is well known in Charleston by the name of Leith, was formerly the property of Capt. Simmons, and afterwards of the Rev. Mr. Wilton; he had on when he went away a blue jacket and breeches, and carried a militia muster with him; he is fit for any service either in the house or in the field, and is suspected of having seduced the other two. Blackwall is not so tall or well made as Scipo, but healthy and strong, his legs are very small, has some little marks in his face, and speaks thick and hoarse; he was formerly the property of Lieut. Hook of the Artillery, can cook and shave well, and has been in England: He had on a blue coat lined with red, a pair of shoes, and took with him a blue surtout coat with brass buttons. Osmyn, a new negro, well sized, has a side or down look when spoken to, and had on when he went off a blue jacket and osnaburg trowsers. It is supposed they went through the Indian nation for Charleston, as they were met by two white men three hundred miles from Pensacola. Whoever takes ups said negroes, and delivers them to the warden of the work-house in Charlestown, shall, on acquainting Mr. George Smith, or Mr. Elias Vanderhorst, be properly rewarded, and have all other expences paid by said gentleman. ARTHUR NEIL.
MOOSA, a yellow Fellow, about five Feet six Inches high, pretty much pitted with the Small-Pox, stutters when he attempts to speak, has been much whipped about the Belly, &c. does not speak good English, is of the Fullah Country, and his Age about 33 Years. TARRESMAN, a likely young Fellow, about 22 Years old, near five Feet seven Inches high, this Country born, and of a yellow Complexion. CHLOE, a young Wench, about 14 Years of Age, of a yellow Complexion, Country born, and speaks remarkably low. Whoever takes up either of these Negroes, and will deliver them to the Overseer, at the above Plantation, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Charles-Town, shall receive Ten Pounds Reward for each, from JOSIAH SMITH, junior.

1 August 1766, South-Carolina and American Gazette
Ran Away, from my wharf at Hobcaw, a tall slim negro fellow, named CORNISH, brought up to the carpenter and caulker business, of the Angola country, had on when he went away a blue jacket and osnaburg trowsers. Whoever delivers him to me, or the warden of the work-house, shall receive Five Pounds reward. DAVID LINN.

2 September 1766, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Ran away, the Beginning of July last, from the Subscriber, living at Williamsburgh Township, in Prince Frederick’s Parish, a young new Negro Fellow named JACK, about 20 Years old, of a yellow Complexion, five Feet seven Inches high: Had on when he went away, a white Negro Cloth Jacket and Trowsers, and took with him a Blanket. Also, a likely new Negro Wench, named MINDO, aged about 19 Years, five Feet three Inches high, has filed Teeth, with Plenty of her Country Marks about her Breast: Had on when she went away, a Homespun Coat and Wrapper, and took a Blanket with her. A Reward of Ten Pounds Currency, with reasonable Charges, will be paid for each of the said Negroes, upon Delivery of them to me in the aforesaid Parish, or to Mr. Thomas Harvey, in Charlestown. WILLIAM GUESS. August 30, 1766. N.B. Whoever harbours the said Negroes, may expect to be prosecuted according to Law.

3 September 1766, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber’s brick-yard, the 19th August last, One New Negroe Man, named DAVID, of the Gambia country, about 5 feet nine inches high, can speak no English, has a large hole in each ear; had on when he went away a blanket, a hat, a pair of broad cheque trowsers, and an old cheque shirt. Whoever takes up said negroe, and delivers him to me, or to the warden of the work-house, shall have 40 s. [shillings] reward. THOMAS LEE.

3 September 1766, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber at the Euhaws, the following Slaves, viz. GUY, a lusty black full-faced fellow, has lost two of his lower fore-teeth, speaks little English, and is branded on the right breast DHE in one. JEMMY, a short yellow fellow, branded as above. And DAVIE, a well-set yellow fellow, with remarkable small eyes, and the same brand on his right breast. They were known to go up towards Savannah, and are supposed to have gone over the river. Twenty pounds
currency will be given for each of them delivered to DANIEL HEYWARD. South-Carolina, 25th August, 1766.

1 October 1766, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from Bonaventure, Two Negro Men, named HECTOR and PALM: Hector is of the Angola country, and was lately purchased of the Hon. James Habersham, Esq. he is about 5 feet 7 inches high, full 40 years old, with large eyes, wide mouth, and had teeth; Palm was born in Jamaica, is about 5 feet 9 inches high, very hairy, black, straight limbed, young, and likely. They both speak English, and are supposed to harbour at Little-Ogechee and Savannah. A reward of 40 s. [shillings] for either, or 4 l. [£] for both, with all reasonable charges, will be paid to any person who will deliver them to the warden of the work-house in Savannah, to Josiah Tatnell, Esq. or to JOHN MULLRYNE. N.B. No expence will be spared in the prosecution of any person who employs or entertains them.

6 October 1766, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from my plantation, in St. Stephen’s parish, in August last, Three New Negro Fellows named PRIMUS, CAESAR, and BOSON; had on when they went away, negro cloth jackets and breeches, took their blankets and axes with them, can speak little English. Primus is a pretty tall fellow, and has a large scar on one of his shoulders. Caesar is a stout well-made fellow, a little yellowish, but not so tall as Primus. Boson is a short black fellow, with a very full beard. Whoever delivers the said Negroes, or either of them, to me at my plantation at Santee, or St. John’s, or in Charles-Town, to Mr. Thomas Lind, shall receive Five Pounds currency reward. ELIAS BALL.

15 October 1766, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber last week, a lusty New Negro Fellow [MAN]; had on when he went away a purple baize night gown, and carried with him a new blanket. He has been seen on the road between my house and Savannah. Whoever takes him up, and delivers him, with his blanket, at my plantation, shall be rewarded by JOS. GIBBONS. Oct. 13, 1766.

28 October 1766, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Ran away, on the 20th Instant, from the Subscriber, a new Negro Man, named ISAAC, is a young likely Fellow, of the Congo Country, can speak no English; had on when he went away a striped Shirt and Trowsers. Whoever secures him in the Work-House, or brings him to the Subscriber at Mr. Outerbridge’s Pen, shall have two Dollars Reward, and reasonable Charges paid by LEONARD GRAVES.

28 October 1766, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Ran away from the Subscriber, a few days ago, an Ebo Negro fellow, named WILL, speaks very little English; had on when he went away, a brown jacket, and a pair of check trowsers. Whoever
brings him to the Subscriber, or the Warden of the Work-House, shall be rewarded according to Law. JOHN HUME.

12 November 1766, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscribers about three weeks ago, Two Negro Men, viz. WILL, a lusty fellow, about six feet high, of a dark complexion, speaks a little English, had on when he went away a blue fearnought jacket and a pair of old leather breeches: TOM, a likely young fellow, about five feet ten inches high, of a dark complexion, speaks no English, had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket and a pair of oznaburg breeches. Whoever apprehends the said fellows, and delivers them to the subscribers, shall receive a reasonable reward. JOHN QUARTERMAN, WILLIAM QUARTERMAN, 7th Nov. 1766.

17 November 1766, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Ran away the 15th of March last, and is supposed to be harboured in or about Charles-Town, where he is very well known, a small limb’d Angola negro man, about 40 years old, five feet high, named TONY, and formerly belonged to Mrs. Bedon: He is a gardener, fisherman and net-maker. Whoever delivers him to me on col. [sic] Singleton’s plantation at Stono, or into the work-house at Charles-Town, shall have ten pounds reward, and all reasonable charges.
JEREMIAH COLLINS.

19 November 1766, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Absented from her master, a Negroe Wench, supposed to be about 14 years old, named LUCIA. She has a black stroke over each of her cheeks as a mark of her country; she has a very particular flesh mark on her upper lip right under the middle of her nose, it consists of a small round hollow spot, in the middle whereof is a smaller protuberance quite round and fastened underneath by a very small shank. Whosoever takes up the said wench, and brings her to the subscriber, shall have ten shillings reward paid by JOHN REINIER.

21 November 1766, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Ranaway from the two plantations of Jasper’s Barony, the five following negroes, which have been seen and described going up Savannah river in a boat with some white men, and thereafter seen above seventy miles up said river in the same boat, still going up, viz. ANTHONY, a small thin fellow, with very thin jaws, about five feet five inches high, is about forty years old, has a hole in his right cheek, under his eye, it seems to have been made with a ball; he has his country marks down his cheeks. CHARLES, a small squat fellow, very black, about five feet six inches high, has his country marks down his cheeks, is about thirty-eight years of age; and is much marked with the small-pox. MERCURY, a stout well made black fellow, of about thirty-seven years old, speaks no English, has a long face, his country marks, three cuts on his temples, a sullen, sulky fellow. ROBIN, a well made little fellow, is about five feet six inches high, has so

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92 For later occurrence of running away see 30 March 1768, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]: South-Carolina. Run Away from Jasper’s Barony in August 1766, a Negroe Man named MERCURY, a tall slender fellow, round
uncommon a thick black beard that it is particularly remarkable, is a middle aged fellow. RUTLAND, a stout able bodied fellow, very black, with a full face, about 38 years of age. Five Pounds reward is offered to any person that will bring any of the above negroes to Jacob Vanbebbwer, on Jasper Hall’s Plantation, to Henry Stuart, in Beaufort, or to the warden of the work-house, in Charlestown; and Twenty Pounds to any that can prove their being in the possession of a white person or persons, so as to have them brought to justice.

25 November 1766, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run away from the subscriber, some time in August last, a short, squat Ebo Negro fellow [MAN], speaks very good English, aged about 40 years, and was formerly the property of Andrew Garey, of Santee. Had on when he went away, Negro cloth jacket and breeches. Whoever apprehends the said Negro, and delivers him to me in Goose-Creek, or to the Warden of the Work-house, in Charles-Town, shall receive Ten Pounds reward, and reasonable charges paid, by SEDGWICK LEWIS.

8 December 1766, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away, A Tall Negro Fellow, of the Guinea country, named ROBIN, the property of the Rev. Mr. WILTON; has a kind of wart on the right side of his nose, and the mark of a burn on one of his upper jaws; had on when he went away, a blue jacket and osnabrugs breeches, but has since stolen from his master’s house a whitney jacket and plush breeches, both blue, which he may possibly wear. He is supposed to be harboured about Ashepoo, being taken from thence on execution by the Provost Marshall about a year and three quarters ago. Whoever will deliver him to the printer hereof or the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, shall receive £. 10 currency, and all reasonable charges paid.

9 December 1766, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run Away, about three months ago, from the subscriber, a negro fellow named BOSON, and is supposed to be gone to Santee: He is about 5 feet 11 inches high, a likely fellow, and about 25 years old; had a spur on when he went away, his country is of the rice coast [sic]. Likewise another fellow of this country born, named TONEY, well known in Charles-Town, where he has a good many relations at Mr. Jonathan Scott’s: He is about 5 feet 6 inches high, well sett, and is a cunning crafty fellow; he had a ticket to look for a master. Whoever takes up the the [sic] former, and delivers him to the Warden of the Work-house, or to the subscriber, shall receive Four shoulder’d, much pitted with the smallpox, hollow eyed, has three small marks like cut on his temples, and is of the Coromantee country, supposed to be about forty years of age. Whoever takes up the said runaway, and delivers him to Jacob Van Bibber on said barony, at the Euchaws in the province aforesaid, or to Messrs. Inglis and Hall merchants in Savannah, shall have Two Pounds Proclamation Money Reward over and above what is allowed by law. DAVID and JOHN DEAS. N.B. He has been seen up Savannah River. Charlestown, South Carolina March 1768.
Pounds reward; and for the latter, Ten Pounds, to be delivered as aforesaid, from FRANCIS ROCHE. 93

12 December 1766, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Ran Away in August last from me at Coosawhatchie, a short black negro man named ANTHONY, about five feet high, speaks good English, his teeth filed, and has his country marks on his back and breast, had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket and breeches. Five Pounds reward, with all reasonable charges, will be paid to whoever delivers said negro to the warden of the workhouse in Charlestown, or at Coosawhatchie, to BENJAMIN HOSKINS. N.B. Whoever harbours or entertains said negro, may expect to be proceeded against with the utmost rigour of law.

13 January 1767, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Run-Away on Tuesday the 24th of December, 1766, from Mr. Jonathan Scott’s plantation in Christ Church parish, a short new Negro fellow named TOM, speaks but little English; had on when he went away, a blue pea jacket, and blue Negro cloth trowsers; he took with him a long black Canoe, the after thort [sic] painted red. Whoever will deliver him to me in Charles-Town, shall have a reward of Two Dollars. JOHN SCOTT, jun.

2 March 1767, South-Carolina Gazette
Ran away from the subscriber’s plantation, near Bacon Bridge, about four months since, a middle sized Guinea fellow [MAN], about 22 years of age, it is supposed he is harboured. Whoever will give information of his being so by a white person, shall receive fifty pounds, and if by a negro ten pounds, on conviction of the offender, or five pounds if delivered to my overseer on the plantation, or to HENRY SMITH. Goose Creek, March 6, 1767.

17 March 1767, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Run-Away about the beginning of December last, from the subscriber’s plantation in Purrysburgh, a stout able new Negro Fellow, named KING, with deep pock pits in his face, and has a very flat nose: He carried with him a duffil blanket, had on a jacket and breeches of white plains, and I believe cannot speak English enough to tell his owner’s name. Whoever delivers him to me near Savannah in Georgia, or to my Overseer at said plantation, or Mr. James Fisher,

93 See also [duplicative], 10 November 1767, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal: Run-Away a considerable time past, from the plantation belonging to the estate of Francis Roche, in St. Thomas’s parish, a Negro man named BOATSWAIN; Of the Grain Coast Country, he is a likely, stout young fellow about 27 years of age, five feet eleven inches high, and had a spur on when he went away. Whoever will take up said run-away, and deliver him either to Ebenezer Roche, on the plantation abovementioned; to the Warden of the Work-house, or to the subscriber in Charles-Town, shall receive a reward of Twenty Pounds currency; and whoever will give information of his being harboured by a white person, so as to convict the offender, shall receive the like sum, or if by a Negro Five Pounds: But should the said fellow return of his own accord in a short time, his fault shall be forgiven him, by EBENEZER SIMMONS.
merchant, in Charles-Town, shall have, over and above what the law allows, Ten Shillings Sterling, from JOSEPH GIBBONS. N.B. Should he be brought to the Work-house, the Warden is hereby desired to deliver him to Mr. James Fisher, merchant. March 9, 1767.

13 May 1767, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, two lusty new Ebo Negroe Fellows, one named CORKE and the other MINGO. They carried their blankets, shoes, &c. with them. Whoever delivers them shall be rewarded by JOS. GIBBONS.⁹⁴

3 June 1767, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber’s plantation, Vale-Royal, the 28th May last, Two New Negroe Young Fellows; one of them of a yellowish complexion, about five feet four inches high, computed eighteen years of age, of the Fallah [Fula] country, slim made and calls himself GOLAGA, the name given him here ABEL; the other a black fellow, about the same size and make, computed seventeen years of age, of the Suroga country, calls himself ABBROM, the name given him here BENNET. They can speak very little English; had on when they went away brown sailor jackets, oznaburg shirts, white negroe cloth trowsers, and blankets of (?) [sic]. Whoever will take up the said negroes, and deliver them to the warden of the work-house in Savannah, or to John Oates at Vale-Royal, shall receive a satisfactory reward, and all charges paid by LACHLAN M’GILLIVRAY.

17 June 1767, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away in September 1765, a Negroe Fellow named YARROW, then the property of Mr. Thomas Flyming of Savannah. He is of the Guinea country, is about six feet high, and has his country marks down each side of his face, and is on the black complexion, is well made, and speaks broken English. He has been often seen in and near Savannah. Any person or persons

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⁹⁴ See also 7 September 1780 Royal Georgia Gazette: Ran Away, At different times since Col. Campbell arrived in this province, The following Negroes, Belonging to the Estates of the late Joseph Gibbons, Esq; and Miss Sarah Gibbons, deceased: FORTUNE, a short, thick, black fellow, of the Guinea country. OCTOBER, a stout young fellow, about 22 years of age. LYMUS, an active fellow, country born, speaks good English, and carried off with him his mother, named RENAH, a tall, slim, old wench. HECTOR, a stout, clumsy made fellow, about 22 years of age. CORK [duplicate], a yellowish fellow, of the Eboe country, with filed teeth, about 30 years old. TITUS, a likely, sensible, black fellow, with SOPHIA, his wife, a short, black wench, supposed to be harboured about Newport, or gone to St. Augustine. BYNG, a tall, likely young fellow, about 20 years of age, country born, supposed to be in Carolina. SAGO, a tall, thin, black fellow, supposed to be harboured about Ogechee. CAIN, a tall, slim lad, about 18 years of age. BYNG, a lusty lad, about 15, supposed to be about Augusta. NERO, a stout, young fellow, about 25 years of age, has his country marks on each cheek. STEPHEN, a yellow fellow, carpenter by trade, carried off HESTER, his wife, and a child named BOB, about four years old, all of yellowish complexions. SANCHO, a tall, likely lad, a waiting boy, well known in Savannah, supposed to be gone to Carolina. CAESAR, a young fellow, of a yellowish complexion, about 20 years of age, absent two years, supposed to be in St. Augustine. MOSES, a lame fellow, of a yellowish complexion. A Reward of One Guinea, with all reasonable charges, will be paid for each delivered to Mr. Hannah Gibbons at Mulberry Hill, or to THOMAS GIBBONS Attorney at Law. Savannah in Georgia, 1st Sept. 1780.
who will take up said slave, and deliver him to me, shall receive a reward of 5 l. [£] sterling, and any person that will give notice of the said negro being harboured, shall upon conviction of the offender, receive a reward of 10 l. [£] sterling. HUGH BURN.

8 July 1767, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away, on the 29th June, in a cypress canoe, from the Colonel’s island, near Sunbury, a Likely New Negro Fellow named JOE, speaks very little English, is supposed not to know his master’s name, has a large scar or cut on his left shoulder, had on when he went away a shirt, a pair of oznaburg trowsers, and a blue jacket, was seen going towards Savannah. Whoever takes up the said negro, and delivers him to the subscriber, or to Messrs. Dunbar and Simpson in Sunbury, shall receive a Reward of Twenty Shillings, and all reasonable charges. JOHN WITHERSPOON.

14 July 1767, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run-Away from the subscriber in Purrysburg, a middle sized Negro fellow named GEORGE, of the Guinea country, speaks bad English, and has several marks of punishment on his back, late the property of Mr. Zouerbuhler. A reward of Ten Pounds, will be paid for the delivery of the said Negro, to JACOB WALDBURGER.

21 July 1767, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run-Away from the subscriber, about six weeks ago, from his plantation on Broad-River, called Cedar Creek, a Negro fellow named ROGER, about four feet and a half high, and near 20 years of age; speaks but little English; had on when he went away, a check shirt, and Negro cloth jacket. Any person that will take him up, and deliver him to me, or to the Warden of the Workhouse, shall have Five Pounds reward, and reasonable charges paid, by RICHARD CRATICK. July 17, 1767.

4 August 1767, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run Away from Rawlins Lowndes’s plantation at the Horse-Shoe, about November last [1766], a Negro fellow Named FRANK; Speaks but little English, and was brought into the province about four years ago; he is a well set strong made Negro, of the Guinea country, his teeth filed, and has his country marks on each of his temples, his forehead, and about his back. Twenty Pounds reward will be given for apprehending him. [RAWLINS LOWNDES.]

10 August 1767, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber’s plantation in Prince William parish, some time in May last, a young negro man, named JOHN, of the Guine-country [sic]: He speaks very bad English, has lost one of his fore-teeth, is about five feet six inches high, and has a large navel. Whoever will deliver him to me, or to the warden of the work-house, shall receive Five Pounds reward. ISAAC M’PHERSON. Aug. 17 [sic], 1767.
26 August 1767, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Ran Away, or Stolen, from my plantation, a Guiney Negroe Fellow, named JULY, about 25
years of age, about 5 feet 3 inches high, can speak but very little English, his teeth cut, has his
country marks on his arms and shoulders, a pleasant countenance, and his face cut, had on a pea
blue jacket, a cheque shirt, white demity breeches, a hat, and blanket. Whosoever will bring me
the said negroe shall have 2 l. [£] reward, or will inform me of any white person harbouring him
5 l. [£] on conviction, and if harboured by a negro 2 l. [£] will be given to the informer.
MARTIN DASHER. Ebenezer, July 8, 1767.

29 September 1767, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Run-Away from the Subscriber, on Saturday Evening last, a short Negro Wench, of the
Mandingo Country, named BETTY; about sixteen Years of Age, very full breasted, and speaks
but indifferent English; had on when she went away, a brown Irish Callimanco Gown,
Oznabrugs Shifts, &c. Forty Shillings Reward will be given to whoever brings her home, or Five
Pounds to any Person proving her being harboured by a white or black Person. WILLIAM
WAYNE. September 28, 1767.

30 September 1767, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away the first January last, from the plantation of WILLIAM MIDDLETON, Esq. on Great
Sittille, Four Negroe Men, all of the Guiney country, and speak some English, viz. WILL, a
lusty well made fellow, very black, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, and about 25 or 30 years of
age. JULY, a lusty black fellow, near 6 feet high, about 30 years of age, had on iron on one foot
when he went away. JOE, a very tall slim fellow, of a yellowish complection, has a blemish in
one of his eyes, about 25 or 30 years of age. TONEY, a middle-sized fellow, of a yellow
complection, walks a little stooping, about 20 or 25 years of age. Twenty shillings sterling
reward, and all reasonable charges, for each of the above negroes, will be paid on their being
delivered to the warden of the Work-house in Savannah, or at the aforesaid plantation to
WILLIAM GAMBEIL.

20 October 1767, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Run-Away from my plantation at Winyaw, some time in June last, a likely Eboe fellow named
PAUL, of a yellowish complection, speaks good English, about five feet eight inches high, and
supposed to be about twenty-five years of age; he took away a gun with him, and is imagined to
be made off to the back parts. Whoever will deliver the said fellow at my plantation, or to me on
Ashley River, shall receive Ten Pounds reward, and all reasonable charges. If he is harbour by
a white person, on conviction of the offender, the informer shall receive Fifty Pounds, from
JOHN BULLINE. October 17, 1767.
29 December 1767, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Ran-Away from the subscriber on the 16th of September last, a negro named **Boatswain**, and a negro Wench named **Silly**, they are both of the Gambia country, and have been in this province about three years; they can speak but very little English. The fellow has a thin visage, with his country marks on his jaws, and has lost some of fore teeth, he has remarkable large limbs, particularly his legs, on which are his country marks: The wench is very thin and spare. Whoever apprehends and delivers the above negroes to me, at my plantation in Christ-Church parish, or to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, shall receive Ten Pounds reward, and reasonable charges, from **Elias Wigfall**.

30 December 1767, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber about a week ago, at the Hon. James Read, Esq.'s plantation, Two Negro Men, viz. **Toby** and **Joe**, both of the Angola country. They are pretty near the same size, about five feet high and well-set; Toby has his country marks all round his forehead, and Joe three strokes on one side of it. They are supposed to be somewhere about said plantation. Any person securing said negroes, and delivering them to Mr. George Ducker in Savannah, shall receive Twenty Shillings Reward and all reasonable charges. **John Bare**.

11 January 1768, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from Jacob Meaders, at the Saltketchers in June last, two negroes, named **Sampson** and **Miley**: Sampson is about six feet high, lost two of his fore teeth, walks very upright, and is about thirty years of age: Miley is a slender made wench, of a yellow complexion, with her country marks in her face, lost two of her teeth likewise: She was with child when she went away. Five pounds reward will be given, and all charges paid, on deliver of either of the above negroes to me at Mr. Benjamin Fuller’s plantation, at the Horse shoe. **Alexander Kerr**.

15 February 1768, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from one of Governour Wright’s plantations in Georgia, in October last, three Negro men, named **Cato**, **Bullock**, and **Ned**. Cato is Carolina born, a tall slim lad, about twenty years old; Bullock is about forty years old, of the Angola country, a very good sawyer, and formerly belonged to Capt. Lampriere, at Hobcaw, where he is well known; Ned is a short well made fellow, about thirty old [sic], was purchased a New-Negro from Guiney, in the year 1754; they crossed over Savannah river at Purrysburg, and are supposed to be gone towards Santee, where they lived several years; or may have taken higher up into the back settlements. Any person who will deliver them or either of them, to the subscriber in Charles-Town, or to Governour Wright at Savannah in Georgia, shall have a reward of Five Pounds sterling for each, besides reasonable travelling charges. And any person who harbours them, or either of them, may depend on being prosecuted with the utmost severity. **Richard Lambton**.

15 February 1768, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber, two young Negro fellows, one this country born, named TOM, a middling tall fellow, has one of his toes cut off; the other is a fellow of the Guinney country, something shorter than Tom, of a black complexion, named JEMMY; it is thought that they may be gone towards the Congarees; a reward of ten pounds for Tom, and five pounds for Jemmy, on delivery of them, or either of them, to the warden of the work-house, or to ELIAS BALL, of Hyde-park.

1 March 1768, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*

Run away from the subscriber’s plantation at Ashepoo, last October, a negro fellow named CATO, about five feet four inches high, twenty-eight years old, of a very black complexion, with a very flat nose, large nostrils, and a little knock-kneed. He is a Guinea born, but speaks pretty good English; and as he went away so early in the autumn, he must be very bare of cloaths, by this time. Also, an Ebo fellow named SYPHAX, about 20 years old, little more than five feet high, well set, and walks parrot-toed; he went away from Tulisinny plantation some time in January, and took with him a suit of white negro cloth cloaths quite new; about the end of the same month, he was carried by a white man in the habit of a Sailor to Major Samuel Elliott’s plantation on Godfrey’s Savannah, but the overseer refusing to take the fellow and pay for apprehending him, the man carried him away (supposed by the overseer to take him to me) since which neither sailor nor negro have been heard of. The white man was much about the height of the negro, but not so thick in body, and said he came from Virginia. Also, a wench named SARAH, born in this country, about 30 years old, and pretty fat, she has lost her upper fore teeth, and dresses very well, is seldom without shoes and stockings, shift, cap and blue handkerchief about her neck. She was bought by Mr. Robert Smyth at Mr. Jonathan Drake’s vendue at Mr. Nightingale’s, and since sold to the subscriber; she is a tolerable good cook and washer, and had a husband who belongs to the honourable John Burn, where it is probable she may be entertained, or if not there, perhaps in the neighbourhood of Goose-Creek, at the said Drake’s plantation on Back River, by some of her relations. Whoever will deliver either of the negroes to the warden of the work-house, to either of the subscriber’s overseers, or to himself shall have Ten Pounds reward for each, exclusive of travelling charges; but whoever will apprehend the white man in possession of Syphax and will deliver him to me, so that he may be made an example of, shall have Fifty Pounds reward. BARNARD ELLIOTT.95

13 April 1768, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]

Run Away from the subscriber, A Country-Born Negroe Man, named JACK, of a yellow complexion, a little marked with the smallpox, well known in Savannah by having formerly lived with Mr. Dunlap, and has some acquaintances at Midway, where he may probably attempt to go; and has taken with him a new Negroe named JOSHUA, can speak a little English; had on when they went away white negro cloth cloaths. Whoever takes up the said Negroes, and delivers them to the subscriber, or to the Work-House in Savannah, shall be rewarded by JOHN STIRK.

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11 May 1768, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the Governor’s plantation at Ogechee about three weeks ago, A New Negro Man named **BOSON**, of the Corromantee country; he is a tall fellow, very black, and rather slim, has scores or country marks on both his cheeks, speaks little or no English, but it’s though sufficient to tell his name. Whoever delivers the said negroe to Joseph Weatherly on the plantation aforesaid shall be paid Twenty Shillings Sterling Reward, over and above all legal charges. If any person is known to conceal or harbour the said negroe, he may depend on being prosecuted with the utmost severity. JOSEPH WEATHERLEY. 9th May, 1768.

20 May 1768, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from my plantation near Ashepoo, a negro fellow named **BOATSWAIN**; he is a Guinea fellow, with his country marks on his face, has been in the country six or seven years, and speaks tolerable good English, is full six feet high, and very stout, formerly belonged to the estate of col. [sic] Thomas Middleton, and is supposed to be gone up to the southward, where he formerly lived. Whoever will apprehend the said fellow, and deliver him to my overseer on the said plantation, or to the warden of the work-house, shall receive a reward of Five Pounds from JAMES POSTELL.

20 June 1768, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away the beginning of May last, from Benjamin Huger’s plantation near George-Town, a negro Man, named **SANCHO**, his teeth filed, bought a new negro. Whoever takes him up, and delivers him at the said plantation, to me in Charles-Town, or to the warden of the work-house, shall have Two Dollars reward, and Fifty Pounds for information of his being harboured by a white person, or Twenty five Pounds if by a negro, to be paid on conviction. ISAAC HUGER.

20 June 1768, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from my plantation in Christ-Church parish, on the 25th of May last, seven Negro Men, viz. **DANIEL**, **MARK**, **PRIMUS**, **WINTER**, and **JACOB**, country born, and **QUAW**, and **AMOS**, bought new negroes. Whoever takes up, and delivers all or any of the said Negroes, at the said plantation, or to the warden of the work-house, shall have Two Dollars reward for each. Also, Run Away in April last, a Negro Man named **NED**, a boatman, artful and plausible, formerly the property of Mr. Henry Gray. Whoever takes him up, and delivers him as above, shall have Ten Pounds reward, and Fifty Pounds for information of his being harboured by a white person, or Twenty Pounds if by a negro, to be paid on conviction. ISAAC HUGER.

24 June 1768, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from Mr. Bradley’s plantation near Pansacola [sic], in West-Florida, three New Negro Men called **NEPTUNE**, **BACCHUS**, and **APOLLO**, that could not speak English; and a stout seasoned negro fellow called **LIMERICK**, speaks good English, was bread [sic] a fisherman, and is very much marked on the back, &c. with whipping. Whoever will secure all or any of the
said negroes in the work-house shall be handsomely rewarded, besides being paid whatever
the law may allow, by applying to ROBERT WELLS. Charlestown, July 1st, 1768.96

27 June 1768, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from SAMPSON NEYLE’s plantation at Santee, a Negro Man named WILL, bought
at the sale of Samuel Winburn’s estate, and formerly did belong to John Basnet. He is of the
Guiney country, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high; had on a black coat, and an old blue
jacket. Five Pounds reward will be given to whoever takes him, and will deliver him to Thomas
Page at said plantation, Mr. David Deas in Charles-Town, or to the warden of the Work-house.

12 July 1768, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run or taken away from the subscriber, a negro Boy, named JACK, bought from Roger
Pinckney, Esq.; he is of the Angola country, about 16 years of age, and 5 feet high; had on a
check shirt, and white everlasting breeches. He is supposed to be taken away or secreted by
JAMES PAYNE, a constable, under pretence of his having a right to the said negro, by his
marriage to the subscriber. A Dollar reward will be given, to whoever takes up and delivers him
to me in Charles-Town. ELEANOR PAYNE. N.B. All masters of vessels, and every other
person whatsoever, are cautioned from carrying off, or buying the said negro boy, under any
pretence whatever.

13 July 1768, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, about two months ago, A Stout Able Negro Fellow, called
PEDRO, about 35 years of age, of the Angola country, but speaks Papiamento or Curason and
English language very well; he has the upper part of his right ear cut off, and a ear-bob or bead in
his left; had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket and breeches, but has been seen
at the plantation of the Hon. Jonathan Bryan, Esq. wearing a blue jacket and oznabrig trowsers,
which, with several other cloaths, he has stole since his running away. A Reward of Twenty
Shillings, and all reasonable charges, will be paid to any person delivering him to the Warden of
the Work-House in Savannah. CHARLES PRYCE, jun. 13th July, 1768.

13 July 1768, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away on Monday morning the 11th inst. A Likely Young Negro Wench, named CHLOE,
has her country makrs on both cheeks, speaks very little English, had on a blue negro cloth

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96 See also [duplicate], 17 August 1768, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]: Run Away, from Mr. ROBERT
BRADLEY’s plantation at Pansacola, Three New Negroe Men, called NEPTUNE, BACCHUS, and APOLLO,
that can speak no English, and One Stout Seasoned Fellow, called LIMERICK, speaks good English, and is very
much marked on the back, &c. by severe whipping. It is imagined he has taken the conduct of the rest, and that they
may have found their way through the Creek nation. Whoever takes up and will deliver the said negroes, or any of
them, to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah, shall receive Twenty Shillings Sterling Reward for each, over
and above all reasonable charges for bringing them any considerable distance from Savannah. T. NETHERCLIFT.
11th August, 1768.
wrapper and an oznaburg coat. Whoever takes her up, and delivers her to me, shall be rewarded. JAMES JOHNSTON.

27 July 1768, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from Thunderbolt, A Negro Man, named CAROLINA, of the Guiney country, speaks English, is about 40 years old, five feet six inches high, of a strong make, with filed teeth, and upon his breech bears the marks of an old offender. Also, A Mulatto Man, named JOHN, near the same age, about five feet ten inches high, speaks English and bad French, is sharp visaged, with bad teeth, and stoops a little in his walk. As these fellows are very artful, they may endeavour to get off the province by pretending to be free; therefore all masters of vessels, and others whom it may concern, are hereby cautioned against it. Twenty Shillings Sterling, and all other lawful charges, will be paid for each, to any person who will deliver them, or either of them, to JOHN MULLRYNE.

16 August 1768, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Run-Away some time in April last, a small negro wench named PHILLIS, of the Ebo country, speaks good English, and a little upon the yellowish order; she is supposed to be harboured in or about Charles-Town. Any person taking up the said wench and delivers her to the subscriber near Ashely-ferry [sic], or to the warden of the Work-house, shall receive Five Pounds reward.
EDMUND BELLINGER.

18 October 1768, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Run-away from the subscriber, in June last, two negro men, named NED and TOBY: Ned is a young fellow, about 24 or 25 years old, of the Gambia country, five feet six or seven inches high, speaks tolerable good English, round shouldered and stoops much; had on when he went away, a blue negro cloth jacket and trowsers. Toby this country born, about the same age and height, cunning, artful and bold; had on a short coat and breeches of white plains, edged with blue, formerly the property of William Raven, and well known on Johns-Island, where he is supposed to be. Whoever will take up the said fellows, and delivers them to me at my plantation in Prince William’s parish, or to the warden of the Work-house, shall receive a reward of Ten Pounds for each, and reasonable charges. GODIN GUERARD.

9 November 1768, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away about three months past from the subscriber, A Negro Fellow named WELLCOME, well set, about five feet eight inches high, and about forty years old, a large blemish in one of his eyes, and pitted in the face with the smallpox, not above nine months in the province, had on when he went off a blanket coat and a blue negro cloth jacket without sleeves, speaks very broken English, and says he’s a Mandingo born. Whoever delivers said negro to the Warden of the Work-house in Savannah, or to me in Augusta, shall have a reward of twenty shillings sterling. JOHN TINKLER. Augusta, 26th October, 1768.
9 November 1768, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Went Away from one of the Governor’s plantation [sic] near Savannah, about six weeks ago, A New Negroe Man and Two Women, who can hardly speak English enough to tell their names, or who they belong to; they are said to be of the Congo country (not Angola’s frequently called Congo’s) [sic] The man is supposed to be about 25 years old, and named TOBY, a short well set fellow; one of the women is named AGNES, a short yellow wench, and the other is named ROXANA, a tall thin black wench. Whoever delivers them, or either of them, to ABRAHAM GAY on the said plantation, shall have ten shillings reward for each, over and above what the law allows. The fellow had a pair of oznabrig breeches and a white negro cloth robin; and the woman [sic] had oznabrig petticoats. 25th October, 1768.

9 November 1768, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber on Sunday the 30th ult. A New Negroe Boy, named PETER, speaks little or no English, had on an oznabrig frock and trowsers, his head shaved, and marked on the breast [‡‡]. Five shillings reward will be give to any person that takes him up, and delivers him to MATTHIAS ASHE.

20 December 1768, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run-Away from the subscriber’s boat in Charles-Town, a negro fellow named JEMMY, neat made, about five feet seven inches high, has filed teeth, Guinea born, speaks middling good English, and is a little acquainted in Charles-Town; had on when he went away a green whitney coatee very much faded, and blue negro cloth breeches; he is very apt to say his master has hired them in Charles-Town. Whoever will deliver him to the subscriber on St. Helena island, or to the warden [sic] of the Work-house, shall receive Five Pounds reward. Any person giving information of his being harboured by a white person, shall receive Ten Pounds, on conviction of the offender, or if harboured by a negro Five Pounds. ISAAC FENDIN.

25 January 1769, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Went Away the 13th inst. from the subscriber’s plantation on Sapelo River. A Tall Negroe Fellow, very black, speaks pretty good English, Angola born, and is named BRISTOL; he is branded on the breast IW in small letters, and came from the West-Indies some years ago, is well acquainted about Sunbury and Midway, where he was taken up before. Any person that will apprehend the said fellow, and deliver him to me, shall have a reward of twenty shillings, with all reasonable charges. GEORGE M'INTOSH. 17th January, 1769.

14 February 1769, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run-Away from my plantation on St. Helena Island, on the 19th of August 1767, a tall well made negro fellow, named JOLLY, aged about 40, has a large beard, with some grey hairs amongst it, near six feet high, has one hand burnt, which occasions his nails to be much warped, marked on each cheek with a cross, and on his neck with three strokes, being the marks of his country.
Whoever apprehends the said negro, and delivers him to the warden of the Work-house in Charles-Town, or to my plantation as aforesaid, shall have Ten Pounds reward, and reasonable charges paid. JOHN STEVENS.

23 February 1769, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away, 20th of February 1769, a very black Angola Negro Man named JACK, about 16 years old, with his country marks on his forehead and each temple; had on a blue negro cloth trousers and striped waistcoat, and jacket without sleeves; supposed to be harboured at Mr. Pike’s place up the Path, where he had a wife. Three Pounds reward will be paid to whoever delivers him to the warden of the work-house, or to me, and Fifty Pounds on information of any white person’s harbouring him, to be paid on conviction, by ELEANOR PAYNE.

7 March 1769, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run-Away from the subscriber, about a month ago, a young negro wench named BETTY, well known in Charles-Town, formerly the property of Mr. Edward Simons. She is of the Guinea country, a thin, slim wench; and has a ticket from John Hume, overseer to the honorable Daniel Blake, and late gardener, which she obtained through artifice, in order to bring her to town. Whoever delivers her to me, or to the warden of the work-house, shall have Five Pounds reward, and reasonable charges paid, by HENRY GRAY. This is the same wench that dealt formerly with a certain Jew. March 6, 1769.

22 March 1769, *Georgia Gazette [Savannah]*
Run Away some time ago from the subscriber, Two Negroe Men, named PERTH and NED, had on when they went away new white negroe cloth coatees and breeches. Perth is a short fellow with sharp teeth, much marked in the body with his country marks, and of a yellowish complexion. Ned is a stout well made fellow, with his country marks on his face, branded on the shoulder, but the brand forgot, has lost part of one of his ears. They went to Halifax in St. George’s parish, where they are well known. Whoever harbours them will be prosecuted as the law directs. Forty shillings reward for each will be given of their being delivered at Savannah, to THOMAS MORGAN.

12 April 1769, *Georgia Gazette [Savannah]*
Run Away about a fortnight ago, from Mrs. SIMPSON’s house in Savannah, A Negroe Boy named ROBIN, well known in Savannah, and is suspected to be harboured by some of his acquaintances, for which a reward of three pounds sterling will be given upon their being convicted. Also Run Away, Friday last, from Sabine Fields, near Savannah, Seven Negroe Fellows, named QUAMINA, PRINCE, HARRY, SAWNEY, POMPEY, JAMIE this country born, and another [JAMIE] of the same name of the Angola country. Any person that will apprehend and deliver the above negroes to the subscriber shall have a reward of five pounds sterling, or ten shillings for any one of them. JOHN SIMPSON. April 12, 1769.
18 April 1769, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run-Away from the subscriber, the 9th instant, three negro fellows, called TOM, PETER, and FLANDERS: Tom is a black fellow, about five feet six inches high, had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket with green cuffs, a robbin and breeches of the same stuff, is a very sensible, artful fellow, and may endeavour to get off the province; Peter is a black fellow, about five feet high, of the Angola country, but speaks very good English, had on a white negro cloth jacket and breeches dyed yellow; and it is thought will accompany Tom where he goes; Flanders is a black fellow, about five feet six inches high, and very lusty, of the Gambia country, but speaks good English, had on a white negro cloth jacket and breeches dyed yellow; they took with them two guns and a cutlass. Twenty Pounds reward will be given to any person what will deliver Tom to the subscriber in St. Thomas’s parish, or to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, and Ten Pounds for each of the others. All masters of vessels are hereby cautioned not to entertain or carrying either of the said fellows off the province, as they will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law. JOSEPH WIGFALL. April 10, 1769.

25 April 1769, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run-Away from my Plantation at Goose-Creek, a New-Negro Wench [WOMAN], she had on when she went away a new oznabrug coat and wrapper, and a black striped silk handkerchief round her head, and carried a new duffil blanket with her, she is a middle sized wench, about 24 years of age, of the Guiney country, has her country marks on her face, and speaks no English. Whoever apprehends the said wench and delivers her to me in Charles-Town, shall have Five Pounds reward, and reasonable charges paid. PAUL SMIZER.

26 April 1769, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, A Negroe Fellow, named YORK, or YORKSHIRE, born in this province, is a black fellow, speaks thick and stutters a little, he is a boatman and sawyer; and SARAH, a tall Guiney wench, with her country marks down each side of her face, and her teeth look as if they had been filed. The said negroes have been seen lately in Georgia, taken up by the Creek Indians. Whoever will deliver them to the Warden of the Work house in Charlestown shall receive fifty pounds currency reward for each of WILLIAM COACHMAN. South Carolina, April 18, 1769.

10 May 1769, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber’s plantation last Saturday night, A Negroe Wench, named DARQUE, or DARCHUS, much marked in her face with her country marks, speaks pretty good English; lately the property of Henry Younge, Esq. and carried with her a negro child [CHILD] about 8 or 9 months old, is supposed to be harboured in or near Savannah, as she has many acquaintances in and about town, or gone towards Skidaway Island. A reward of twenty shillings is offered to any person that will bring the said negroes to the subscriber, and forty shillings for a proper information against any person harbouring or concealing them, so that the offender may be convicted and brought to justice. WILLIAM GIBBONS.
16 May 1769, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run-Away from the subscriber’s plantation on Savannah-river, near Purrysburgh, about six weeks ago, a likely young new negro fellow, about five feet eight inches high, and about twenty-five years of age, had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket, breeches and cap, his jacket buttons are only notted cloth of the same, knee-bands, he has a ring-hole in each ear, calls himself **POMPEY**, speaks little or no English, calls his country name Congo. Whoever will take the said negro up and deliver him to me, or to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, shall receive Five Pounds reward, and all reasonable charges. JEOICHUM HARDSTONE.

25 May 1769, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from Cow Savannah, near Bacon’s Bridge, the 22d of May inst. three new negro men, lately purchased out of a cargo of Messrs. Brewton, Doyley, & Brewton, with white plains jackets, breeches and caps on, and are named **AARON, PETER and JEFFERY**; the names of Aaron and Peter were sewed on their caps, and Jeffery’s is marked marked [sic] with an X. Whoever delivers them to the subscriber, or to the warden of the work-house, shall have Three Pounds reward for each, of JACOB GEIGER.

31 May 1769, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, A Negro Wench, well known in this town, named **PHINNETTA**, she lived with Mr. Nelson in town and at Callibogie, where she may now be gone. Whoever delivers her to the Warden of the Work House shall be rewarded, and whoever may harbour her may expect to be prosecuted as the law directs. Also missing from his Carolina plantation, Three New Negro Men, supposed to be carried away from the bluff (where they were fishing) [sic] by some runaway negroes in a canoe. The name of one of them is **SANDY**, and has been about ten months in the province; the other two [MAN][MAN] were imported this spring. 97 Whoever will deliver them, or either of them, to the overseer at the plantation, shall be rewarded by JOS. GIBBONS.

20 June 1769, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run-Away from my plantation at the Round O, on Tuesday the 6th of June instant, a New Negro Man and a Woman, lately bought of Messrs. Brewton, Doyley, & Brewton; the fellow [MAN] is

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97 Of the 22 recorded slaving voyages to the Carolinas in 1769, 12 landed enslaved Africans between 23 March and 25 May, disembarking an estimated 2,361 slaves. Of these, 72 percent (1,689) were from Greater Senegambia (with 934 from southern rivers region; 755 from Senegal/Gambia); 26 percent (612) from Angola; and 2 percent (60) from the Bight of Biafra (Gabon; Sao Tomé). See *TAST* (1999): ID#17706, the *Mercury*; ID#36381, the *Shelburne*; ID#75298, the *Countess of Sussex*; ID#76101, the *Royal George*; ID#77966, the *Squirrel*; ID#91131, the *Aston*; ID#91276, the *Shark*; ID#91325, the *Corker*; ID#91344, the *James*; ID#91436, the *Lilly*; ID#91464, the *Sally*; ID#91474, the *Jenny*. 
about 30 years old, very black, of a middling size, has a scar on his nose, and one of his fore teeth gone: The wench [WOMAN] is of a middling size, very full of her country marks, and about 20 years old. The fellow had on a white negro cloth jacket, and the wench a wrapper of the same, having left their other cloaths behind. Whoever takes up the said negroes and delivers them to me at said plantation, or to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, shall receive Ten Pounds reward, and reasonable charges paid, by WILLSON COOK.

5 July 1769, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away about the 15th of this instant, from Silkhope, on Great-Ogechee, Two Negroe Men, of the Gambia country, the property of Mr. THOMAS SAVAGE; one of them named SANCHO, and the other DRUMMOND; they are both slim and tall; one of them is of a yellow complexion, and the other black; one has his country marks thus || on each cheek; they had on when they went away oznabrig shirts, and short trowsers of the same, with worsted caps on their heads, and had each small cheek linen bags. Whoever will apprehend and deliver the said negroes to the subscriber, shall be rewarded according as the law directs, besides all reasonable charges, by DAVID HUGUENIN. June 20, 1769.

6 July 1769, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from William Cattell Esqr’s plantation, in Saint Andrew’s parish, four new negroes, named CAESAR, BEN, PRINCE, and BRUTUS, all are of the Guinea or Mandingo countries. Any person that will deliver them to the driver on said plantation, or to the warden of the work-house, shall have Forty Shillings reward for each, and reasonable charges paid by ISAAC MACPHERSON.

13 July 1769, South-Carolina Gazette
Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 7th instant, a new negro man, understands no English, only answers to the name of HECTOR, is a stout well-set fellow, about five feet seven inches high, with a remarkable long beard, and a mole on his left cheek; had on when he went away, a pair of oznabrug breeches, a check shirt and worsted cap. Also, Ran Away on the 10th instant, a new negro man, named CASTILIA, can speak no English, he is about five feet seven inches high; had on when he went away, a pair of oznabrug breeches and jackets. Whoever delivers the

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98 For later occurrence of running away, see 22 November 1769, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]: Run Away from the plantation of Capt. THOMAS SAVAGE at Great-Ogechee about three weeks ago, Two Negro Men, named CORKE and SANCHO. Corke is tall and slim, and of a dark complexion. Sancho is about six feet high, and of a yellow complexion; he ran away in the summer, and was taken up at Mr. Wertsch’s cowpen, 85 miles above Savannah, from whence he was sent to the Work-house in August last. They are both of the Guiney country, and had on when they went away white negro cloth jackets and breeches and worsted caps. Also run away last June, A Negro Fellow, named DRUMMOND, of a dark complexion, likewise of the Guiney country, had on when he went away an oznabrig frock and short trowsers. Whoever takes up the said negroes, and delivers them to me at the said plantation, or to the Warden of the Work-house in Savannah, shall receive what the law directs, besides all reasonable charges. DAVID HUGUENIN. Parish of St. Philip, Nov. 13, 1769.
said fellows to the subscriber up the Path, or the warden of the work-house, shall have Five Pounds reward for each, and reasonable charges. WILLIAM WAYNE.

3 August 1769, South-Carolina Gazette
Ran Away From the Subscriber’s Plantation, on John’s Island, on Monday Morning, the 31st July, three New Negroes, of the Guiney Country, bought of Mr. John Chapman the 24th of May last, named BOSTON, TONEY, and MARCELLUS: Boston is a young Fellow, about 24 Years of Age, and speaks very good English, Spanish and Portuguese: Toney and Marcellus cannot speak any English, nor tell their own or Master’s Names; Toney is a tall Fellow, has his Country’s Marks down his Cheeks; Marcellus is a young Fellow, of a midling Stature, and a yellowish Complexion, and lame in one of his Feet with a Guiney-Worm99; Toney and Marcellus were inticed away by Boston, who is a cunning, artful Fellow, and has been in several different Parts of the World; they carried off with them a good many Cloaths, three Blankets, and two Hats, and went off in a Canow [sic] belonging to Mr. John Holmes, the Canow rows with four Oars, and has been new-Bottomed, with two Cypress Planks joined together, her upper Rudder-Iron goes across her Stern: Boston went by the Name of LANCASTER before I bought him. Whoever will take up the said Negroes, and deliver them to me, at my Plantation on John’s-Island, or to the Warden of the Work-House, shall have Five Pounds reward for Boston, and Three Pounds a piece for Toney and Marcellus, and all reasonable Charges. And, whoever will take up, and secure the said Canow, and inform the Subscriber where she may be had again, shall receive Five Pounds Reward, and all reasonable Charges paid, by THOMAS HANSCOMBE.

3 August 1769, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the Subscriber, A Negro Fellow named TOM, of the Guiney Country, about five Feet eight Inches high, of a black Complexion, and speaks but indifferent English; he had on when he went away in June last, a white Negro Cloth Jacket, and Crocus Trowsers; it is supposed he has travelled towards Orangeburg, where he formerly lived, and where he was twice taken last Year. Whoever delivers him to the Warden of the Work-House, shall have Ten Pounds reward, besides reasonable Charages; but, if Information is given of his being harbourd, the whole Damages recovered from the Offender shall be paid to the Informer, by WILLIAM BURROWS.

7 August 1769, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run Away from Price, Hest, & Head, about fifteen months ago, a young Ebo Negro Man named TOM, about 5 feet, 5 inches high, of a yellowish complexion; he formerly belonged, and was a waiting man to Mr. Nathaniel Hall, Merchant, at Savannah in Georgia, and is supposed to have either gone into that province, or to one of the plantations of the estate of John M’Queen, Esq; he having a wife belonging to said estate. Whoever will deliver the said negro to the subscribers, or

99 Dracunculus medinensis, a painful helminthic worm that can grow as long as four feet through human connective tissue, and endemic in tropical Africa; Kenneth F. Kiple, The Caribbean Slave: A Biological History (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984), p.73.
to the Warden of the Work-house, shall receive Twenty Pounds reward, and reasonable charges; and whoever will give information of his being harboured, shall upon conviction, receive Fifty Pounds reward by a white person, and Twenty Pounds if by a Negro; but if the said Tom will return to the subscriber within one month from the date hereof, he shall have pardon for his past offence, with liberty to get another master. WILLIAM PRICE.

29 August 1769, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Run-Away from Mr. Humphry Sommers’s plantation, at Stono, a negro fellow named JOHNNY, about 5 feet 6 inches high, strong and well made, about twenty-five years of age; he had on when he went away, a blue negro cloth jacket and breeches; he formerly belonged to the late William Raven; he has a mother at Benjamin Elliott, Esquire’s plantation, near Ashley ferry, where it is supposed he is harboured. Another negro fellow named COLEMAN, about 5 feet 8 inches high, about 25 years of age, a well made fellow, with his country marks on his face, speaks pretty good English; he had on when he went away, a white negro cloth jacket and breeches, he has been at Mr. Young’s plantation, near Edisto ferry, where it is supposed he is harboured. Also a negro wench named CLOE, very black and lusty, she limps in her walk a little; had on when she went away, a white negro cloth jacket and coat; some time ago she was seen on board one of Mrs. Ellis’s schooners. A reward of twenty pounds will be given for taking up Coleman, and ten pounds a piece for taking Johnny or Cloe, upon delivering either of them in the work-house in Charles-Town. Any person that can give information of either of the above mentioned negroes being harboured by a white person, shall have fifty pounds, or if by a negro, twenty pounds reward, on conviction of the offender. RICHARD DOWNES.

5 September 1769, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Run-Away on the 20th of June last, a new Ebo man, named NED, had on when he went away, a white negro cloth wrapper, blue breeches with yellow buttons, a pair of check trowsers, and has on each side his face his country marks. Whoever will give information that he is harboured by a white person, shall receive Twenty Pounds reward, or Ten Pounds if by a negro. Any person who will deliver him to me at the late Mr. Peter Hoskin’s plantation, near Dorchester, or to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, shall be handsomely rewarded. JAMES SPENDER.

6 September 1769, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, Three New Negroe Men, of the Guiney country; one a tall slim fellow, named ROBIN, with some of his country marks on his face; another a tall stout black fellow, named PRIMUS, much pitted with the smallpox; the other a short young fellow, named ADAM. Whoever delivers the above negroes to the subscriber shall be properly rewarded by WILLIAM GIBBONS.

7 September 1769, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the Subscriber, some Time in July last, a Negro Fellow, named CYRUS, of the Guiney Country, can speak but little English, he is six Feet high or upwards, with filed Teeth,
had on when he went away, a Crocus Frock and short Trowsers. Whoever will deliver him to me, or the Warden of the Work-House, shall receive a Reward of Five Pounds, and reasonable Charges, from ELIAS BALL, of Hyde-Park. September 4th, 1769.

26 September 1769, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Charles-Town, September 23, 1769. Run-Away from the Subscriber, on Monday the 18th instant, a negro wench, of the Eboe country, named SUE, about 25 years old, five feet high, has a remarkable scar on her head, and lately belonged to Mr. Richard Posseth, of Georgia. Had on when she went away, a blue negro cloth petticoat, oznabrug shift, and check apron. Whoever takes up the said wench, and delivers her to me in Union-street, or to the warden of the work-house, shall receive Five Pounds reward, and reasonable charges paid, by JOSHUA BEARD.

11 October 1769, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, A Negroe Fellow, named GEORGE, of the Coromantee country, formerly the property of Henry Yonge sen. Esq. is about five feet ten inches high, and about 40 years old, commonly has a long beard; he had on when he went away a green jacket; he was lately shot in the leg, and was not completely cured, is very lame; it’s supposed he is harboured in or about Savannah or Skidaway island. Whoever will take him, and deliver him to the Warden of the Work-house, shall have ten shillings reward, and all reasonable charges paid by JAMES CUTHBERT. Savannah, 10th October, 1769.

1 October 1769, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from my plantation on Hutchinson’s Island, opposite to Savannah, on Monday morning last, Three New Negroe Men, of the Conga country, called BEN, PETER, and TOM; they carried with them a canoe with three paddles, and it is supposed would go towards the sea; Ben and Peter are tall, the other a short thick fellow, with a very broad face, seemingly swollen; they had on white negroe cloth jackets and breeches, two of them double worsted milled caps, and other a common single worsted one; Ben speaks a little English, tho’ it is probable will not be able to tell his master or overseer’s name. Whoever takes up the said negroes, and delivers them to me in Savannah, or at my plantation, shall be rewarded, over and above what is usually given. JOHN GRAHAM. Savannah, 1st November, 1769.

14 November 1769, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away, a Negro Woman named PATT, of the Guinea Country, lately purchased of Mrs. Catherine Hood of this town; she has a husband belonging unto the Hon. Henry Middleton, Esq; who was seen with her the evening and day following her departure. Five Pounds reward will be given for her being delivered to the Warden of the Workhouse, and Twenty Pounds upon

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100 likely Canga [Kanga], of the southern rivers region (Sierra Leone, Windward Coast) of Greater Senegambia (Upper Guinea), rather than Congo.
information and conviction of the offenders for harbouring her. STEPHEN DRAYTON.
Charlestown, Nov. 20.

22 November 1769, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the plantation of Capt. THOMAS SAVAGE at Great-Ogechee about three
weeks ago, Two Negro Men, named CORKE and SANCHO. Corke is tall and slim, and of a
dark complexion. Sancho is about six feet high, and of a yellow complexion; he ran away in the
summer, and was taken up at Mr. Wertsch’s cowpen, 85 miles above Savannah, from whence he
was sent to the Work-house in August last. They are both of the Guiney country, and had on
when they went away white negro cloth jackets and breeches and worsted caps. Also run away
last June, A Negroe Fellow, named DRUMMOND, of a dark complexion, likewise of the Guiney
country, had on when he went away an oznabrig frock and short trowsers. Whoever takes up the
said negroes, and delivers them to me at the said plantation, or to the Warden of the Work-house
in Savannah, shall receive what the law directs, besides all reasonable charges. DAVID
HUGUENIN. Parish of St. Philip, Nov. 13, 1769.

22 November 1769, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from Mr. M’Gillivray’s plantation at Vale-Royal the 13th instant, Three New Negroe
Young Men, and Three Young, viz. JACOB, five feet six inches high; CHARLES, five feet
nine and a half inches high, of the Guiney country; TONY, five feet six inches high, of the
Kishee [Kissi] country; their aged about 22 or 23 years: JAMINA, a stout woman, about five
feet six inches high, and 20 years of age; BELINDA, a stout young woman, 18 years old, very
much marked on her body, five feet five inches high; HAGAR, a young wench, five feet five
and a half inches high, has very small country marks on each side of her face; the women are of
the Guiney country. They had on when they went away cloaths of white negro cloth, milled
cape, and duffil blankets. It is uncertain whether they are gone towards the salts or to the back
country. Whoever takes up the said negroes, or any of them, shall be handsomely rewarded,
according to the trouble and distance, by LACHLAN M’GILLIVRAY. N.B. None of them can
speak English, nor tell their master’s name.

30 November 1769, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from my Plantation, in Prince-William’s Parish, about two Months ago, an elderly
new Negro Man, named PETER, cannot talk English; had on when he went away, an old white
Negro Cloth Jacket, and long Trowsers, having a large red Pocket in one of his Jacket Skirts; is
about 5 Feet 7 Inches high, his Country Marks on his Forehead, both Sides of his Face, Breast,
&c. stands remarkably wide upon his Legs, and his Teeth filed. Whoever delivers him to my
Overseer, at the said Plantation, or to the Warden of the Work-House, shall have Five Pounds
Currency, Reward, besides lawful Charges. ROBERT PHILP.

101 Sancho and Drummond are duplicative.
5 December 1769, *South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*
Run-Away, or Stolen, from the subscriber, in St. Stephen’s parish, on the 28th of October last, a short, likely, yellowish Negro Woman, about 26 years of age, named **BECKEY**, of the Ebo country, but looks more like a country born, and speaks tolerable good English. Whoever apprehends the said negro woman, and delivers her to the subscriber, or to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, or give such intelligence of her, so that she may be got, shall be reasonably rewarded, by PETER GUERRY.

13 December 1769, *Georgia Gazette [Savannah]*
Went Away from the Governor’s plantation near Savannah the beginning of October last, Three New Negroe Men, of the Guiney country, named **PITT, POMPEY, and CARLOS**: they were purchased in June last, and it’s supposed cannot speak English enough to give any account of themselves, or who they belong to. It is known that they kept up between Savannah and Ogechee Rivers. They had on when they went away coarse oznabrig breeches and white negroe cloth robes. Whoever takes up the said negroes, and delivers them to Richard Gambell at Savannah, or to me at the Governor’s plantations at Ogechee, shall be paid a reward of twenty shillings for each, over and above what is allowed by law. Pitt is supposed to be about five feet ten inches, with remarkable thick lips; Pompey about five feet nine; and Carlos about five feet seven or eight inches. They are all very likely young fellows. JOSEPH WEATHERLY. December 11, 1769.

20 December 1769, *Georgia Gazette [Savannah]*
Run Away from the subscriber, A New Negroe Fellow, of the Guiney country, named **QUAMANER**, about five feet ten inches high, of a thin visage, and pitted with the smallpox, close knee’d, and turns his toes very much out; he is thin bearded, but commonly wore it very long; had on when he went away new negroe cloth jacket and trowsers, and under them the remains of his last years blue negroe cloth frock and trowsers, and took with him a small bed blanket not much worn, but a great deal dirted; he speaks but little English, ‘tis probable will not tell either his own or his master’s name. Whoever will apprehend the said fellow, and deliver him to the subscriber, or the Warden of the Work-House, shall receive ten shillings, over and above what the law allows. And as I am suspicious of his being in the possession of some villain, I do hereby offer a reward of ten pounds sterling to any person that will inform against any white person that harbours or entertains the said negroe, to be paid upon the conviction of the offender, by JAMES SCREVEN.

21 March 1770, *Georgia Gazette [Savannah]*
Run Away from the subscriber, on Friday last, A Negroe Fellow, named **SAM**, about 22 years old, and about 5 feet 6 inches high, is well known in and about Savannah, has his country makrs on each side of his face thus | | | , his teeth remarkably wide apart, and speaks very good English,

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102 The one slaving voyage recorded as landing enslaved Africans in Georgia in June, 1769, was the *Gambia*, Capt. Nicholas Doyle, from Bristol via Gambia to Savannah, disembarking 140 slaves from 7 June 1769; *TAST* (1999), ID#17698.
had on when he went away a dark grey cloth double breasted waistcoat and a white negro cloth under jacket, a pair of green negro cloth long trowsers, and a round sailor’s cap. Whoever delivers him to me at Savannah shall have a reward of twenty shillings, and all reasonable charges. JAMES LUCENA. N.B. Said negro is suspected to be concealed on board some vessel, and I forewarn the masters of vessels from carrying him off, as they may depend on being prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law.

28 March 1770, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from Leeds in Georgia, about nine months ago, Two New Negro Men, of the Guiney country, namely, **SAMPSON** and **TONY**. Sampson is of a black complexion, 5 feet 7 ½ inches high, has a large scar on his left shoulder, another on said arm, holes in his ears, and his country marks on each side his neck, though not very plain. Tony is of a yellowish complexion, 5 feet 4 ½ inches high, has a scar on his right foot, which causes his big toe to bend down a little. Whoever will deliver the above negroes to the Rev. J. J. Zubly in Savannah, or to Mr. Benjamin Stirk at his plantation, shall receive Five Pounds Sterling, but if they are harboured Ten Pounds Sterling upon conviction of the offender, or in proportion for either of them. JUSTINUS STOLL. March 17, 1770.

6 April 1770, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber about the middle of February last, a Negro Man named **PETER**, about five feet nine inches high, slim built, very black skinned, speaks broken English; had on when he went away, a white Negro cloth jacket and breeches, a pretty good felt hat and an old wig. Whoever takes up said Negro, and deliver him to me at the Wexa (?) [sic], to John Chesnut at Pinetree, or to the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown, shall have Ten Pounds reward; and any person making information and giving proof of his being harboured by a white person shall have Twenty Pounds, or if by a Negro Fifteen Pounds, paid by me. JOHN BARKLEY.

25 April 1770, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away, about eighteen months ago, from the subscriber, on Port-Royal, A Negroe Fellow, named **PRIMUS**, full faced, about five feet eight inches high, speaks good English, and has his country marks in his face, about thirty years of age. Whoever apprehends the said fellow, and brings him to the subscriber, shall receive fifty pounds currency reward and all reasonable charges. THOMAS BOWMAN, senior. April 30, 1770.

10 May 1770, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away from the Subscriber, the 22d of April last, Three Negro Men, viz. **CUFFEE**, a thin Fellow, about six Feet high, something old, thin visaged, with his fore Teeth out. **COOK**, a stout well-made Fellow, of the Guiney Country, has a Bump on his Belly, and about five Feet nine Inches high. **CAESAR**, also of the Guiney Country, about five Feet, seven or eight Inches high, neither of them can speak much English. A suitable Reward will be given, to any Person, who
will take up and deliver the said Negroes, to RICHARD RICHARDSON, in St. Mark’s Parish, Craven-County.

23 May 1770, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run-Away from the subscriber, about twenty months ago, a short, well set, black Ebbo Negro Fellow, named NERO, very artful and cunning, with some of his country marks on his face, was lately seen in camp on the head of Augustin’s Creek, near the Honourable John Graham, Esqr’s.

plantation. Whoever takes up the said negroe, and delivers him to the subscriber at his plantation, shall be paid three pounds. WILLIAM GIBBONS.103

23 May 1770, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from my plantation, the following Negroes, viz. BEN, a stout likely man, about five feet eight inches high, of the Guiney country, speaks indifferent English. TOM, a young fellow, about five feet six inches high, speaks good English, and is very sensible and artful; he has with him his wife, a small wench, almost a new negroe, called BELLA. DUBLIN, a fellow about five feet seven inches high, of the Ebbo country, marked on the cheeks, speaks English. Ten shillings reward, beside reasonable charges for mileage, &c. will be paid for each of the above negroes, upon delivery of them at my plantation, to Mr. William Wylly at Cherokee-hill, or to Mr. Richard Wyly in Savannah. ALEX. WYLLY.

5 July 1770, South-Carolina Gazette
Dorchester, June 26, 1770. Run-Away from my Plantation on the Cypress, the undermentioned Negroes, viz. A well set elderly country born Fellow, named JEMMY, very sensible, and has clumsy Legs. A middle sized Wench, named ROSE, yellow Complexion, pitted with the Small-Pox, and I believe was with Child when she went away; they took with them their two Children, named DOLLY and FLORA, and all their Cloaths, &c. they were the Property of Captain Silas

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103 See also 7 September 1780 Royal Georgia Gazette: Ran Away, At different times since Col. Campbell arrived in this province, The following Negroes, Belonging to the Estates of the late Joseph Gibbons, Esq; and Miss Sarah Gibbons, deceased: FORTUNE, a short, thick, black fellow, of the Guinea country. OCTOBER, a stout young fellow, about 22 years of age. LYMUS, an active fellow, country born, speaks good English, and carried off with him his mother, named RENAH, a tall, slim, old wench. HECTOR, a stout, clumsy made fellow, about 22 years of age. CORK (duplicate), a yellowish fellow, of the Eboe country, with filed teeth, about 30 years old. TITUS, a likely, sensible, black fellow, with SOPHIA, his wife, a short, black wench, supposed to be harboured about Newport, or gone to St. Augustine. BYNG, a tall, likely young fellow, about 20 years of age, country born, supposed to be in Carolina. SAGO, a tall, thin, black fellow, supposed to be harboured about Ogechee. CAIN, a tall, slim lad, about 18 years of age. BYNG, a lusty lad, about 15, supposed to be about Augusta. NERO, a stout, young fellow, about 25 years of age, has his country marks on each cheek. STEPHEN, a yellow fellow, carpenter by trade, carried off HESTER, his wife, and a child named BOB, about four years old, all of yellowish complexions. SANCHO, a tall, likely lad, a waiting boy, well known in Savannah, supposed to be gone to Carolina. CAESAR, a young fellow, of a yellowish complexion, about 20 years of age, absent two years, supposed to be in St. Augustine. MOSES, a lame fellow, of a yellowish complexion. A Reward of One Guinea, with all reasonable charges, will be paid for each delivered to Mr. Hannah Gibbons at Mulberry Hill, or to THOMAS GIBBONS Attorney at Law. Savannah in Georgia, 1st Sept. 1780.
Miles, deceased. A strait limb’d Guinea Fellow, named QUASH, about six Feet high, has small Eyes, and speaks very little English. A well set Angola Fellow, named MINGO, yellowish Complexion, a little ruptured, his Upper Teeth filed, and is about five Feet five Inches high. A strait limb’d Guiney Fellow, named JEMMY, about six Feet high, and has a deep Scar on the upper Part of his Forehead. A well set Country born Lad, about Twelve Years old, named VENTURE, he was late the Property of the Estate of David Kittleband, on the Cypress. Fifteen Pounds Currency will be given to any Person that will deliver to the Subscriber, the Country born Fellow, named Jemmy, Rose, and their two Children, and Five Pounds Currency for each of the other Runaways. Any Person giving Information of the above Negroes being harboured or either of them, if by a White Person, shall on Conviction of the Offender, receive Thirty Pounds Currency, or if harboured by a Negro, Five Pounds Currency Reward. RICHARD WALTER.

6 September 1770, South-Carolina Gazette, Supplement
Run away, about the middle of May last, a Negro man, named SIRRAH, of the Guiney Country, about five feet seven or eight inches high, of a pretty black complexion, speaks tolerable good English, not very thick, supposed to be between thirty and forty years old. A Negro Woman, named MOLLY, also of the Guiney Country, supposed to be near forty years of age, of a middle size, and speaks English. Also Negro Man, named GLASGOW, about twenty-five years of age, five feet ten inches high, a well-made fellow, has a place on his head like a kind of a spot without hair, and a large scar on his belly, both which are apprehended to have proceeded from a burn, speaks English but indifferently, with a squeaking voice in common, is of the Ebo Country. The two last did lived [sic] in Chirist-Church [sic] Parish before I bought them, therefore the Woman may probably be gone there, but I imagine that the Fellows are somewhere in St. Thomas’s Parish, as they lived with me there till I left it, or about Charles-Town, as they used to go to Market, and have got several acquaintances there. Whoever takes up all, or any of the above slaves, and delivers them to the Warden of the Work-house, in Charles-Town; or to me at Furmania, near the High-Hills of Santee, in Craven County, shall receive Ten Pounds currency reward for each, and reasonable charges. WOOD FURMAN.

15 October 1770, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away the 11th of August, 1769, from my plantation at the Cheraws, a New Negro Man, of the Angola Country, called NERO, who could speak no English, and probably may have forgot his name: He is a lusty, well-made fellow, supposed to be six feet high, of a very black complexion, about twenty-years of age, has large thick lips, and a scar on the left side of his head, two or three inches long. Said fellow went away with four others, who have been since taken in North Carolina, and it is highly probable, from their confession and other circumstances, that he has been taken, carried out of the way, and perhaps sold. Any person who shall deliver said Negro to Mr. John Williams, near said plantation, to the Warden of the Work-house, or myself in Charlestown, shall receive Fifty Pounds Currency reward, and all reasonable charges; but if he is harboured, carried off, or sold by a white person, I will give One Hundred and Fifty Pounds like money, upon conviction of the offender. DAVID WILLIAMS.
5 December 1770, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber at the Plantation of Mr. Nichols’s estate on Stono, November 1st, 1770, a Negro Man named **JAMEY**, of the Angola country; he is about five feet five or six inches high, about twenty-two years old, has a limping walk, has a cut on his left hand, near his middle finger, so that he cannot straighten it; had on when he went away white negro cloth jacket and breeches, with some blue between every seam, and particularly on the fore part of the jacket, a slip of blue in the shape of a serpent; he was seen at Stono on board Mr. Valentine Linn’s boat, in company with one of his negroes. Whoever will deliver the said Negro to me, shall receive Five Pounds currency; and whoever can prove his being harboured by a White Person shall be paid Twenty Pounds; or if by a Negro Ten Pounds. All Masters of Vessels and others, are forwarned from carrying off the said Negro. **JOHN FITTS.**

10 January 1771, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the Subscriber, on the 12th of December last, a Negro Wench, named **BETTY**; middle-sized, speaks broken English. She had on when she went away a blue Negro Cloth Coat, with a striped Linen one over it; also a blue Jacket, very much patched about the Arms. She was formerly the Property of Mr. Gray, Tavern-Keeper, on the Bay, and is well known about Charles-Town. Whoever apprehends the said Wench, and delivers her to me, in Charles-Town, shall receive Five Pounds Reward, and all reasonable Charges. N.B. All Persons are cautioned from harbouring the said Wench, at their Peril. **PAUL SMISER.**

28 February 1771, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run-Away from the Subscriber, in July last, a Negro Fellow named **SCIPIO**, of the Keshey [Kissi] Country; he is five Feet five Inches high, full Faced, pitted with the Small-Pox, his upper Teeth filed, has a Lump like a Wart under his right Ear, and one of his Breast; had on when he went away, an old blue Jacket and Breeches. Whoever will deliver him to Mr. George Greenland in Charles-Town, shall receive Ten Pounds Reward, and whoever gives Information of his being harboured, so that he is taken, shall receive the like Sum; and, on Conviction of the offender, if a white Person, they shall receive Twenty Pounds, and if a black Ten Pounds, paid by **JOSEPH HEABER.**

21 March 1771, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away about the 1st of February last, a short black Negro Fellow, named **ANDREW** of the Angola Country, and his wife named **AFFEY**, a Callabar; a tall black Wench, with her CHILD about a Year or 18 Months old. It is thought they are somewhere about Beach-Hill. The Fellow once belonged to Henry Smith, Esq; of Goose-Creek, and to Mr. Francis Lemmons, at Dorchester, from him sold to Mr. John Davies Merchant, in Charles-Town, and lately carried from his Plantation at Ponpon, near Jacksonborough. A Reward of Twenty Pounds will be paid, for apprehending and delivering the said three Negroes, to the Warden of the Work-House, in Charles-Town, by **JOHN GAILLARD.**
2 May 1771, *South-Carolina Gazette*

George-Town, Winyaw, April 25, 1771. Went away from the Subscriber, in George-Town, the latter End of January last, Two Negro Men: One a very lusty Fellow, named MOBILE, of the Angola Country; the other a slim middle-aged Fellow, about five Feet seven Inches high, with very thick Wool upon his Head, one of two of his fore Teeth out, named JOE, of the Guiney Country: They had on when they went away, white Negro Cloth Jackets and Trowsers. They formerly belonged to Thomas Wright, Esq.; of Goose-Creek, deceased, and left by him to the Miss Hassels, of Cape-Fear, and afterwards, by their Directions, sold in this Town at Vendue. Any Person taking up either or both of the said Negroes, who will deliver them to the Warden of the Work-House, shall have Five Pounds Reward for each, besides reasonable Charges; or if they will bring them to me in George-Town, shall have Ten Pounds for each. JOSEPH BROWN.

8 July 1771, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*

St. Matthews, June 28th, 1771. Missing from my plantation, early on Saturday morning the 22d of his month [June], a New Negro Man, purchased from Mr. Brewton the 11th instant, he is of a middling size, pitted with the smallpox, of the Mandingo or Gambia country, his country name is JOWLER, had on when he went away, a new check shirt and short osnaburg trowsers, made with a square piece in the seat. As I apprehend some person has conveyed him to the Back settlements, any person giving me information of the said negro being in the possession of any white person, so that he may be got again, on conviction of the offender, shall receive a reward of Fifty Pounds currency, and all reasonable charges paid by TACITUS GAILLARD.

15 July 1771, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*

Run away from the subscriber on Hilton Head in May last, a thin spare Negro Boy named DARBY, formerly called QUACKOE, of the Guinea country, about sixteen years old, had on when he went away, a white negro cloth jacket and trowsers. Any person taking up the said negro, and will deliver him to Mr. Patrick Hinds in Charlestown, Mr. Joseph Pendarves on the River of May, or to me on Hilton Head, shall receive Fifteen Pounds reward. EDMUND MATTHEWS.

8 August 1771, *South-Carolina Gazette*

Run-Away from the Subscriber, about three Weeks since, Four Negro-Men, and One Woman, all of the Angola Country, have been in the Province about six months, and can speak English enough to give an Account of themselves. Their names are TOM, MARCH, FRIDAY, COMBO, and ZORA. They are all about five Feet seven Inches high, and were all dressed in white hemp jackets and trowsers. The last mentioned Woman is of a very fair complexion, though she comes from Angola.

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104 Cf. the following two shipments in *TAST* (1999): ID#91688, the *Saville*, Capt. James Kendall, from Liverpool via Iles de Loss [Sierra Leone], disembarked at Charleston 172 slaves from 6 June 1771; ID#78017, the *New Britannia*, Capt. Stephen Deane, from London via Gambia, disembarked in South Carolina 90 slaves from 30 May 1771.

105 See also 13 August 1778, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette* (Charleston): Ran away from the subscriber on the 30th of July last, three Negro Men, viz. SAM, JOE, and MARCH. Sam is about 5 feet 8 inches high, a well made, sensible fellow, very handy with carpenters tools, and is about 30 years old. Joe is about 5 feet 9 inches high, strait limbed and clean built, of a yellow complexion, stutters very much, and can seldom utter himself
PEDRO, and MOLLY, to which they will readily answer. Thirty Pounds for all of them, or Five Pounds each for either) [sic] of them, will given [sic] as a Reward to any Person that will deliver them to the Warden of the Work-House, or at my Plantation in Chirist-Church [sic] Parish. NATHAN LEGARE. August 6, 1771.

14 November 1771, South-Carolina Gazette
Run-Away about the Middle of September last, a Negro Man [MAN], of a yellowish Complexion, about Five Feet high, and Thirty-five Years of Age; has lost two of his upper fore Teeth, and is of a very smiling Countenance; has been in the Country about Two Years, near the Small of his Back he has got a remarkable Scar, occasioned by a Burn in his own Country.
Whoever delivers the said Negro to the Subscriber, near Camden, shall have Ten Pounds Reward. DANIEL GARDNER.

25 January 1772, South-Carolina Gazette
Went off about the first of December last, from the Subscriber’s Plantation, on Ashepoo Great Swamp, two Negro men, of the Ebo or Calabar Country, named SPRING and MAY: They both had on white Negro cloth jackets, breeches, and robbins; neither of them could speak much English. Spring is a likely active fellow of a black complexion, about 22 years of age, five feet nine inches high, with lively eyes. May is a likely black fellow, about 22 years of age, five feet five inches high, small featured with a small beard on his chin. It is suspected that the said Negroes are carried off by some villains, about the Saltketcher’s, and harboured or disposed of in the back Country, or Georgia. Whoever will deliver said Negroes to the Subscriber in Charles-Town, or at his Plantation on Ashepoo, shall receive a reward of Ten Dollars for each, with all reasonable charges; and whoever will give information of their being harboured, shall receive, upon conviction of the offender, if a white Person, Fifty Pounds, and if by a Negro, Twenty Pounds, from JOHN WARD.

26 May 1772, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Run-Away from my plantation on Charles-Town Neck, on Saturday the 23d instant, a young negro man, of the Eboe country, named FORTUNE, about 18 years of age and 5 feet and 3 or 4 inches high; had on a white negro cloth cap, bound with red, a white negro cloth jacket, osnabrug trowsers, and a shirt without sleeves. Whoever harbours him, will be rigorously prosecuted, but whoever delivers him to my overseer at the said plantation, shall have Five Pounds reward.
SARAH BULLARD. May 25, 1772.

without tapping his thigh 2 or 3 times with his right hand, is a shoemaker by trade, and about 27 years of age. March is a short well sett fellow, of the Angola country, but speaks tolerable English, is about 25 years of age. Sam and Joe are country born, and were cloathed in homespun; March had on an old negro cloth jacket, dyed with tan. They were taken a few days after they went away, at Wassamsaw, but made their escape again; it is suspected that they will go toward Pedee, where they have some acquaintance. Whoever will deliver them to me in Charlestown, shall receive Twenty Dollars reward for Sam, and Ten Dollars for Joe and March, besides every reasonable charge; a further reward of One Hundred Pounds will be given for such information of their being harboured by a white person, as will convict the offender, by THOMAS LEGARE, jun.
3 August 1772, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from my Waggon about the 18th of June, 1771, Two New Negro Men [MAN] [MAN], of the Gambia country, cannot tell their master’s name; they went away seven miles north of Lynch’s Creek. Five Pounds reward, and all reasonable charges, will be paid to any person who delivers them to me at Meldrum near the Cheraws. Fifty Pounds reward for information by whom harboured, on proof thereof, if a white person, and Twenty Pounds if by a negro or any other colour, free or bound. JOHN MITCHELL.

10 August 1772, *South-Carolina Gazette Extraordinary*
Run Away From the Subscriber, in St. Matthew’s Parish, on the 19th Inst. Two new Negro Fellows, Of the Gold Coast Country, bought the 6th Instant [July],\(^{106}\) at Mr. Gervais’s Sale, neither of them can speak any English. One, a likely made Fellow, supposed to be about five Feet seven Inches high, appears about Twenty-five Years of Age, very black; his Country Name FODEE. The other, a slim made Fellow, about five Feet four Inches high, supposed to be about Twenty-four Years of Age, very black, his Country Name MAMBE\(^{107}\). They are both branded on the Small of the left Arm BI, and had each on when they went away, a narrow striped Check Shirt, Wool Hat, and a new Blanket. A Reward of Twenty Pounds, and all reasonable Charges, will be paid on Delivery of the said Negroes, or in Proportion for one, to Mr. Samuel Savage, at Congarees, Mr. William Edwards, Sadler, in Charles-Town, or to the Subscriber; and if

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\(^{106}\) Cf. *TAST* (1999), ID#75533, the *Friendship*, Capt. Jas. Cummings, from London via Anomabu [Gold Coast], disembarked 390 slaves in South Carolina from 2 July 1772, completed voyage to London on 10 October 1772.

\(^{107}\) See also 13 August 1773, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette* (Charleston): Run away from the subscriber in St. Matthew’s Parish, Six New Negro Men; one of them went off in February last [1773], viz. DIBBEE, a well set fellow, about five feet six inches high, of the Timine country, his ears bored and his teeth filed, seems about twenty-five years of age and very black. Three went off the 23d of Marsh last [1773], viz. SAMPSON, a stout fellow, about five feet ten inches high, remarkable smooth face and cheerful countenance; PRIMUS, a stout square set fellow, very big mouth and thick lips, has his country marks on the calves of his legs, is about five feet six inches high; both these are very black, and seem about twenty-six years of age; MAMBEE, a likely young fellow, about twenty-three years of age, smooth faced and very black, about five feet four inches high, has a small cut in his forehead; these last three were also of the Gold Coast country. The last two went off about the 20th of April last [1773], viz. CUFFIE, a well set fellow, about five feet three inches high, is blink eyed, by which means he pulls up one side of his face, hath his country marks on his breast and a cut on his forehead, his teeth filed; TOM, a small fellow, about five feet three inches high, full faced, and think his teeth are filed; these two are also very black, and about twenty-five years of age, and of the Gold Coast country. Dibbee, Primus, Cuffie [sic] and Mambee, had each on an iron clog on one leg, and Primus, Cuffie and Mambee, are all branded on the left cheek IS, and all six are branded on the left arm above the elbow BI, though in some scarce visible; Primus, Cuffie and Mambee, had on white negro cloth jackets and trowsers, and metal buttons; the other three had on white negro cloth wrappers, jackets and breeches, with tanned leather buttons. A Reward of One Guinea each will be paid on delivering all or any of the above-mentioned slaves to Mr. William Edwards, Sadler in Charlestown, or to the subscriber and a further reward of Fifty Pounds will be paid if discovered to be harbourred by a white person, on conviction of the offender, by JOHN SAVAGE. June 14th, 1773.
10 September 1772, *South-Carolina Gazette*

Run Away From the Subscriber, on the 27th of August last, Three New Negro-Fellows, viz. **WILL**, a stout Fellow, very hairy Limbs, five Feet eight Inches high, his Country Marks on his Breast, and has a down Look. **SAMPSON**, a stout Fellow, about five Feet nine or ten Inches high; has a cheerful Countenance, and a remarkable smooth Face. **DIBBE**, a small Fellow,
about five Feet five Inches high, and has his Teeth filed. They are all very black, and are branded on the left Arm, above the Elbow, BI. They seem all to be between Twenty-five and Thirty Years of Age, and had on, when they went away, new white plain shirt Gowns, narrow striped check Shirts, and Wool Hats. They carried off with them, one Blanket, and three Pair of Trowsers, two Crocus and one Osnabrugs. A Reward of Fifteen Pounds, and all reasonable Charges, will be paid on the Delivery of the above Negroes, or in Proportion for one, to Mr. William Edwards, Saddler, in Charles-Town; or to the Subscriber, in St. Matthew’s Parish.

JOHN SAVAGE. St. Matthew’s Parish, Sept. 5, 1772.

24 September 1772, *South-Carolina Gazette*  
Run Away From the Subscriber’s Plantation in St. Thomas’s Parish, on the 9th of this Instant, September, Two New Negro-Men, Named SAMPSON and PROSPER. Sampson is a stout young Fellow, about six Feet high, has lost one of his upper Fore Teeth, and has three of his Country Marks down each Cheek. Had on when he went away a white Negro Cloth Jacket, Osnabrugs Shirt, a Pair of old black Stocking Breeches, and a Hat, which he commonly wears cocked. Prosper is a slim Fellow, about five Feet ten Inches high; he is a little Knock-Kneed, and his Shins bend a little upwards; his Fore-Teeth filed. Had on when he went away a white Negro Cloth Jacket, Osnabrugs Shirt and Trowsers, and a little round Hat, with a Gold Binding, which he wears flapped. Whoever will deliver the said Negroes to me, shall receive Two Dollars Reward for each. NATHAN TART.

1 October 1772, *South-Carolina Gazette*  
Run Away, From the Subscriber, at the Congarees, on the First of July, A New Negro Man, Of the Mandingo Country, about Twenty-five Years of Age, five Feet ten Inches high—his upper Fore-Teeth are filed, and has long narrow Feet: He had on when he went away a check Shirt. Whoever will deliver the said Fellow to me, or to the Warden of the Work-House, shall receive Twenty Pounds Reward, and all reasonable Charges. Likewise Run-Away on the Tenth of September, A New Negro Man, Named DANIEL, about Forty Years of Age: One of his Thumbs is larger than the other—he has a Scar in his right Arm, and another in his left Thigh, the latter seems to have been made by a Bullet. He had on when he went away a check Shirt and a coarse Hat, and carried with him a stiped Blanket and a Broad Axe. Whoever delivers him to me, at the Congarees, shall receive Five Pounds Reward, and all reasonable Charges. JOHN COOK.

31 December 1772, *South-Carolina Gazette*  
Went away from the Subscriber, On Saturday Night last, A New Negro-Fellow, named JACK. He neither speaks English nor understands it; is about six Feet high, his Country Marks on his Face: Had on when he went away, a white Negro Cloth Frock and Trowsers. He is supposed to have lost himself about Town. Whoever will deliver him to me, or to the Warden of the Work-

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110 Cf. the preceding [10 August 1772, *South-Carolina Gazette*], two new Gold Coast Africans, with the same brand, and by the same owner.
House, shall receive Two Dollars Reward, and all reasonable Charges. JOHN CORAM. December 29, 1772.

17 January 1773, South-Carolina Gazette
Run-Away from Charles-Town, On the Twenty-first of October, 1772, Three New Negro Men, ziz [sic]. One [MAN] about six Feet high, sharp visaged, with a Roman Nose; another [MAN] about five Feet six Inches high, large Eyes, and the Whites of them remarkable white: had on when they went away Osnabrugs Robbins and Breeches. The other [MAN] is about five Feet high, and had on an old Negro Cloth Jacket. Each of them had a Blanket. A Reward of Two Dollars for each will be paid on the Delivery of them to the Warden of the Work-House in Charles-Town, or to me in Beaufort, with reasonable Charges. RICHARD PROCTOR.

15 February 1773, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away From Governor Boone’s Plantation at Ponpon, in the Month of July last, Two Negro Men, named JOSEY and MORRIS, both of the Kishsee [Kissi] Country. Josey is about Five Feet six Inches high, small faced, strong sett, and middle aged. Morris is about Six Feet high, slim made, between Forty and Fifty Years old, has his Country Marks on each Cheek, lost all his Fore Teeth, and his Feet are remarkably large and broad with scattering Toes. They had on when they went away white Jackets and short Trowsers. They were taken up some time ago at or near Purrysburgh, but made their Escape from the Person who had them in Custody. A Reward of Ten Pounds for each, and all lawful Charges, will be paid to the Person who shall apprehend and deliver both or either of them to the Overseer on the above Plantation, James Postell, Esq; at Dorchester, or in Charles-Town, to ROBERT RAPER.

22 March 1773, South-Carolina Gazette
Fifty Pounds Reward. Run Away From the Subscriber, on Tuesday last, a Negro-Fellow, named PETER, Of the Guinea Country, about Twenty-seven Years old, middle sized, well made, speaks very bad English, but is active and artful; a Cabinet-Maker by Trade, and was formerly the Property of Mr. Stephen Townsend. The Subscriber is apprehensive that he is concealed on board of some Vessel, and hereby cautions all Masters of Vessels from carrying him off, and others from harbouring him, as such Offenders may depend on being prosecuted. The above Reward, and all reasonable Expences, shall be paid on his being delivered to me in Charles-Town. JOHN FISHER. March 20th, 1773. N.B. If he returns, he will be forgiven.

12 April 1773, South-Carolina Gazette
Twenty Dollars Reward Will be paid by the Subscriber, to any Person who will deliver to him, or the Warden of the Work-House, a likely, well made Negro Man, named EDINBURGH, full Six Feet high, about 25 Years of Age, his Country Marks on each Cheek: He was bought at Beaufort about five or six Years ago by Mr. John Imrie, and has been run away for some Time past. If he will surrender himself to me, at or before the Sitting of the Court at Beaufort, he shall receive no Punishment. As there is good Reason to suspect his being harboured, any Person who will give
Information thereof, shall receive, upon Conviction of the Offender, if a white Person One Hundred Pounds, and if a Negro, Ten Pounds. JOHN COLCOCK. March 31, 1773.

2 April 1773, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away the 26th of March last, From Mr. Linn’s Wharf at Hobcaw, A Negro-Fellow, named JACK, Of the Gambia Country, by Trade a Shipwright; a well-set Fellow, about Five Feet Six Inches high, walks a little lame with one Leg, and has a Scar on his left Thigh. He is supposed to be somewhere in Charles-Town. Whoever will deliver him to Mr. Linn, at Hobcaw, or to the Warden of the Work-House, shall receive Five Pounds Reward, and all reasonable Charges. N.B. All Masters of Vessels, and others, are hereby cautioned not to harbour, or carry him off the Province.

10 May 1773, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away from the Subscriber, On Wednesday last, the 5th of May Instant, A Negro Fellow, named ERSKYNE, But is called by his Fellow-Servants by the Name of BRUCE: He is of the Guiney Country, Five Feet Six or Eight Inches high, about 30 Years of Age, of a yellowish Complexion, and much pitted in his Face with the Small-Pox; had on when he went away a blue Sailor’s Jacket, long white Trowsers, stript Check Shirt, Shoes and Stockings, with a Handkerchief tied about his Head, and a round Hat on: He is a very sensible, artful, sly Fellow, speaks very good English, and plays remarkably well on the Fiddle. As he has carried off all his Cloaths (some of which are really too good for any of his Colour) [sic] he probably may change his Dress, and Name, pass as a free Man, and endeavour to get off the Province in some Vessel or other; all Masters of Vessels, and others, are hereby cautioned against entertaining, harbouring, concealing, or carrying off the Province the said Fellow, as they may depend on being prosecuted, to the utmost Rigour of the Law. Five Pounds Reward, and all reasonable Charges will be paid, on Delivery of him to me, or the Warden of the Work-House in Charles-Town: And, a further Reward of Fifty Pounds Currency will be given, on Conviction of his being harboured by a White Person, and Twenty Pounds if by a free Negro or Slave, by ALEXANDER WYLLY. May 10, 1773. N.B. The said Fellow has worked some Time in Charles-Town at the Barber’s Business, and was lately the Property of Mr. William Panton, from whom I purchased him.

17 May 1773, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away, The Beginning of March last, from Major Pierce Butler’s Plantation, in Prince William’s Parish, A New Negro Fellow, named JOHNNY, Of the Gambia Country: He is marked a little above his right Breast with the Letters P:B. Any Person that will deliver him to Mr. Joseph Atkinson, in Charles-Town, or to the Subscriber, Overseer on said Plantation, shall receive Two Dollars Reward, and all reasonable Charges. JAMES FRASER. May 6, 1773.
24 May 1773, *South-Carolina Gazette*

Run-away from the Subscriber the 12th Inst. A Negro Man, named **JACK**. One of his little Fingers is shorter than common; speaks broken English: He had on when he went away, a light blue Jacket, and Osnabrug's Trowsers. Whoever will take up the said Negro, and deliver him to the Subscriber, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Charles-Town, shall receive Ten Pounds Reward. **ALEXANDER SYFRITT**.

7 June 1773, *South-Carolina Gazette*

Run Away, From the Subscriber, the seventeenth Instant, Three Negro-Fellows, Of the Guinea Country, called **MARTIN**, **POMPEY**, and **JOE**—the Two latter are New Negroes. Martin is a stout well set Fellow, about five Feet six Inches high: has his Country Marks on his Forehead, and speaks tolerable good English. Pompey is a tall black Fellow, thin visaged, a little Knock-kneed, and speaks but very little English; his Country Name is **SORRAW**: He carried with him a Pair of Osnabrug Breeches, a Negro Cloth Jacket, an Osnabrug Shirt without Sleeves, a Blanket, and a small Iron Pot. Joe is a small Fellow, near five Feet high, speaks little or no English: Carried with him a Pair of Osnabrug Breeches, a Negro Cloth Jacket, an Osnabrug Shirt without Sleeves, and a Blanket. A Reward of Five Pounds Currency for each will be paid to any Person that will deliver the said Negroes to the Subscriber, at his Plantation in St. Peter’s Parish, near Purrysburgh, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Charles Town, and all reasonable Charges paid. **PAUL PORCHER**. May 29, 1773.

13 August 1773, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*

Run away from the subscriber in St. Matthew’s Parish, Six New Negro Men; one of them went off in February last [1773], viz. **DIBBEE**, a well set fellow, about five feet six inches high, of the Timine country, his ears bored and his teeth filed, seems about twenty-five years of age and very black. Three went off the 23d of Marsh last [1773], viz. **SAMPSON**, a stout fellow, about five feet ten inches high, remarkable smooth face and cheerful countenance; **PRIMUS**, a stout square set fellow, very big mouth and thick lips, has his country marks on the calves of his legs, is about five feet six inches high; both these are very black, and seem about twenty-six years of age; **MAMBEE**, a likely young fellow, about twenty-three years of age, smooth faced and very black, about five feet four inches high, has a small cut in his forehead; these last three were also of the Gold Coast country. The last two went off about the 20th of April last [1773], viz. **CUFFIE**, a well set fellow, about five feet three inches high, is blink eyed, by which means

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**111** [duplicative], see 10 September 1772, *South-Carolina Gazette*.

**112** [duplicative], see 10 September 1772, *South-Carolina Gazette*.

**113** [duplicative], see 10 August 1772, *South-Carolina Gazette Extraordinary*.

**114** For Cuffie and Tom, see also 2 December 1774, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette* (Charleston): Run away from the subscriber in St. Matthew’s Parish, the five under mentioned New Negroes, viz. **SAMPSON**, a stout well made fellow, about five feet nine inches high, smooth face and a cheerful countenance; **CUFFEY** a low well set fellow, about five feet three inches high, is blick-eyed [sic], by which means he pulls up one side of his face, has his country marks on his breast and a cut in his forehead, his teeth filed; **TOM** a likely little
he pulls up one side of his face, hath his country marks on his breast and a cut on his forehead, his teeth filed; TOM, a small fellow, about five feet three inches high, full faced, and think his teeth are filed; these two are also very black, and about twenty-five years of age, and of the Gold Coast country. Dibbee, Primus, Cuffee [sic] and Mambee, had each on an iron clog on one leg, and Primus, Cuffie and Mambee, are all branded on the left cheek IS, and all six are branded on the left arm above the elbow BI, though in some scarce visible; Primus, Cuffie and Mambee, had on white negro cloth jackets and trowsers, and metal buttons; the other three had on white negro cloth wrappers, jackets and breeches, with tanned leather buttons. A Reward of One Guinea each will be paid on delivering all or any of the above-mentioned slaves to Mr. William Edwards, Sadler in Charlestown, or to the subscriber and a further reward of Fifty Pounds will be paid if discovered to be harboured by a white person, on conviction of the offender, by JOHN SAVAGE. June 14th, 1773.

16 August 1773, South-Carolina Gazette
Run-Away from the Subscriber, A Negro Boy, named BRETBORT, About Four Feet Seven Inches high; had on when he went away, a striped Home-spun Jacket, and short Trowsers, has no Country Marks, and talks very good English. Whoever takes up the said Boy, and will deliver him to me, or to Mr. James Fallows, on the Bay, shall have One Dollar Reward, and all reasonable Charges: And, whoever harbours or entertains said Negro, may depend on being prosecuted, as far as the Law will allow, by EDWARD HAWKINS. N.B. He has Three or Four white Specks on his upper Lip, seemingly occasioned by a Scald.

30 August 1773, South-Carolina Gazette
Run-Away from the Subscriber, A Negro Fellow, named CHARLES, A well-made, stout, artful, sensible fellow, with a large rising under his right ear; speaks English remarkably well, but may easily be distinguished from one born in this Province by his speech. Whoever delivers him to me, shall receive a reward of Five Pounds. Also, A Negro wench, named BANABA, of a yellowish complexion, looks much like an Eboe Negroe [sic], stutters in her speech, has an iron on one of her legs. A reward of Five Pounds will be given on delivering her to me. But as I have a strong suspicion of her being harboured by some evil disposed white persons (being a remarkable fine Seamstress, and easily kept at her work, without discovery, and being fit for no fellow, about five feet three inches high, full faced; they all three are very black, each about twenty-seven years of age and all branded on the left arm above the elbow BI, though scarce visible, and Cuffey is branded on the left cheek IS, all of the Guinea country, and speak but little English, went off in March and April 1773. BUCKRAM a stout likely well made fellow, about five feet eight inches high, has a large scar on his back near the back bone; FORTOMAH a tall stout fellow, about five feet ten inches high, small legs, long visage and down look, when spoken to; these two are very black, each about twenty-seven years of age, both of the Bombia country, spoke but little English, went away in April last [1774], had one white negro cloth wrappers, jackets and one pair of breeches. A reward of Twenty Pounds each for the three first mentioned, will be paid on delivering them to Major William Savage in Charlestown, Benjamin Farrar, Esq; at the (?) [sic] or to the subscriber; and a further reward of Fifty Pounds if discovered to be harboured by a white person, on conviction of the offender, by JOHN SAVAGE. November 28th, 1774.
other work) [sic] I will give Fifty Pounds on conviction of any whit [sic] person harbouring
her. JOHN CHAMPNEYS.

27 September 1773, South-Carolina Gazette
Run-Away from the Subscriber, The Seventeenth of August last, A Negro Wench, named
CHLOE, Her Country Name, AGUA, about Forty Years of Age, Five Feet Four or Five Inches
high; has had Guiney Worms in her Legs and Thighs; she has the Print of a Tobacco Pipe on her
left Thigh; and walks a little lame. Her Country Marks are three short Strokes on each Temple.
She had on when she went away, an Osnabrug Shift, a blue and white Flannel striped Petticoat,
an old Callico Gown, the Ground red, with Purple and white Flowers. She is a thin Wench and
has a big Belly. Whoever will deliver her to the Subscriber, in Charles-Town, shall receive Ten
Pounds Reward; and, as he suspects her being carried into the Country by some ill-disposed
Person, he offers a Reward of Twenty Pounds if harboured by a white Person; if by a Negro, Ten
Pounds, to be paid on Conviction of the Offender. GEORGE GRAY. Charles-Town, September
21st, 1773.

27 September 1773, South-Carolina Gazette
Run-Away, From the Plantation of HENRY LAURENS, Esq; at Wright’s Savannah, in
September and December, 1772, The following New Negroes, viz. SOMERSET, his Country
Name MASSERY, about Five Feet Eight or Nine Inches high; a slim Fellow, long Visage, and
very black, of the Mandingo Country, LIMUS, his Country Name SERRAH, about Five Feet
Four Inches high, has a large Mark of a Shot in his right Shoulder; is also of the Mandingo
Country. MARK, his Country Name MUSSU, a lusty Fellow, broad Face, about Five Feet Four
Inches high, his Great Toes shorter than the other; of the Guiney Country. Whoever will deliver
the above Negroes to Mr. James Moore, at New-River, to the Warden of the Work-House in
Charles-Town or Savannah, shall receive a Reward of Twenty Pounds Currency, for each: And,
as there is great Reason to believe, that the said Negroes are harboured by some Evil-minded
Person, a further Reward of One Hundred Pounds will be paid for Information thereof, upon
Conviction of the Offender, if a White Person, and Twenty Pounds if a Negro. JAMES
LAURENS.115

115 See also 5 January 1774, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]: One Hundred Pounds Reward. Run Away from
the Plantation of HENRY LAURENS, Esq. at Wright’s Savannah, in September and December, 1772. The
following Negroes, viz. SOMERSET, his country name MASSERY, about five feet eight or nine inches high, very
black, his visage long, of the Mandingo Country. LIMUS, his country name SERRAH, about five feet four inches
high, has a large mark of a shot on his right shoulder, likewise of the Mandingo Country. MARK, his country name
MUSSU, about five feet four inches high, lusty, has a broad face, his great toes shorter than the others, of the
Guinea Country. Whoever will deliver the above Negroes to Mr. James Moore at New-River, to the Warden of the
Work house at Savannah or at Charleston, shall receive a reward of Twenty Pounds Currency for each; and as
there is great reason to believe the said Negroes are harboured by some evil minded person, a further reward of One
Hundred Pounds will be paid for information thereof, upon the conviction of the offender, if a white person, and
Twenty Pounds if a Negro. JAMES LAURENS. Charleston, September 16, 1773.
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1 November 1773, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run Away, From the Subscriber’s Plantation at Santee, about the Beginning of August last, the following New Negroes, **SAMBO**, a stout able Fellow, of a yellowish Complexion, with a large Mole on his left Cheek, speaks but little English. **TONY**, a tall black Fellow, and has a few grey Hairs in his Head. **WOOLLY**, a tall slim Fellow, somewhat ruptured, And, **SANDICO**, a short black Fellow. Some of the above Negroes ran away from me about Twelve Months ago, and were taken near George-Town, and from that Circumstance, I imagine they are gone that way again, or to Pedee. Whoever will deliver the above Negroes to me at Santee, shall receive a Reward of Fifty Pounds Currency, or Ten Pounds for each, on Information being given to me of their being confined in any of the Gaols of this province. WILLIAM FLUD.

22 November 1773, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run-Away, From the Subscriber’s Plantation near Bacon’s Bridge, about the Middle of August last, A New Negro Fellow, of the Guiney Country, named **BRAM**, about Twenty-five Years old, and about Five Feet Ten Inches high; slim made, has lost some of his upper Teeth. Whoever will deliver him to the Subscriber, at Goose-Creek’s or either of his Overseers at St. George’s or Black-River Plantations, shall receive Five Pounds Reward; and, if harboured by any Person, Twenty-Five Pounds will be given, on Conviction of the Offender. HENRY SMITH.

13 December 1773, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Charles-Town, December 13th, 1773. Whereas, on or about the 10th of October last, Three New Negro Men, the Property of John Knight, Esquire, of St. George’s, Grenada, drifted from the said Island, in a large Yawl: Their Names are **DAN**, **TOM**, and **WEAVER**; Dan speaks, reads, and writes good English; Tom is a stout, tall, black Man, and Weaver is blind. Whoever will give any Account of the said Negroes, where they may be found, or convey them to their Owner, or to the Subscriber is Charles-Town, shall have a handsome Reward, and all reasonable Charges paid. THOMAS BUCKLE.

17 December 1773, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber in October last, a Negro Man of the Angola country, named **SAM**, about five feet eight or nine inches high, his teeth filed, late the property of Richard Beresford, Esq; deceased. Whoever will apprehend the said fellow, and deliver him to the subscriber, or to the Warden of the Work house in Charlestown, shall receive Ten Pounds reward. EDMUND HYRNE.

17 December 1773, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the plantation of JOHN CHANNING, Esq, near Savannah, about twelve months ago, Three Negro Men, viz. **JULY**, a black fellow, of the Guinea country, almost six feet high, with his country marks on his cheeks; **LUKE**, a well-built Fellow, of the Fullah country, about five feet eight inches high, and of a yellow complexion; **WILL**, a black fellow, of the Guinea country, about six feet high, with his country marks on his cheek, and a blemish in one eye. None
of them can tell their master’s name, and it is supposed they are harboured at Mr. Brisbane’s plantation on Wright’s Neck, where they were once before taken. Twenty Shillings Sterling Reward will be given for each or any of them delivered to me on Argyle Island in Georgia, or to the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown. JOSIAH DUPONT. October 8th, 1773.

31 January 1774, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away, From the Subscriber, some Time since, A Negro Man named PRIMUS, An African, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, 30 Years old, very black, well made and likely; speaks good English, is sensible and cunning; Whoever apprehends the said Fellow and delivers him to me or the Warden of the Work house in Charlestown, shall receive a Reward of Ten Pounds Currency. GODIN GUARARD.

15 April 1774, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Ten Pounds Reward for Each Of the Four following Runaways, viz. ROBIN, a well made Fellow about 35 years old, 5 feet 9 Inches high, of a yellowish complexion, country born, purchased at Mr. Mayrant’s sale. COLIN, a well set and very black fellow; smooth-faced, about 23 years old, 5 feet 6 inches in height, his legs remarkably thick made, of the Guinea country; Robin and he are supposed to be harboured about Wambaw swamp, and have been out several months. HECTOR, of the Guiney country, square shouldered, black complexion, 5 feet 6 inches high, and about 27 years old, has a very sullen look; he belonged formerly to Mr. Yerworth, shipbuilder. JEMMY, a slim fellow, country born, about 5 feet 8 inches high, very black, with a down look, about 30 years of age. The last two have been absent from their duty since the first of October. Whoever takes up the said Runaways and delivers them to Mr. Jonah Horry at Washaw Plantation, Santee, or to the Warden of the Workhouse, shall have Ten Pounds Reward for each, besides the Mileage agreeable to law. DAVID DEAS.

3 May 1774, South-Carolina Gazette and Country Journal
Euhaw, April 25, 1774. Run-Away from my plantation at Euhaw, on the 20th inst. FRIDAY, a very black and thick made negro, about 35 years of age, of a middle height, has a clumsy walk, and a smooth plausible tongue; Also, his brother POMPEY, about 30 years old, tall and very black, both of them born and bred at James-Island, and well known in Charles-Town: Likewise, TOM, a country born lad, of about 18 years of age, tall for his age, black, and used to attend in houses and about horses: And, on the 25th instant, run-away from said plantation, FESTUS, brought in young from the Eboe country, is a cooper, of a yellowish complection, lost one of his middle fingers down to the middle joint, and middling tall. Friday and Pompey, made a vigorous attempt to ship themselves off the province last February, of which all commanders of vessels are cautioned. Whoever will apprehend the said negroes, or any of them, and deliver them to me at said plantation, or to Mr. William Livingston, factor, in Charles-Town, or to either of the wardens of the work-houses in Charles-Town, or Beaufort, shall receive for Friday and Pompey, Ten Pounds each, for Festus, Seven Pounds, and for Tom, Five Pounds, besides lawful charges. FRANCIS PELOT.
11 May 1774, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber the 15th of March last from Briar-Creek, Two Negroes: A fellow, about 20 years old, named CUFFY, speaks good English, but has a small stoppage in his speech, has a scar on his eye-brow, and is branded on the shoulder C: A boy, about 14 years old, named BOB, speaks broken English, has large scars from whipping. Whoever delivers said Negroes to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah shall have 20 s. [shillings] reward, and if to the owner 40 s. [shillings]. GEORGE WALKER.

27 May 1774, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away the 21st of April last, Two Negro Men that have been in the country two years, and speak English so as to be understood, viz. BUCHARAH [BUCKRAM],116 a slim made fellow about five feet six or seven inches high, has one remarkable small thigh and leg, occasioned by an old wound; is about thirty-three years of age, and very black; CUPID, his country name YONGE, a small, low, set fellow about five feet three inches high, has an odd cast with his eyes; about twenty-seven years of age; is branded on the left arm, above the elbow, BI, but very dull. They are both of a country which they call Sofo, and both speak the Bombra [Bambara] language and Cupid the Fulla language; both had on white negro cloth jacket and breeches, dyed a little yellowish, with metal buttons. A reward of One Guinea each will be paid on delivering them to Mr. William Savage, merchant in Charlestown, or to me in St. Matthew’s parish; and a further reward of Fifty Pounds currency will be paid to the informer, if the said Negroes are discovered to be harboured by a white person, on conviction of the offender. JOHN SAVAGE.

15 June 1774, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber’s plantation on Augustin’s Creek Two Negroes, viz. SOMERSET,117 a tall likely fellow, six feet high, has a large scar over one eye, of the

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116 See also 2 December 1774, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette* (Charleston): Run away from the subscriber in St. Matthew’s Parish, the five under mentioned New Negroes, viz. SAMPSON, a stout well made fellow, about five feet nine inches high, smooth face and a cheerful countenance; CUFFEY a low well set fellow, about five feet three inches high, is blick-eyed [sic], by which means he pulls up one side of his face, has his country marks on his breast and a cut in his forehead, his teeth filed; TOM a likely little fellow, about five feet three inches high, full faced; they all three are very black, each about twenty-seven years of age and all branded on the left arm above the elbow BI, though scarce visible, and Cuffey is branded on the left cheek IS, all of the Guinea country, and speak but little English, went off in March and April 1773. BUCKRAM a stout likely well made fellow, about five feet eight inches high, has a large scar on his back near the back bone; FORTOMAH a tall stout fellow, about five feet ten inches high, small legs, long visage and down look, when spoken to; these two are very black, each about twenty-seven years of age, both of the Bombia [Bombra] country, spoke but little English, went away in April last [1774], had one white negro cloth wrappers, jackets and one pair of breeches. A reward of Twenty Pounds each for the three first mentioned, will be paid on delivering them to Major William Savage in Charlestown, Benjamin Farrar, Esq; at the (?) [sic] or to the subscriber; and a further reward of Fifty Pounds if discovered to be harboured by a white person, on conviction of the offender, by JOHN SAVAGE. November 28th, 1774.

117 See also variation, 7 September 1774, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]: ... Also Run Away from the said plantation in May last, A tall well made Negroe Fellow, six feet high, called SOMERSET, has a large scar over the
Cormantee [Coromantee] Country; and FORTUNE,\(^{118}\) also a tall likely fellow, rather thin, has lost some of his fore teeth, and is much parrot-toe’d; neither of them speak English well, and it is probable they cannot tell their master’s name; they had on white negro cloth jackets and breeches with pewter buttons. Whoever takes them up, and delivers them at the said plantation, or at Mulberry Grove on Savannah River, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah, shall receive twenty shillings reward, over and above what the law allows. JOHN GRAHAM.

22 June 1774, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber on the Island of Skidaway about three weeks ago, A Negroe Woman, named LUCINDA; she is a remarkable stout fat wench, has her country marks on her cheeks, and has a very surly look, she had on when she went away a blue negro cloth wrapper and petticoat, but it is supposed she may have changed her dress, as she has plenty of other cloaths in town. Whoever takes up said wench, and delivers her to the subscriber on Skidaway, or the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah, shall have ten shillings sterling reward. All persons are forbid harbouring her; if any do so, and are convicted thereof, they may depend upon being prosecuted according to law. ROBERT REID. Skidaway, 18th June, 1774.

29 June 1774, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber’s plantation on Little-Ogechee some time ago, Four Negroe Men, viz. DICK, of the Angola country, a strong thick made fellow, about five feet four inches high, 24 years of age, artful and cunning, speaks good English. BRUTUS, about five feet six inches, thin made, his forehead much wrinkled, about 26 years old. SAMBO, a tall well made young fellow, about 22, six feet high, a Guinea Negroe. NERO, a young lad, about 18, also of the Guinea country, well made and likely, has a slow way of speaking. Whoever takes them up, and delivers them at the above plantation, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah, shall receive thirty shillings sterling apiece for Dick and Brutus, and twenty shillings each for the other two, over and above what the law allows; and any person discovering who has harboured the said Negroes, if by a white person or persons, upon conviction, shall receive forty shillings sterling for each, and if by Negroes ten shillings for each. JOHN HUME.

29 June 1774, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away about 10 days since, A New Negroe Fellow, named SAMBO, about five feet seven or eight inches high, branded on his right breast L.M. cannot speak English. A reward of ten eye. Any person who may take up the said Negroe, and delivers him at the said plantation to Mr. Nathaniel Langley, or at the Work-House in Savannah, shall receive twenty shillings over and above the fees allowed by law. JOHN GRAHAM. August 30, 1774.

\(^{118}\) For a later occurrence of running away, see 22 March 1775, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]: ... Also Run Away from his plantation on Savannah River called Mulberry-Grove, A Negroe Fellow, called FORTUNE, a pretty tall, slim, black fellow, much parrot-oed. This fellow run away last summer, and after being out some months, was taken up at Brier-Creek settlement in October, last by Thomas Yarborough. ... JOHN GRAHAM.
shillings and all reasonable charges, will be paid to any person who will deliver him to the Warden of the Work-House, or the subscriber. CHARLES YOUNGE. Savannah, June 28, 1774.

13 July 1774, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from my plantation on Great-Ogechee River, Five New Negroes, of the Gola [Angola] Country, viz. three men and two women, can all speak a little English; LEMPSTER, a middle sized fellow, well set; JAMES, a tall slim fellow; PETER, a short fellow, well made, rather lusty; FANNY, tall and lusty; SILVIA, short and thick. Whoever apprehends said Negroes, and delivers them at my plantation to James Pritchard, or to me in Savannah, shall be rewarded. JAMES READ.

27 July 1774, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away the 20th of May last from JOHN FORBES, Esq.’s plantation in St. John’s parish, Two Negroes, named BILLY and QUAMINA, of the Guiney Country. Billy is lusty and well made, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, of a black complexion, has lost some of his upper teeth, and had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket and trowsers of the same. Quamina is stout and well made, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, very black, has his country marks on his face, had on when he went away a jacket, trowsers, and robbin, of white negro cloth. Whoever takes up said Negroes, and delivers them to me at the above plantation, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah, shall receive a reward of 20 s. [shillings] besides what the law allows. DAVIS AUSTIN.

30 July 1774, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber’s plantation, A New Negroe Fellow [MAN], of the Guinea Country, cannot speak any English, had on when he went away an oznabrig shirt, with a kilt of the same, his teeth are as if filed. Five shillings reward, over what is allowed by law, will be given by delivering him to SIMON MUNRO. Novar Plantation, 30th July, 1774.

17 August 1774, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away on Thursday last, Three New Negroe Fellows and A Wench. Two of the fellows [MAN] [MAN] are of a yellow complection and Moorish breed, about five feet six inches high; the other [MAN] black and sharp featured, about five feet three inches in heighth: The wench [WOMAN] is stout and has many ringworms upon her shoulders and breast. They carried with them oznabrig shirts and trowsers and blankets. A reward above what the law allows will be given upon the delivery of them, or any of them, to JOHN INGLIS. August 16, 1774.

17 August 1774, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from Capt. M’GILLIVRAY’s plantation on Hutchinson’s Island, A Negroe Man, named COCKREY, about 25 years of age. Also, A New Negroe Man, from Mr. M’Gillivray’s plantation, named PLATO, his country name KULEMBA, about 25 years of age, has his
country marks on his forehead, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high. Whoever takes up said Negroes, and delivers them at Vale Royal, or to the Warden of the Work-House, shall receive a reward of 10 s. [shillings] over and above what the law allows, with charges, for each. Vale-Royal, 10th August, 1774.

19 September 1774, South-Carolina Gazette
Deluded away from Roper’s Wharf, by a Negro Fellow, on Sunday the 11th Inst. A New Negro Man, named CAESAR, speaks broken English, branded on the Breast CB; had on a white Woollen Cap, short brown Jacket with Strings, and a Pair of short Trowsers. Whoever delivers the said Negro to Joseph Darrell, in Tradd-street, shall receive Ten Pounds Reward, and, on Conviction of the Offender Twenty Pounds: And if known to be harboured by any Person [sic] or Persons, the utmost Rigour of the Law will be put in full Force against them.

28 September 1774, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the plantation of the late BENJAMIN FOX at Little Ogechee, Five Negro Men, viz. BEN, about 5 feet 5 inches high, speaks tolerable good English, and well made; TITUS, of the Guiney Country, about 5 feet 6 inches high, speaks broken English, and is much marked with the whip; TOMBOY, of the Guiney Country, about 5 feet 6 inches high, speaks bad English, and has a surly look; IRELAND, of the Guiney Country, speaks broken English, and about 5 feet 6 inches high; SANCHO, of the Guiney Country, about 5 feet 10 inches high, of a yellow complexion. Whoever will take up said Negroes, or either of them, and deliver them to the subscriber on the aforesaid plantation, or the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah, shall receive ten shillings for each, and reasonable charges. JOSEPH RAYNES. Little Ogechee. Sept. 27, 1774.

7 October 1774, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away from the subscriber’s plantation at Goosecreek about two months ago, Two likely New Negro Men named HOMIDY and POLYDORE or SAVEY: Homidy a Guinea negro, about 28 years old, near five feet nine inches high, short hair, a flat nose, ears bored, his legs very hairy, has a scar on the great toe of his right foot occasioned from the bite of a snake: Polydore, or whose country name is Savey, a Congo negro, 25 years old, about five feet four inches high, long hair, the fore teeth of his upper jaw filed, flat nose; both very black, and had when they went away white negro cloth jackets and short trowsers with black horn buttons; carried with them their blankets, pots and an axe, and may keep together as both came here in (?) [sic] ship about eighteen months ago.119 Ten Pounds currency for each, with lawful charges, will be paid to any person who will deliver them to me, or the Warden of the Workhouse in

119 Of the 29 recorded shipments to South Carolina from April-July 1773 (disembarking a total of 5,049 enslaved Africans), only two were from West-Central Africa. See TAST (1999): ID#91889, the Thomas, Capt. Edward Lyon, from Liverpool via Angola, disembarked in South Carolina 160 slaves from 31 May 1773; ID#17800, the Catherine, Capt. James Fraser (2nd Thomas Jones), from Bristol via Malembo [Melimba], disembarked at Charleston 237 slaves from 30 July 1773.
Charlestown, at any of the Country Gaols, or to my Overseer at Goosecreek; and I do hereby offer a further reward of Fifty Pounds currency to any person that will give information of their being harboured by a white person, and Twenty Five Pounds if by a negro, on conviction of the offender. GEORGE PARKER.

31 October 1774, South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away, From the Subscriber’s Plantation, in St. Andrew’s Parish, on the 28th October Instant, Two New Negroes, From the Grain Coast, viz. A Fellow, named BRUTUS, about 19 Years of Age, he has a Swelling on the upper Part of left Wrist, is likely, and about five Feet six Inches high: the other a Wench, named BELINDA, about 20 Years of Age; has her Country Marks on her Body, and one of her fore Teeth out; they both had Negro Cloth and Osnabrugs Cloaths. They went away with five or six Wenches [WOMAN] [WOMAN] [WOMAN] [WOMAN] [WOMAN], of the same Cargo, belonging to Mr. Thomas Eveleigh, who had each of them one of their fore Teeth out. Whoever takes up, and delivers the said Negroes to me, or the Overseer in St. Andrew’s Parish, shall receive a Reward of Five Pounds Currency for each, with reasonable Charges. ROGER PINCKNEY.

2 November 1774, Georgia Gazette [Savannah], Supplement
Run Away from the plantation of Capt. CORNELIUS DUPONT on Oilay Island, Two Negroes, viz. SAMPSON, a stout well made fellow, of a yellowish complection, his hair growing rather bushy, slow of speech, country born, his mother belongs to Joseph Clay, Esq. he also has some relations at the Hon. Jonathan Bryan’s, to either of those places he may very likely resort: FELICO, a lusty wench, marked much in the face with her country marks, she has been seen at Mrs. Cuthbert’s plantation. Any person harbouring them may depend on being prosecuted as the law directs. Whoever delivers them to the Warden of the Work-House, or to me on the upper end of Argyle Island, shall receive a reward of twenty shillings sterling for each. JOSIAH DUPONT. Sunbury, October 10, 1774.

9 November 1774, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away about ten days ago from the Governor’s plantations at Ogechee, Six New Negroes, four men and two women, viz. One named QUAWCO, of a yellow complexion, about five feet four inches high, and supposed to be about 24 years old, has a scar on the small of his back: One named DORSET, a small fellow, five feet high, of a yellowish cast, and supposed to be about 22 years old: One named CORK, a stout likely fellow, also of a yellowish cast, about five feet eight inches, and supposed to be about 24 years old: One named ORONOCO, a short thick fellow, of a black complection, about five feet four inches, and supposed to be about 32 years old: A small black wench, named ESTHER, has several of her country marks about her breast, and supposed to be about 21 years old: And another very likely wench, named MINDA, of a yellow complection, about 20 years old. They crossed over Ogechee river in a canoe, which was

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120 Cf. TAST (1999), ID#26052, the Maria, Capt. Richard Grinnell, from Iles de Loss [Sierra Leone], disembarked 36 slaves in South Carolina from 24 October 1774.
afterwards found at the mouth of a creek near Mr. William Elliott’s plantation; therefore it is
supposed they may be in that neighbourhood, and probably got in with a parcel of Mr. Elliott’s
Negroes who have been run away some time. Whoever will take up and deliver the said Negroes,
or any of them, either to me at Ogechee, or to Mr. Abraham Gay at the Governor’s plantation
near Savannah, shall have ten shillings reward for each Negro, over and above what the law
allows. JOSEPH WEATHERLY. Ogechee, 5th November, 1774.

11 November 1774, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away from the subscriber on the 25th day of July last, Five New Negro Men, viz. CATO, a
lusty well made fellow, of a very black complexion, about six feet high and about twenty-five
years old, has some grey hairs on his head; CUDJOE about six feet high and made in
proportion, with his country marks down his cheeks, and of a good countenance, about twenty
years of age; JUNE about thirty years of age and about five feet ten inches high, and marked
with the pock pits in his face, has a trembling in his head when he is still so as one may perceive
it; SEPTEMBER about twenty-five years of age and marked with pock pits in his face, a slim
fellow, about five feet six inches high, he has also lost the first joint of the third finger in one of
his hands; MAYSON about twenty-five years of age, about five feet three inches high, of a small
visage and yellowish hair; they are all of the Guinea country. Which said negroes were last heard
of betwixt Ninety-six and Santee-river, they are all branded on the breast S, had on when they
went off each of them an old suit of white negro cloth; some of them may have a blue robing.
Whoever takes up them or or [sic] any of them, and delivers him or them to me at my plantation
near Purrysburgh, shall receive a reward of Ten Pounds currency per head, and all reasonable
charges; or if delivered to the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown, or at the gaol in
Beaufort, shall receive a reward of Five Pounds per head and all reasonable charges from JOHN
STROBHAR.

11 November 1774, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Three Hundred Pounds Reward. Run away or stolen from the subscribers, the following New
Negro Men, viz. SHELALY a tall, well made fellow, of the Kissey [Kissi] country, whose
country name is BOBODANDY, speaks little or no English, but can tell his own name if he will,
has a small beard, his great toes turn out pretty much and has, as it were, two navels one under
the other, a remarkable rough skin; one of his upper teeth is filed about half way, and the next to
it broke above the gums by filing. He went off same [sic] time in April last, and is suspected to
be stolen; had on when he went away an old wrapper of green plains and trowsers of white
plains. TITUS a black Guinea negro, thick lips, walks as if he was lame, has his country marks
on his left arm, speaks little of [sic] no English, bushy head, and is about five feet four or five
inches high, had on a white plains jacket and breeches and a blue under jacket, also a blanket and
a small iron pot, calls himself sometimes FARRAH, went away sometime in July last. Whoever
takes up and delivers the said negroes at the Work-house in Charlestown or any of the gaols in
this province, or to the subscribers near Black Swamp, in St. Peter’s Parish, shall have a reward
of Fifty Pounds for each negro and all reasonable charges; and if any person will prove that the
former was stolen, shall have a further reward of One Hundred And Fifty Pounds on conviction
of the thief; and if the latter can be proved to be stolen, a further reward of Fifty Pounds shall be paid on conviction of the thief, by ELIAS ROBERT, JOSEPH LAWTON.

23 November 1774, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, A New Negroe Man, named MURRY, cannot speak any English, is of the Guiney Country, about 5 feet 10 inches high, has a mark or hole under his jaw, and between 30 and 40 years old, had on a white negroe cloth jacket, oznabrigs trowsers, and a blue milled cap. Twenty shillings reward will be given on delivering him to me near Mount Pleasant, or to the Warden of the Work-House at Savannah. SAMUEL HUDSON.

2 December 1774, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber in St. Matthew’s Parish, the five under mentioned New Negroes, viz. SAMPSON,¹²¹ a stout well made fellow, about five feet nine inches high, smooth face and a cheerful countenance; CUFFEY¹²² a low well set fellow, about five feet three inches high, is blick-eyed [sic], by which means he pulls up one side of his face, has his country marks on his breast and a cut in his forehead, his teeth filed; TOM¹²³ a likely little fellow, about five feet three inches high, full faced; they all three are very black, each about twenty-seven years of age and all branded on the left arm above the elbow BI, though scarce visible, and Cuffey is branded on the left cheek IS, all of the Guinea country, and speak but little English, went off in March and April 1773. BUCKRAM¹²⁴ a stout likely well made fellow, about five feet eight inches high, has a large scar on his back near the back bone; FORTOMAH a tall stout fellow, about five feet ten inches high, small legs, long visage and down look, when spoken to; these two are very black, each about twenty-seven years of age, both of the Bombr [Bambara] country, spoke but little English, went away in April last [1774], had one white negro cloth wrappers, jackets and one pair of breeches. A reward of Twenty Pounds each for the three first mentioned, will be paid on delivering them to Major William Savage in Charlestown, Benjamin Farrar, Esq; at the (?) [sic] or to the subscriber; and a further reward of Fifty Pounds if discovered to be harboured by a white person, on conviction of the offender, by JOHN SAVAGE. November 28th, 1774.

14 December 1774, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Ran Away from Tivoli, the subscriber’s plantation, near (?) [sic] in St. Philip’s parish, on Sunday, the 4th inst. the following Negroes: SOLON, a fellow about 5 feet 6 inches high, about 28 years old, much marked by the smallpox, and had a brass ring in his left ear; ROMULUS, a very likely fellow, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, and about (?) [sic] years old; HERCULES, a fellow 6 feet 2 or 3 inches high, about 26 years old with remarkably prominent cheek bones. The two

¹²¹ [duplicative] see 10 September 1772, *South-Carolina Gazette.*

¹²² [duplicative] see 13 August 1773, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette* (Charleston).


¹²⁴ [duplicative] see 27 May 1774, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette* (Charleston).
first were of the Sierraleon Country. They took with them four Bristol duffil blankets and had on blue negroe cloth waistcoats, robins, and trowsers, and oznabrigs shirts. Two dollars reward will be given for each, delivered at the above plantation, or to the Warden of the Work House in Savannah. J. B. COLCOCK.

20 January 1775, South-Carolina and American General Gazette (Charleston)
Ogeechee in Georgia, January 19, 1775. Twenty Pounds Reward. Went away from the Governour’s plantations at Ogeechee about the 18th of November last [1774], Four New Negro Men and A Woman; the men named as follows, viz. DUBLIN, a very likely fellow, about 25 years old, 5 feet 8 inches high, of a black complexion, and when purchased, which is August last,\(^{125}\) he spoke a little English; NORTH, about 40, a strong well made fellow, 6 feet high, has a large beard and black complexion; LIMUS, a short fellow, little more than 5 feet high, of a yellowish colour, and about 22 years old; And LONDON, a likely fellow, about 24 years old, of thin visage and yellow cast, and about 5 feet 8 inches high, and has a scar on his head. These people went away with the wench [WOMAN] in a small paddling canoe, and put her ashore somewhere near White Bluff, where she was taken up by one Mr. Johnston, and on examining her since she says the other negroes told her they intended to go to look for their own country, and that the boat was not big enough to carry her with them. The canoe is branded in three or four places XX, and as it is probable they might keep along shore, and be taken up either to the southward or northward of Savannah, I do therefore offer the above reward, over and above what is allowed by law, and also all other reasonable charges, which will be paid to any person delivering them at Ogechee [sic], to the Warden of the Workhouse in Savannah or to the Warden of the Workhouse in Charlestown, or Five Pounds for each of them that may be taken up and delivered. JOSEPH WEATHERLY.\(^{126}\)

3 February 1775, South-Carolina and American General Gazette

\(^{125}\) There is no recorded slaving voyage disembarking at Georgia in July or August 1774; however there is one recorded voyage arriving in August in South Carolina: TAST (1999), ID#17835, the Gambia, Capt. James Willis, from Bristol via Gambia to South Carolina, disembarking 86 slaves from 29 August 1774.

\(^{126}\) See variation, 25 January 1775, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]: Twenty Pounds Reward. Went Away from the Governor’s plantation at Ogechee about the 18th of November last, Four New Negro Men and A Woman. The men named as follows, viz. DUBLIN, a very likely fellow, about 25 years old, 5 feet 8 inches high, of a black complexion, and when purchased (which was in August last) [sic] he spoke a little English: NORTH, about 40, a strong well made fellow, 6 feet high, has a large beard and black complexion: LIMUS, a short fellow, little more than 5 feet high, of a yellowish colour, and about 22 years old: And LONDON, a likely fellow, of about 24 years old, thin visage and yellow cast, and about 5 feet 8 inches high and has a scar on his head. These people went away with the wench [WOMAN] in a small paddling canoe and put her on shore somewhere near White Bluff, where she was taken up by one Mr. Johnston, and on examining her since she says the other Negroes told her they intended to go to look for their country, and that the boat was not big enough to carry her with them. The canoe is branded in three or four places XX, and it is probable they might keep along shore, and be taken up either to the southward or northward of Savannah. I do therefore offer the above reward, over and above what is allowed by law, and also all other reasonable charges, which will be paid to any person delivering them to me at Ogechee, to the Warden of the Work-House at Savannah, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Charlestown; or five pounds for each of them that may be taken up and delivered. JOSEPH WEATHERLY. Ogechee, the 14th of January, 1775.
Run away the 20th of May last from John Forbe, Esq’s plantation in St. John’s Parish, Georgia, Two Negro Men named BILLY & QUAMINA, of the Guinea country, and speak good English: Billy is lusty and well made, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, of a black complexion, has lost some of his upper teeth, and had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket and trowsers of the same; Quamina is stout and well made, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, very black, has his country marks on his face, had on when he went away a jacket, trowsers and robing of white negro cloth. Whoever takes up said negroes and delivers them to me at the above plantation or to the Warden of the Work-house in Savannah, shall receive a reward of Five Guineas, besides what the law allows, and Twenty Guineas to the informer, upon conviction of their being harboured by an [sic] person. DAVID AUSTIN.

10 February 1775, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away some months ago, a Negro Man named MARCH, about five feet four inches high, speaks very broken English though he has been many years in the province, and says he belongs to Dr. Carson in Wadmelaw Island, but is supposed to be harboured at the plantation of Mrs. Edith Mathewes in John’s Island, where he frequently used to visit a countryman of his. A reward of Ten Pounds will be given to any person that will deliver the said negro to the Warden of the Work-house, or to me in John’s Island. THOMAS LADSON.

17 February 1775, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the plantation of John Macqueen, Esq; at Horse-Savannah, A New Negro Man [MAN], speaks a little English, of a yellowish complexion looks like a Mustee, about thirty years old, five feet eight inches high, had on when he went away a blue negro cloth jacket with a piece of white cloth sewed in the collar, a red jacket and blue breeches. Ten Pounds reward will be given to any person who will deliver the said negro to me at the above plantation, or to the Warden of the Workhouse in Charlestown, besides all reasonable charges. ALEXANDER WILSON.

13 March 1775, *South-Carolina Gazette*
A Likely Negro Boy, named MAY, about 14 Years old, of the Angola Country, went away from Mr. Burrowe’s Farm, on Charles-Town Neck, in the Beginning of January last: He then had on a white Negro Cloth Jacket, and long Breeches and Trowsers. Whoever delivers the said Negro to the Subscriber on the said Farm, or to the Warden of the Work-House, shall receive a Reward of Five Pounds Currency, besides the Charges allowed by Law; and if harboured by a white Person (which there is great Reason to suspect) [sic] a further Reward of Thirty Pounds will be paid, on Conviction of the Offender, and Ten Pounds if proved to be harboured by a Negro. JOHN WERNER. March 10, 1775.

22 March 1775, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber’s plantation on Augustin’s Creek, Four New Negroe Men, viz. CUFFY, a fellow about six feet high, rather of a yellow complexion, with a bushy beard and red
eyes. **STEPHEN**, a yellow short fellow. **STEPNEY**, a very likely black fellow, of a middling size. **ROBIN**, a stout man-boy about 16 years old. They had on white negro cloth jackets and breeches with white metal buttons. They have not been above five months in the province, cannot speak English, and will probably not be able to tell their Master’s or Overseer’s name. Also Run Away from his plantation on Savannah River called Mulberry-Grove, A Negro Fellow, called FORTUNE, a pretty tall, slim, black fellow, much parrot-toed. This fellow run away last summer, and after being out some months, was taken up at Brier-Creek settlement in October last by Thomas Yarborough. A reward of ten shillings each will be given for the first four, or either of them, and forty shillings for Fortune, if taken up above Ebenezer, on delivering them at either of the subscriber’s plantations, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah. 

**JOHN GRAHAM.**

19 April 1775, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]

Run Away from the subscriber, A Very Likely New Negro Fellow, named **CATO**, of the Fulla [Fulbe] Country, and of a very black complexion; he is about six feet high and twenty six years of age; he carried away with him a blanket, a pair of white negro cloth breeches, and a red woolen shirt; his head is shaved in the form of a cross. Any person delivering the said Negro to me at my plantation, or to the Warden of the Work-House, shall receive ten shillings sterling reward, with all reasonable charges. **ANN PARKER.** Island of Hope, April 3, 1775.

19 April 1775, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]

Run Away from the subscriber about six weeks ago, A Negro Fellow, named **SMART**, commonly calls himself by his country name **LANDORA**: he is about six feet high, of the Guinea Country, has two or three cuts upon his arm from a cutlass, speaks broken English. Whoever delivers the said Negro to me in Savannah shall receive twenty shillings sterling reward, besides all reasonable charges. **STEPHEN MILLEN.** April 5, 1775.

24 May 1775, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]

Run Away from the subscriber’s plantation at Vale-Royal the 22d instant May, Three Negro Men: **QUAMIE**, about 5 feet 5 inches high and about 30 years of age; **SAMBO**, about 22 years, smooth face, of the Moorish country; and **SAMBO**, about 25 years and about 5 feet 5 inches high. Whoever takes up the said Negroes, or either of them, and delivers them to Mr. Durant, Overseer at Vale-Royal, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah, shall receive ten shillings reward, and all reasonable charges, from **LACHLAN M’GILLIVRAY.**

26 May 1775, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*

One Hundred Pounds Reward. Run away about the first of January last [1775], Two Negro Men, viz. A fellow named **JEMMY**, but often changes his name; he is about five feet seven inches high, and about twenty-seven years old, smart, active and well made; round, full face, has lost

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127 duplicative; see 15 June 1774, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah].
one of his fore teeth, which causes him to stutter very much in talking; has his country marks on his arms, shoulder, neck and belly; had an iron clog on one of his legs when he went off: The other is named BOSON, but will probably change it, he is a slim made fellow, about five feet ten inches high, and about thirty years old, down look, and a little on the yellow cast, talks a little English; they both had on old white negro cloth jackets and trowsers with brass buttons, and caps made of slips of white and green plains; it is thought they are gone up in the back country. Whoever secures the said Slaves and delivers them to the keeper of the gaol of Long-Bluff in said District, shall receive Twenty Pounds for each, and all reasonable charges; and if they should be harboured by any white person, the above reward of One Hundred Pounds will be paid, on conviction of the offender, by JAMES HAYS, Gaoler. Long Bluff, Peedee, May 10th, 1775.

31 May 1775, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber’s plantation about three weeks ago, A Negroe Man, named LANCASTER, of the Guinea Country; he is a tall likely fellow, speaks good English, and having been used to the sea may probably attempt to get on ship board. All Masters of vessels and others are hereby cautioned against carrying him out of the province, and if taken and delivered to the Warden of the Work-House, or to my overseer at Morton-Hall, a reward of two dollars will be paid by NATHANIEL HALL.

9 June 1775, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Ran Away, in April 1773, from the late Hugh Sleigh, deceased, a stout new Negro Man, named JOE, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, has a remarkable large beard, with his country marks down each side of his cheeks. He had on when he went away, a white negro cloth jacket and breeches, and a robing that buttoned on the side. Thirty Pounds currency, and all reasonable charges, will be allowed on delivery of the said negro to the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown, or to me on the Round O. FRANCIS BEATTY.

28 June 1775, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, A Negroe Fellow, named TOM; he is about 5 feet 3 inches high, has his country marks, has also a scar on his belly, is well known about town, having formerly worked at the cooper’s trade with Mr. Cunningham. A reward of twenty shillings will be paid to any person who will deliver him to the Warden of the Work House in Savannah, or to the subscriber at his plantation. RAYMOND DEMERE, jun.

30 August 1775, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, about eight days past, A Negroe Wench, named VENUS, speaks but little English, has many country marks on her face, and on one arm a white spot or (?) [sic] occasioned by a scald or burn of the fire. Whoever returns her to the owner in Savannah shall receive ten shillings and all reasonable charges. WILLIAM OLDS. N.B. if harboured by any
white person, thirty shillings will be given; she had on a white negro cloth petticoat and an
oznabrig jacket.

7 September 1775, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Ferguson’s Swamp, St. John’s Parish, June 1, 1775. Run Away from the Subscriber, the three
following Negroes, viz. JUPITER, TOBY, and MAURIS: Jupiter is a little short Fellow, of a
black Complexion, round bellied, not this Country born, but has been many Years in it, and is
about 40 Years old. Toby, is about five Feet high, of a yellowish Cast, round, and very hairy
about the Face: He had Iron Clogs on both his Legs when he absconded, is this Country born,
about 35 Years old; both of them speak very good English, are Field-Slaves, and well known in
St. John’s Parish: It is thought they will make to their old Range, Winyah and Black Mingo.
Mauris, is a Lad about 18 Years old, tall, and well made; of a yellowish Complexion, country
born, and is supposed to be harboured at Doctor Chandler’s Plantation near Dorchester, as he has
a Mother and other Relations there: Each of them had on when they went away, Osnabrug Shirts,
Trowsers, and Breeches of white Plains. Whoever apprehends the above Runaways, and will
deriver them to me, or the Warden of the Work House, in Charles-Town, shall receive a Reward
of Ten Pounds Currency for each: Or, if Information of their being harboured by such, a further
Reward of Fifty Pounds Currency will be given, on Conviction of the Offender or Offenders, and
Twenty Pounds, if by a Negro; to be paid by BLAKE-LEAY WHITE.

13 September 1775, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, A Negroe Fellow, named JANUARY, has his country marks on
his face, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, has on a blue sailor’s jacket, a dowlas shirt, and white
Russia drab breeches, has a very sour surly look. A reward of 20 s. [shillings] sterling will be
paid on his being delivered to THOMAS CORNS. Savannah, September 9, 1775.

4 October 1775, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, A New Negroe, called QUASH, carried with him, going off,
which is now upwards of three months, a suit of white plains and a blanket; he is about 5 feet 6
inches high, rather thin, and has a large scar upon one of his arms. Whoever apprehends said
Negroe, and delivers him to the Warden of the Work-House, or the subscriber, at his plantation
near William Le Conte, Esq.’s in St. Andrew’s parish, shall receive forty shillings, besides all
expences paid by PETER TAARLING. 3d October 1775.

4 October 1775, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber about one month past, A Negroe Fellow, named WILL, by trade
a cooper, about five feet six inches high, of the Guinea Country, slim make, bow-legged, with a
large scar under his chin. Another Fellow, named ISAAC, a squarer and sawyer, about five feet
and eight inches high, of the Guinea Country, and much knock-knee’d. Another Fellow, named
WAPPING, about six feet high, very stout and lusty, bow-legged, and much marked on the face,
shoulder, and back, with his country marks. Another Fellow, named PRIMUS, a field Negroe,
about five feet seven inches high, of the Guinea Country, a stout well-proportioned fellow, with a blemish in one eye. Another Fellow, named ISHMAEL, a field Negro, about five feet seven inches high, of the Guinea Country, stout made, bow-legged and having a finger cut off. A Boy, named SAWNEY, country born, about five feet high, very active and well made, and understands part of a carpenter’s business. A Wench, named PENDA, about twenty-one years of age, about five feet six inches high, of the Guinea Country, well proportioned, and having country marks on her face. CHLOE, a girl, about fourteen years of age, of the Guinea Country, stout and well made. I do hereby offer a reward of twenty shillings sterling for each of the above Negroes, over and above what the law allows, to any person or persons who will take up and deliver them, or any of them, to Mr. James Robertson in Savannah, or to the Warden of the Work-House there; and I do hereby promise a reward of ten pounds sterling to any person or persons giving information of all or any of the above Negroes being harboured and entertained by any white person or persons, to be paid upon the conviction of the offender or offenders; and a reward of forty shillings if harboured and entertained by any Negro or Negroes, to be paid in like manner upon conviction. JOSEPH CANNON. Savannah, 2d October, 1775. The above Negroes are most of them well known about the district of Little-Ogechee.

25 October 1775, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber in June last, Two Negroes, BOSON, a stout made fellow, about 5 feet 6, 7 or 8 inches high, of the Guinea Country, with his country marks on each side of his face, speaks a little English; DAPHNEY a very likely wench, of the same country, speaks very good English, carried off with her a young child [CHILD]. Whoever will deliver the said Negroes to me shall receive a reward of four pounds. WILLIAM BAKER sen. St. John’s parish, Midway, 23d October, 1775.

1 November 1775, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber at Queensborough the beginning of June, A Negroe Fellow, named JOE, about 5 feet high and 30 years of age, had on an oznabrig shirt and trowsers and white negroe cloth jacket, and carried with him a blanket, speaks a little English, is of a black complexion, and has many of his country marks on his cheeks. A reward of forty shillings, besides reasonable charges, will be given to any person taking him up and delivering him to me at Queensborough. JOHN MULKEY.

5 November 1775, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Ran Away from the subscriber near six months ago, Three Negroe Fellows, named QUASH, CAESAR, and SAM; Quash is a little fellow, well known in and abour Savannah; Caesar is a slim fellow, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in heighth; they both speak pretty good English; Sam is a new Negroe, and cannot speak one word of English, he is slim made, and about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches in heighth. Whoever will deliver the whole, or any one of them, to me, shall be handsomely rewarded, over and above what the law directs. He also wants an Overseer; a single man will be preferred; none need apply but such as can be well recommended. JAMES MOSSMAN. 14th November, 1775.
14 November 1775, *South-Carolina Gazette*

Charles-Town, November 10, 1775. Run-Away, from the Subscriber’s Plantation at Wando, three Negro Fellows—One named BOB, of a black Complexion, bushey Head, about 5 Feet 4 Inches high, Country born, talks good English, and can mimick the Back Wood or Northward Languages, has a Cut betwixt his Chin and lower Lip, and had on when he went away a blue Bath Coat and Waistcoat, a striped Flannel Jacket, a Pair of white Breeches, white Boots, and Black Hat. Another Fellow named BILL, talks but little English, of a black Complexion, above 5 Feet 1 Inch high, broad faced, and about 18 years of Age; he had on when he went away two blue Jackets, a Pair of brown Cloth Breeches, and a white Cap. The other Negro Fellow also named BILL, or BILLY, of the Guinea Country, with his Country Marks in his Face, speaks tolerable good English, about 18 Years of Age, 5 Feet 9 Inches high, slim made, and walks upright; he had on when he went away a blue Negro Cloth Jacket and Trowsers, very much torn. They went off from Wando this Day in a Schooner’s Canoe, and are supposed to be in Charles-Town, or on their Way to Ponpon. Whoever apprehends and delivers the said Negro Fellows to Mr. William M’Kimmy, in Charlest-Town, or to the Subscriber at his Plantation at Wando, shall receive a Reward of Fifteen Pounds Currency, with all reasonable Charges, or Five Pounds Currency for either of them; and a further Reward of Fifty Guineas, will be given to any Person or Persons giving Information of their being harboured by any white Person or Persons, and Twenty Pounds, if harboured by a Negro, on Conviction of the Offender or Offenders. HENRY REEVES.

22 November 1775, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]

Ten Pounds Sterling Reward. Run Away about six months ago from Mr. GAMBLE’s plantation, 80 miles up the river, A Negro Man, named LEITH, but calls himself LEAF, 5 feet 7 inches high, and about 21 years of age, speaks bad English, of a very dark complexion, and pock-fretted about his nose, wore when he went away a white negroe cloth jacket and breeches, walks stoutly, has a bushy head, and can work at the cooper trade. The said Negroe was sold some years ago by the subscriber to Mr. George Delegall at Ogechee, where he is well known, and also in town. Mr. Gamble bought the said Negroe of Mr. Delegall 15 months ago, and the Negroe having often expressed an inclination to live with me again, I purchased him of Mr. Gamble. A short time after he went off, expecting him to come home in a few days or weeks, but has never yet been seen, although I am certain, if the fellow is alive and knows I have bought him, he will return. Whoever apprehends him, either in Georgia or South-Carolina, or any province on the continent, and delivers him to me at Savannah in Georgia, shall have the above reward, with all reasonable charges, paid them on delivery. JAMES HERRIOT. Savannah, 21st November, 1775.

24 November 1775, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*

Run Away from the subscriber, at Orangeburgh, on the 10th instant, a thick well made Negro Man named JEMMY, near thirty-five years of age, has his country marks on his cheeks, and has lost two of his fore teeth; had on when he went away, a blue broad cloth coat with red lining, an
osnaburg shirt, and blue breeches; took away with him another suit of blue cloaths; speaks good English. If any person will apprehend the said negro, and bring him to me, if within thirty miles, shall receive a reward of Five Pounds current money; if above thirty miles a handsome reward will be given. I will also give a reward to any person that will inform me of his being harboured by any white person or negro, on conviction of the offender; and I do forwarn all persons from harbouring the said negro, as I am determined to prosecute the offender to the utmost rigour of the law. SAMUEL ROWE. November 18th, 1775.  

24 November 1775, South-Carolina and American General Gazette  
Ten Pounds Reward. Absented himself from the subscriber, the 21st of September last, a Negro Lad named LONDON, but may assume the name of ANTIGUA, upwards of five feet high, his country marks on his breast, can shave and dress hair very well; had on, when he went away, a blue whitney jacket with sleeves, an under jacket and breeches of brown fustian, much worn, and check shirt, was seen on wednesday [sic], the 25th instant, on board a vessel at Wragg’s wharf, unloading wood, and on being taxed with running away, made down in the cabbin. Ten Pounds reward, and all reasonable charges, will be paid to any person delivering the said negro to me in Charlestown; and Twenty Pounds to whoever will inform me of his being harboured, concealed or employed by a white person, and Ten Pounds, if by a negro, on conviction of the offender. NOY WILLEY HUTCHINGS.

27 December 1775, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]  
Run Away from the plantation of WILLIAM WILLIAMSON, Esq. of Savannah river, some time in May, A Negroe Fellow, named BOB, of the Guinea Country, about 5 feet 8 inches high, stout and well made, of a black complexion, speaks good English, and has his country marks on his face. A reward of thirty shillings will be given for apprehending the said fellow, on delivering him to the subscriber, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah. A further reward will be paid of fifty shillings, if harboured, on conviction of the offender or offenders, by THEODORE GAY. N.B. He is supposed to be harboured between Ebenezer and the Two Sisters Ferry.

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128 See also 20 February 1777, South-Carolina and American General Gazette (Charleston): Run away from the subscriber on the 12th of November last [1776], two Negroes, viz. one of the Guinea country, named JEMMY, has his country marks on his cheeks, has lost two of his fore teeth, near 5 feet 10 inches high, speaks good English, very artful; had on when he went away two coats, one blue negroe cloth, the other homespun, leather breeches and some other clothes; WILL is of a yellow complexion, near 5 feet 2 inches high, has his country marks from his shoulders down his back, very bow legged; had on when he went away, a white woollen jacket, crocus jacket, leather breeches and trowsers. I will give a reward of Twenty Pounds currency to any person that will bring the above negroes to my house at Orangeburgh; and a further reward of Fifty Pounds currency to any person that will inform me of their being harboured by any white person, on conviction of the offender, and if by a negro Five pounds currency, as I am determined to prosecute the offender to the utmost rigour of the law. SAMUEL ROWE.
30 December 1775, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
True Blue, Prince William’s Parish, Dec. 29, 1774. Run away from the subscriber, the Four following Negroes, viz. ABNER, JULY, DANIEL [DAVID] and PRIAM. Abner is about six feet high, thirty seven years old, country born, by trade a cooper, well known about Combahee-river and elsewhere, supposed to be harboured by Mr. Brewton’s negroes at his plantation upon said river; July is a lad about twenty years old, squat built, a mustee, late the property of Alexander Hext deceased, supposed to be harboured up the Path near Charlestown at Mr. Burrow’s place: David [sic] and Priam are both new negroes; the first is about five feet seven inches high, of cross, surly countenance, the other is about five feet four inches high, of a yellowish complexion and pleasant look, each of them had on a shirt of osnaburges without sleeves, and short gowns and trowsers made up of white plains. Whoever apprehends the above runaways and delivers them to me or the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown, shall receive a reward of Five Pounds currency for each, or give information of their bring harboured, if by a white person One Hundred Pounds like money, to be paid on conviction of the offender. GODIN GUERARD.

12 January 1776, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run Away, on the 19th of December, the following Negroes, viz. a Negro Fellow named SAMPSON, about five feet eight inches high, had on a new large blue great coat, and his country marks in his face; his wife ELSY, about six feet high, had on a callico and blue negro cloth gown, and white flannel jacket, this country born, and has a mother at Mr. Benjamin Cattel’s plantation; also a Negro Wench named PHILLIS, had on a red and white callico fown, a black quilted coat, and her country marks on her face, well known in town and country, as they sold oysters upwards of ten years in town, supposed to be harboured by her mother. A reward of Five Pounds for each, on deilvering [sic] them to the Warden of the Workhouse in Charlestown; a reward of Twenty Pounds if harboured by a white person, and Ten Pounds if by a negro, on conviction of the same. MARGARET REMINGTON.

22 May 1776, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away from the subscriber, the 3d day of January last, three Negro Fellows, viz. ANTHONY, BRISTOL, and JACK; Anthony is about 25 years of age, was born on James-Island, and has a mother in Charlestown, is well known in both places; he was late the property of Mr. Samuel Prioleau, sen. Bristol is a short, squat made fellow, with a large bushy beard, broad face and stout made, about 35 years old, he used to work with Mess. Bordeaux & Co. in Charleston [sic], is a porter, and is well known about town, he is of the Guinea country; Jack, Jamaica born, a young fellow, about 25 or 26 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high streight [sic] and well made, had a cut in one of his legs, was bought a short time before, in the gaol of Charlestown, of Alexander Rose, Esq; and was sent up here to my care, to be transmitted to his master, William Henry Mills, Esq; at the Cheraws. Twenty Pounds reward, is offered for each of the above fellows, on delivery of them to me, to Mr. Alexander Horn, or to the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown: If they return of their own accord they shall be forgiven. All persons whatsoever are cautioned against harbouring the above slaves, as they shall answer at their peril. ALEXANDER RIOCH. Georgetown, May 18th.
11 September 1776, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run Away from the subscribers, a Negro Fellow, named **TOM**, has his country Marks of his face, (?) [sic] is about five feet eight inches high. Whoever delivers him to us as Hobcaw, or the Warden of the Workhouse in Charlestown, shall be rewarded for their Trouble. **BEEGBIE & MENSON**.

25 September 1776, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber on Monday September 9, a Negro Fellow named **FRIDAY**, between 30 and 40 Years old, of a sulky look, marked or cut like R upon his upper lip, about 5 feet 10 inches high, does not speak English. Whoever brings the said Negro Fellow to the Warden of the Workhouse, or to me in Bedon’s Alley, shall receive Ten Pounds currency, and all reasonable charges, from **JAMES BRICKEN**.

9 October 1776, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Ran away from the subscriber October 10, 1776, a likely young Negro Man named **CHARLES**, of the Guiney country, has his country marks on his two cheeks like four cuts along his cheeks, had on when he went away an old osnaburgs jacket and breeches and a straw hat, speaks good English and pretty good French, is a stocking-weaver by trade. Whoever will apprehend the said Negro Man, and will deliver him to the subscriber living upon the Path or to the Warden of the Workhouse, shall receive a reward of Five Pounds currency. I forwarn every body from harbouring or employing the said negro fellow, as any person so offending will be prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law. **PETER GIRAUD**.

24 October 1776, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the Subscriber the middle of December last [1775], a Negro Man named **CAESAR**, about 5 feet 10 inches high, well made, of a very black complexion, has a large nose. Also runaway this day, two Negro Men named **FORTUNE** and **DICK**. Fortune is about 5 feet 8 inches high, well made, very black complexion has a high foretop head of hair, had on a nankeen coat, and a pair of black breeches, stammers a little in his speech. Dick, a tall slim fellow, about 5 feet 10 inches high, a Guinea negro, with his country marks in his face, had on a black coattee. These three negroes are taylors by trade, and well known in town, where they are supposed to be harboured, a reward of Twenty Pounds will be given for taking up of Caesar, and Five Pounds each for Fortune and Dick, and delivering them to their masters or the Warden of the Workhouse. Who hereby forbids all persons from harbouring or employing said negroes, as they will be prosecuted with the utmost severity of the law, and I hereby promise a reward of One hundred Pounds currency, on conviction of harbouring said negroes, it by a white Person, and Thirty Pounds if by a negro or negroes. **JOHN WARD**.
2 January 1777, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Ten Pounds reward to any person who will apprehend **ABRAM**, a black fellow of the Moco country, having his country marks, particularly very long streaks on his arms, near six feet high, about 30 years old, had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket and breeches in April last. Any person who will deliver him to the subscriber at Stono, or to the Warden of the Work house in Charlestown, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges; and any person giving information of his being harboured by a white person, shall receive Fifteen Pounds, and if by a black Ten Pounds, to be paid on conviction by **CATHARINE SPOOLER**.

20 February 1777, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber on the 12th of November last [1776], two Negroes, viz. one of the Guinea country, named **JEMMY**, has his country marks on his cheeks, has lost two of his fore teeth, near 5 feet 10 inches high, speaks good English, very artful; had on when he went away two coats, one blue negro cloth, the other homespun, leather breeches and some other clothes; **WILL** is of a yellow complexion, near 5 feet 2 inches high, has his country marks from his shoulders down his back, very bow legged; had on when he went away, a white woollen jacket, crocus jacket, leather breeches and trowsers. I will give a reward of Twenty Pounds currency to any person that will bring the above negroes to my house at Orangeburgh; and a further reward of Fifty Pounds currency to any person that will inform me of their being harboured by any white person, on conviction of the offender, and if by a negro Five pounds currency, as I am determined to prosecute the offender to the utmost rigour of the law. **SAMUEL ROWE**.

3 April 1777, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
One Hundred Pounds reward. Went from the subscriber’s plantation on the lower part of Santee, in Prince George’s Parish, the 25th of December 1775, a tall, slim, young new negro man named **TITUS**, black complexion, his country marks down the sides of his face, slightly branded on his breast with the letters TG very small and may be invisible; it was imagined that he lost himself (as he went out a hunting) and could not find the way home again, nor speak English enough to tell his master’s name. Twenty Pounds reward will be paid for any information of him, so that he may be had again; but if wantonly harboured or detained by any person who know they can have no right to the said fellow, a reward of One Hundred Pounds will be paid on conviction of the offender. **THEODORE GAILLARD, jun.**

10 April 1777, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away the 3d of July, 1776, a Negro Man named **TOM**, of the Angola country, speaks English tolerably well, pretty black, has two of his upper foreteeth filed, close kneeed and country marks on one if not both his temples; there is some reason to suspect that he was inticed away by one Arthur Bowens, and afterwards sold by him in the back country. Any person giving information of his being harboured by a white person there or other ways, so that the trespasser be convicted thereof, shall receive a reward of Fifty Pounds, or the like sum for delivering said

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negro to the subscriber, Capt. William Sanders, or John Sanders at the Round O. MARY THOMSON.

10 April 1777, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber at Fort James the 8th of September last, an outlandish Negro Man named MURRAY; he is of a middling stature, about 30 years old, pitted with the small pox, and lost the sight of his left eye, is a little of the yellowish complexion, and can speak broken English. Whoever will give such intelligence so as he may be got again, shall have Ten Dollars reward; or whoever will bring him to Col. Coleman’s fort, in the Fork of Savannah and Broad Rivers, shall have Twenty Dollars reward, and more if deserving, by JOHN WESTBROOK. Georgia, March 24th, 1777.

5 June 1777, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber, a likely Negro Fellow of the Coromantee country, about 25 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, his three marks like stabs on his left arm, speaks very good English, his name NERO; carried with him a suit of white broad cloth, a brown bath-coating sartout, a pair of blue Manchester velvet breeches, several summer jackets and breeches, ruffled shirts stockings and shoes, a holster pistol of Wilson’s make, and a cousteau; likewise a knapsack with my name wrote on it in large characters; the shirts and handkerchiefs he has are marked IM, he took with him also a bright chesnut Gelding, 10 or 11 years old, blind of the left eye, branded on the cheek of the same side IR in one, on the mounting shoulder with a heart not very visible, has a white lock of hair betwixt his ears, and several saddle spots on his back. Fifty Pounds reward will be paid on delivery of the fellow and horse to me at Ponpon, or the Warden of the Work-house; the horse may be left at Mr. Hatfield’s in Charlestown. Thirty Pounds will be given for the negro singly, and Twenty for the horse, with all reasonable charges. JOHN MOURET.

16 June 1777, *South-Carolina Gazette*
Run away from the Subscriber, at Little River, in Prince George’s Parish, and supposed to have made off for the Back Parts of this State, Two Negroes, viz. SAMPSON, a likely, well-made, strong, black fellow, about five feet ten inches high, born in this State, has a scar on the top of his head, and another on the top of his right foot, leading from his great toe upwards. PHEBE, wife to Sapmson [sic], she is of a yellowish complexion, and of the Eboe Country, speaks tolerably plain, her teeth field, has very clumsey [sic] legs, and her great toes turn inwards, she is about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high. I will pay Twenty Pounds to any person that will deliver them to me, or confine them in any of the Gaols of this State, or Ten Pounds for either, and all reasonable charges. SAMUEL DWIGHT. N.B. Sampson stands convicted of a murder committed in North-Carolina, and if taken must be well confined, he being an artful villain.

3 July 1777, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber the 6th of June last a Negro Fellow named CAESAR, formerly the property of one Mr. Phillips living in Georgia; he is of the Guinea country, about 5 feet 10
inches high, has his country marks on each side of his face, and had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket and breeches. Whoever will deliver him to me on Edisto-Island; to the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown, or to Mr. Joshua Windsor in Georgia, shall receive Twenty Pounds reward. THOMAS HEXT.

31 July 1777, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away from the subscriber on Saturday night, July 26, 1777, three Negroes; one a mulatto fellow named JAMIE, well known in Charlestown, and is remarkable for having a large scar on one of his ears and cheek; another fellow of the Guinea country, named PETER, of a middle stature, who is very active and artful, but speaks very bad English; the third is a tall likely fellow of the Ebo country, named YORK. They may change their dress, but when they went away two of them had striped jackets. They are all bred to the cabinet making business. It is suspected they will attempt to go for St. Augustine by land or water. All masters of vessels and keepers of ferries are requested to be particularly on their guard. A reward of Fifty Pounds for each, and all reasonable charges, will be paid on delivering them to me, or the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown. JOHN FISHER.

2 October 1777, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away Sept. 14, from the subscriber, a Negro Boy named SAUNDERS, 13 or 14 years of age, of the Guinea country, about 4 feet 8 inches high, had on an osnaburg shirt and breeches, is rather of the yellowish complexion, is pitted a little with the small pox, and is very artful. Whoever delivers him to me or the Warden of the Work-house, shall have Five Pounds reward, Ten Pounds if harboured by a negro, and Twenty Pounds if by a white person, on conviction; if he is taken in the country all reasonable charges will be paid by WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

9 October 1777, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away from the subscriber about the 10th of July last [1777], a Negro Man of the Angola country, named TONEY, about 5 feet 6 inches high, about 35 years old, branded on his arm WP (?) [sic] in a heart. A reward of Ten Pounds will be given to any person that will deliver him to me in St. Matthew’s Parish, or the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown. WILLIAM PEAK.

14 October 1777, Gazette of the State of South-Carolina
Ten Dollars Reward. The Subscriber will give the above reward to any person who will bring to him, or the Warden of the Workhouse, a young negro man, lately bought of Mr. Thomas Fell, taylor, at which trade he can work a little; He is commonly called Jack Fell, or EBOE JACK, he being of that country; he is about 5 feet 6 inches high, 17 years old, strait limbed, yellowish complexion, and is very remarkable for carrying his head high and looking up; had on when he went away last month, a brown jacket without sleeves, an osnabrugs shirt, and nankeen breeches, but his dress I hear is changed. There is great reason to believe he is harboured in town, or between town and the Quarter-house,—he has been seen on board several vessels. I forewarn all
manner of persons not to harbour or employ the said negro. I will give Fifty Pounds to any free person, and Twenty Pounds to any slave, that will inform me of his being harboured, on conviction of the offender. If the fellow will return he shall be forgiven. JAMES HENRY BUTLER.

23 October 1777, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away from the subscriber’s plantation in Prince William’s Parish the 5th of October, 1777, two Negro Fellows named TOM and PRIMUS; the former is short and thick, smooth faced, and remarkably well made; the latter is a salt water negro, about 5 feet 10 inches high a little inclined to the mustee, speaks bad English and wears a blanket made into a great coat. Whoever will deliver the said fellows to the subscriber at Ponpon, or to Mr. Thomas Hut (?) [sic] in Prince William’s Parish shall receive Twenty Pounds reward for each; and One Hundred Pounds if proved to be harboured by a white man, payable on conviction of the offender. JOHN SIMMONS.

25 December 1777, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away from the subscriber’s plantation in St. Bartholomew’s Parish about 4 months past, a very black negro fellow named MOSES, 5 feet 10 inches high, of the Guinea country; had on when he went away, a suit of homespun. A reward of Ten Pounds currency will be given on his delivery to the overseer of said plantation, or at Stono to JOHN FARR.

12 February 1778, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away from the subscriber about the 20th of Nov. [sic] last, a negro fellow named BEN, of the Eboe country; he is about five feet, 6 or 7 inches high, of a yellowish complexion, and very round shouldered; he has been for near two years past employed on the publick works, and for the last sixteen months at Sullivan and Long Islands; he has lately been seen in Charlestown, where he may probably attempt to pass as still being employed on the publick works. Any person who will apprehend the said negro and deliver him to the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown, or to my overseer at my plantation on Ashley river, near Dorchester, shall be entitled to a reward of Twenty Pounds currency, and all reasonable charges. JOHN MATTHEWES.

5 March 1778, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away from the subscriber about two months past, a short thick fellow of the Angola country named BRUTUS, of a very black complexion, knock kneed, and branded on one of his cheeks with a blotched R; he was seen on board of Capt. Brown’s schooner, on her way to Charlestown, about a month since, in or near which place it is supposed he is harboured. All masters of vessels are hereby cautioned from carrying him off this State; and a reward of Fifty Pounds will be given to any one that will inform of his being harboured by a white person, or Ten Pounds if by a negro, on conviction of the offender; and a reward of Ten Pounds for him delivered to the Warden of the Work-house, or the subscriber on John’s Island. ABRAHAM Waight.
5 March 1778, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber on Sunday evening the 28th of December last, a negro wench about 19 or 20 years of age, named CLARISSA, of the Fulla country, about 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high, stout and well made, remarkably high chested, a small scar on her stomach, one of her upper and one of her lower foreteeth out; had on when she went away, an osnaburgh shift and wrapper of the same, a striped ticking petticoat with callico borders; she took with her a furniture check wrapper red and white, a linen one and sundry other clothes; speaks tolerably good English. A reward to Twenty Pounds will be given to any person or persons that will apprehend and deliver the said wench to the subscriber, or the Warden of the Work house; and a further reward of Fifty Pounds to any person that can convict any white person or persons of harbouring the said wench, and Twenty Pounds if harbourred by free or slave negroes, to be paid on conviction by JOSPH GAULTIER. N.B. If the said wench will return of her own accord, she shall be forgiven.

12 March 1778, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away, a negro lad named BRUTUS, about 19 years of age, of the Guiney country, about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, very likely, active and well made, somewhat bow legged, turns his feet out rather too much; his navel larger than common, and speaks tolerable good English. A reward of One Hundred Pounds will be paid on conviction of a white person, Fifty Pounds of a free negro, and Twenty-five pounds of a slave, for harbouring him; and Ten Dollars to any person who will apprehend and deliver him to the subscriber in St. Thomas Parish, or the Warden of the Work-house, with reasonable charges. JAMES AKIN.

12 March 1778, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Fifty Pounds Reward. Run away, a negro fellow named COLLY, about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, a little ruptured, African born, consequently speaks bad English. Whoever apprehends and delivers him to the subscriber near Dorchester, shall be entitled to the above reward. GEORGE EVANS, jun.

26 March 1778, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber about two years since, a negro fellow named ISAAC; he is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, square and well made; he has been seen about Waccamaw neck or Pedee, and says his master’s name is Mayfield, and that he came from the Southward; also last September, a negro fellow named DAVY, of the same age and size; they are both of the Kishey [Kissi] country, artful and sly, and each branded on both breasts W. MXLL, perhaps a little obscure. Whoever delivers either of them to the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown, shall be suitably rewarded; but on conviction of the harbourer, the sum of Fifty Pounds for each, paid by WILLIAM MAXWELL.

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130 See also [duplicative] 16 August 1780, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette* (Charleston).
30 April 1778, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away from the subscriber’s waggon on the 10th of April instant, on his return from the
campe near Nelson’s ferry, a negro fellow named WILL, about five feet nine inches high, has
his country marks each side of his face, slender made, 23 years of age, had on a homespun jacket
and woollen breeches. Whoever delivers him to the Warden of the Work house, or the subscriber
at Goosecreek, shall receive Ten Pounds and all reasonable charges; and One Hundred Pounds
on conviction of his being harboured by a white person. Also run away about the 25th of May,
1775 [sic], a negro fellow named TOM, but may change his name to FROHAWK; he is about 5
feet 5 inches high, has a film on one of his eyes, and lost the lower part of both of his ears, is
very talkative, was born in North-Carolina; he was seen at the time he was missing on board the
ship Baillie’s, Thomas Powell master, bound for Liverpool; for the delivery of him to the
Warden of the Work house, the person shall be entitled to one third of the value of the said
fellow. JOHN REMINGTON.

14 May 1778, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away on the first day of May instant, a Negro boy named CHARLESTOWN, his country
name TAMBO; he speaks very plain, is about 17 years of age, of slender limbs, black
complexion, and large lips and eyes; had on a homespun jacket and trowsers, with an oznaburg
shirt, and having heretofore offended in the same way, is branded on one cheek DH: He is
supposed to be gone to Charlestown, to be inveigled by some of those who lately have made a
practice of that in those parts, or to be harboured in the neighborhood of this borough: Five
pounds currency shall be given, besides reasonable charges, to him who will deliver the said
Negro boy to the subscriber in Jacksonburgh, or to the Warden of the Work-house in
Charlestown, and one hundred pounds currency for convicting any white person, or twenty
pounds for convicting any Negro of having harboured said boy, by JOHN DELAHOWE.

2 July 1778, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away, on Tuesday the 2d of June 1778, an elderly Negro Wench, of the Angola country,
named VENUS, speaks but indifferent English, about five feet high, had on when she went away
a callicoe jacket and an oznaburgs shift and petticoat; she is a sly, artful wench: It is imagined
she is harboured at the deceased Roger Pinckney’s plantation, about 16 miles from town, as she
was brought from that about three months ago. A reward of Ten Pounds will be paid, on
delivering the said wench; and a further reward will be given, to whoever will give information
where she is harboured, as I am determined to put the law in its full force against the offenders.
Any person delivering the above wench to the Warden of the Work house, or the subscriber in
Friend-street, shall be entitled to the above reward, from ROBERT WAY, jun.

9 July 1778, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away the 1st of March 1778, a Negro Fellow named JOCKEY, often by the name of JACK:
he is 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, about 52 years of age, had on when he went away a homespun
robin with sleeves, and breeches; a yellow complexion, Coromantee country, stoops in his shoulders, lusty body, large legs and large mouth, very few teeth, very artful; he has been seen at work in Charlestown, he can tell a fine story, and made any person believe is a very honest fellow. Ten Pounds reward will be given to any person that will take and deliver him to the Work house, or to me in Christ-Church Parish, and Twenty Pounds to any one that will give information of his being harboured, so as he may be got, and the offender may be brought to justice, by JOSEPH MAYBANK.

9 July 1778, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber on the 16th of May, a Negro Fellow named FRANK, of the Eboe country, about 5 feet 8 inches high, has his country marks down his wrist, arms and shoulders, his teeth filed sharp, had on a red flowered serge robin, with homespun jacket and trowsers, and formerly belonged to Mr. Nathaniel Adams, of the State of Georgia. Whoever will deliver the said runaway to the Warden of the Work house in Charlestown, or to the subscriber in St. Thomas’s Parish, shall receive Ten Pounds reward. GEORGE SMITH, jun.

13 August 1778, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from my place, on Tuesday August 4, 1778, a Negro Fellow named ADUM, about 5 feet high, thick sett, has very remarkable strokes on each side of his face; had on when he went away an osnaburgs shirt, this country wove, a pair of black breeches, and a white flannel jacket lined with stripes. Whoever delivers the said fellow to me near the Twenty-three Mile House, or the Warden of the Work house in Charlestown, shall receive Ten Pounds reward. PETER HUME, Butcher.

13 August 1778, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber about three weeks ago, a Negro Wench named MARY, about 5 feet high, good English; had on when she went away only a linen pet- [sic] a broad flat nose, dull look, of the Guiney country, speak tocoat [sic] I suppose she is harboured in Charlestown, as she came from there. Ten Pounds reward to any person who delivers her to the Warden of the Work-house, or Fifty Pounds reward for an effectual information against any white person harbouring her, upon conviction of the same, and Ten Pounds if harboured by any negro. HENRY BRANTON. April 13th, 1778.

20 August 1778, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Thirty Dollars Reward. Run away from my plantation in Halifax County, Virginia, about the 1st of June last, a Negro Man named ISAAC, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, he has a down look, African born, speaks slowly and rather broken: He has a number of scars on his back, occasioned by being severely whipped, his cloathing of of [sic] country cloth. I have some reason to think he has made towards Charlestown. Whoever will deliver the said slave to the Warden of the Work house or secure him in an Gaol, so that I can get him, shall be entitled to the above reward. JOSEPH JONES. Virginia, Petersburg, July 13th, 1778.
27 August 1778, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away the beginning of this month, a likely young artful negro fellow named **PETER**, of the Angola country, but may pass for country born, as he speaks good English; he is of a dark complexion, and bow legged, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, had with him, among other cloaths, a brown bath-coating jacket and coatee, with white cotton homespun shirt and breeches. Whoever delivers the said fellow to me at Ponpon, or the Warden of the Workhouse, shall receive Twenty Pounds reward, with all reasonable charges. All persons are hereby forewarned not to harbour or carry the said fellow off the State, as the law will strictly be put in force in that case. **ABRAHAM HAYNE.** August 24, 1778.

2 September 1778, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*
Run away from my habitation in the Long-canes settlement, about ten months ago, a negro fellow named **TOM**, about 45 years of age, has near the half of his hair grey, can hardly speak any English, is about 5 feet 9 inches high, stoops a little, and is round shouldered: Whoever apprehends the said slave, and will deliver him to any of the gaolers in this state, or to me at New Bourdeaux, shall have a reward of Fifty Pounds. **JAMES ROCKMORE.**

7 October 1778, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*
One Hundred Pounds Reward. Run away from the subscriber in April last, a negro man of the Calabar country, named **JEMMY**; he is of black complexion, thin visaged, of middling stature, and speaks good English. Whoever will deliver the said fellow to Mr. Jacob Valk, in Charlestown, or to me on the Little Saltcatcher, shall receive Fifty Pounds reward, and a further reward of Fifty Pounds will be paid to any person making information of his being harboured by a white person on conviction of the offender. **URIAH EDWARDS.**

19 November 1778, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Twenty Dollars Reward. Run away from the subscriber in May last, a Negro fellow named **BILLY**, about 5 feet 10 inches high, of a black complexion, slim made, speaks tolerable good English, with his country marks on his breast resembling the figure of a diamond; had on when he went away a light iron on his leg. Any person delivering him to me in St. Thomas’s Parish, or the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown, shall receive the above reward with reasonable charges, or any person or persons giving information of his being harboured by a white person, shall, on conviction of the offender or offenders, receive the sum of One Hundred Dollars, or if by a negro, Twenty Dollars, from **EBENEZER ROCHE.**

3 December 1778, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber sometime in September last, a short well made Negro Fellow named **SANDY**, with marks in his face, speaks broken English. Whoever will apprehend or
deliver the said fellow to the Warden of the Work-house, or to the subscriber in St. Stephen’s Parish, shall receive a reward of Twenty Pounds. CHARLES PEYRE.

4 February 1779, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*

Twenty Pounds Reward. Run away on the 8th of January, 1779, a negro wench of the Angola country, named FLORA, about 25 years of age, had on when she went away, a white homespun woollen and cotton habit; she is about 4 feet 8 or 10 inches high, very lusty, has some of her country marks about her face and breast. It is likely she may change her name to SEABROUGH, as that was her former name; she is very well known at Charlestown and at Beaufort, is very artful and it is very probable that she may hire herself out to work, on pretence that she has permission from me. I shall be extremely obliged to any one that will take up said wench, and secure her in the work-house, or deliver her to me at the 13 mile house, Stono. MARTHA ELLIS.

11 February 1779, *Royal Georgia Gazette [Savannah]*

Run away from the subscriber’s plantation on Skidaway, the first instant in a small two oar’d canoe about three foot wide, and about fifteen long, the sides painted white with a yellow streak, the gunnels red, and had a chain on the head, four Negro men; viz TITUS, of a yellowish cast, about thirty years old, very thin made, speaks very good English, and tells his story very plausibly, and is about five feet eight inches high; CATO, a very blak [sic] fellow, middling thick made, about twenty-five years old, of the Ebo country, speaks good English, has lost most of the nails of his fingers, and is about five feet four or five inches high; BACCHUS, a black round faced, thin Negroe, speaks but indifferent English, & is about seventeen or eighteen years old; GRIPHIA, alias TONY, a very black fellow, speaks but bad English, is about thirty years old, and about five feet nine or ten inches high. They all have tickleburgh jackets & breeches on, & perhaps some other clothes over them. Whoever will deliver the aforesaid Negroes to Captain Lightenstone, or Mr. William Watts, in Savannah, or their Master on Skidaway; or will discover them, or either of them, or the canoe, so as that they may be had, shall have a reward of ten shillings sterling for each, and the same for the canoe; by PHILIP DELEGAL. Savannah, 10, Feb. [sic] 1779.

17 February 1779, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*

Run away from the Subscriber, on Sunday the second of August last, a negro Man named JACK, about five feet four or five inches high, is a thick well-set fellow, marked on each breast with his country marks, which is in form of a diamond. Whoever apprehends and delivers him to the Warden of the Work-house, or to Samuel Westcott at Manigault’s Ferry, shall receive Twenty Dollars Reward. NATHAN JOINER.

25 February 1779, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*

Run away from the subscriber at Mrs. Fabian’s near Wiltown, on the 15th of February, the following negroes, viz. JEMMY, a thick lipped, tall, lusty, black, country born fellow, about 5
feet 8½ inches high, had on when he went away, a home made woollen jacket and breeches, a light blue hunting shirt, plaited in the sleeves; he has a scar between his great and next toes, has wide spaces between his teeth. AMELIA his wife, a short, thick, well made, black wench, about 5 feet ½ an inch high, has sundry scars on her head, and a remarkable one on the under part of one of her breasts; she formerly belonged to Mr. Motte, and it is supposed she may be harboured on some of Mr. Ferguson’s plantations, but her relations and acquaintance as she formerly lived on one of them. She had on when she went away, a home made coat and wrapper, dyed blue. They took with them their two children, the eldest a black GIRL, about 5 years old, the youngest a GIRL about 3 years old, yellow complexion. MOSES a yellow, new negro fellow, about 5 feet 5½ inches high, has a scar on one of his forefingers, cloathed with home made cloth. SANDY, a yellow fellow well made, remarkably broad across the shoulders, thick legs, his foreteeth sharpened; he is of the Cishe [Kissi] country, and has his country marks on his cheek bones and face, about 5 feet 4½ inches high. ABNER, a short new negro fellow of the Cishe [Kissi] country, has his country marks on his temples, face down to the end of his nose, and on his breast. A reward of Ten Dollars will be given to any person delivering each of the above fellows and wench to Dr. Lyman Hall, at Mr. Abraham Mayne’s, Mr. Joseph Fabian near Wiltown or the Warden of the Workhouse in Charlestown, and all reasonable charges paid by JAMES DUNWODY.

11 March 1779, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Run away from the subscriber, a stout made negro man [MAN], about 18 years of age, he is about 5 feet 4 inches high, talks bad English and stutters when talking, has large eyes, his country marks in his face, had on a long white coat, and carried other cloaths with him when he went away, among these is a blue coat with red neck and cuffs. One Hundred Pounds will be paid to whoever delivers him to the Warden of the Work House, or HENRY BLANKENHORN.

9 April 1779, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
One Hundred Pounds Reward. Run away from the subscriber, about the middle of last January, a negro man named HARRY, near six feet high, very black complexion, a remarkable large nose, speaks good English; he is a Guinea negro, had on when he went away a homespun robin, a blue great coat and leather breeches. Whoever delivers the above negro to me at Strawberry, or to the Work-House, shall receive the above reward. RICHARD BOLTON.

28 April 1779, Gazette of the State of South-Carolina
Run away about 6 Weeks ago, a Negro Fellow named GEORGE: He is about 17 Years of Age, stammers a little in his Speech, is about 5 Feet 3 Inches high, strong and well made, generally when he is spoken to smiles and looks down: He had on a blue Coat with red Cuffs and Collar, blue Breeches, and a half silk striped Jacket, but took a white Coat and Jacket with him. Whoever brings said Negro the Subscriber, or to the Warden of the Workhouse, shall receive 300 l.[pound] reward. HENRY BLANKENHORN. N.B. He has 3 or 4 Cuts (his Country Marks) [sic] on each Side of his Face.
5 May 1779, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*
Run away from the Subscriber some time in January last, a lusty black negro Wench, named DILCH: Had on when she went away, a blue and white homespun coat, an old black wrapper, and an iron on her leg. Also, on the 7th of April last, her husband, named VENTURE, he is a tall lusty black Fellow, with remarkable large legs, and his toes turn inwards: He had on when he went away a pair of black stocking breeches and an old blue Robin—it is very probable he may produce a ticket I gave him to work out, at 40 shillings a day: They are both Guiney negroes. Whoever will apprehend the said negroes, and deliver them to the Warden of the workhouse, or to me in Berresford’s Alley, shall receive a Reward of Thirty Dollard [sic] for each, and all reasonable charges. MARY COLLINS.

9 July 1779, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*
Run away about a Month ago, a Negro Wench named SARAH, formerly the Property of Mr. Darby, Carpenter: She is a Guiney Negro, has her country Marks, and sharp Teeth, had on when she went away an Osnabrugs Coat and Apron and a brown Jacket: she speaks broken English, and is supposed to be harboured amongst the low People, or the French. Whoever will give Information of her being harbour’d by any such Person shall receive 100 l.[pound] Reward, if by a Negro 50 pounds: if she will return of her own accord she shall be forgiven; 50 Dollars Reward will be given to whoever will put her in the Work-House, or bring her to me in Friend street. CHARLES MOTTE.

16 July 1779, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Run away from the subscriber on the 17th of June, a tall stout likely negro wench named JUDY, formerly the property of Mrs. Naylor, she is about 25 years old, has some of her country marks one one [sic] of her arms, is very artful and perhaps may pretend to pass for a free wench. These are therefore to forewarn all persons from harbouring said wench, and I do offer a reward of Fifty Pounds for delivering her to the Warden of the Work House, or to myself near the Fish Market; and a further reward of One Hundred Dollars if harboured by a white person, and Fifty Dollars if harboured by a negro, on conviction of the offender. JOHN MAROMET.

11 August 1779, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*
Run away from the subscriber, about six weeks ago, a Negro Wench named MARY-ANN; she has a smooth face, her teeth filed, and had on when she went away a brown woollen coat: She is about 5 feet two inches high, stout made, and of the Angola country. She has been seen in several parts of the town, and particularly on board Major Butler’s scooner [sic] with the boat negroes, and may be carried to the plantation, where the scooper is gone. I therefore offer the above reward, to any person that will apprehend her, and deliver her to me or to the Warden of the Work-house. All masters of vessels are cautioned not to carry her off the state, as they will be prosecuted to the utmost extend of the law. GEORGE NODDINGS.
20 August 1779, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*

Run away from the subscriber in the beginning of last Month, a young Negro wench [WOMAN], of the Eboe Country, rather low in stature, speaks exceeding good English, her country marks on her forehead, which will not appear unless closely examined; has a lump on the outside of one of her hands. She has been seen with a noted villian [sic] belonging to the estate of Mr. Francis Withers, and being an artful wench, I have reason to suppose she may have directed her course southwardly, where she may attempt to pass as free. Having taken away sundry Clothes with her, its needless to mention what she had on when she absconded. One Hundred Dollars will be paid to any person who will give information of her being harboured by a white person, on conviction, or Twenty Dollars if by a Negro, in the like case. All persons are warned from employing of her at their peril. Ten Dollars will be paid for her delivery to Mr. Edward Legge, jun. or the Warden of the Work-house in charles-town [sic], or in the George Town Gaol. JACOB W. HARVEY.

25 August 1779, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*

Run away on Sunday the 25th of July last, from the subscriber living on Grimes-Creek, a stout well made negro fellow, named BRISTOL, about thirty years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, has his country marks in his face, which are streaks down his cheeks, and has a piece off his left big toe; he had on when he went away, a striped homespun jacket and shirt and several other clothes, and an old hat. Whoever takes up the said negro fellow, and brings him to me, or give such information that I may get him again, shall receive a reward of Fifty Dollars, and all reasonable expences paid by me. MARTIN KINERD.

25 August 1779, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*

Run away from the subscriber, on the 7th of August inst. a negro wench named JUDY, about 18 years of age: She had on when she went away an Osnabrugs coat and wrapper; she is of the Guiney country, and has her country marks on her face, she is of a yellowish complexion, well set, of middling stature, has been used to the house and spinning, and speaks tolerably plain; she is supposed to have been carried off by a negro man who calls himself ANDREW, and says he is free. He is of a black complexion, speaks good English, is very ragged in his dress, nor is it known where he came from or where he is gone. A reward of 70 Dollars will be given for the fellow and wench; and whoever will bring or cause to be brought to the subscriber, the wench alone, shall have a reward of 50 Dollars. GEORGE MUCKINFOOS.

27 August 1779, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*

Five Hundred Pounds Reward. Run away from the subscriber on the night of the 13th August, a likely negro fellow named TOM, about five feet nine inches high, betwixt 20 and 23 years of age, of the Angola country; he took with him a blue homespun coat, coarse old breeches, one ditto pair blue fustian breeches, country marked at the end of each eye, sharp teeth’d, knock kneed, very fleshy, had a blanket of negro cloth coloured with indigo. Any person delivering said negro to me, or to the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestoun, or any gaoler in this State, shall receive the above reward, from me. SAMUEL ELLISON.
29 August 1779, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Ran Away from the Subscriber, Three Negroes, viz. PETER, about five feet ten inches high, of a black complexion, about 23 years of age, speaks good English. AARON, about five feet and an half high, of a yellow complexion, speaks bad English, knock-knee’d and club-footed, of the Ebo country, has cut teeth. CLARISSA, a young wench, about 18 years of age, of a black complexion, speaks good English, knock knee’d, of the Guinea country. Whoever takes up the said Negroes, and delivers them to me at Little Ogechee, shall receive a Guinea Reward for each, and all reasonable charges. All persons harbouring them, or attempting to carry them off the province, will be prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law. WILLIAM FOX, sen.

19 January 1780, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Five Hundred Dollars Reward. Left by the enemy in their retreat from Port Royal to Georgia, a stout well made negro man of a very black complexion, named ISAAC, of the Angola country, about 5 feet 11 inches high, his age about 40 or 50, in his face is a few of his country marks, speaks tolerable good English, he is very artful, and has a very sly look, a prime slave; also, a negro wench [WOMAN] (?)[sic] complexion, lost several of her foreteeth, born in (?) [sic] about the age of fifty, very sensible and speaks (?) [sic] proper; both of the said negroes has been frequently seen on the said island since the flight of the enemy. I will give the above reward and all reasonable charges to any person who will deliver the said negroes to me at Stono, or at the Warden of the Work house, and on proper information of their being harboured by a white person Seven Hundred Dollars, and One Hundred Dollars if by a negro. JAMES STANYARNE.

27 July 1780, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Ran Away from the plantation of the late BENJAMIN FOX, about two months ago, A likely Negro Fellows, named DUBLIN, 5 feet 10 inches high, about 26 years of age, speaks tolerable good English, of a black complexion, has bushy hair. Also, A Negroe Wench, named HAGAR, of a middle stature, has her country marks on her face, speaks good English, of a yellow complexion. They went off together, and pass for husband and wife; they crossed Savannah river at Savannah, and were some time at Mr. Baillie’s plantation; from that they went into South Carolina, and about three weeks ago they crossed Savannah river again at Mr. Hall’s plantation into Georgia. Whoever will take up said Negroes, and deliver them to Mr. John Todd tavernkeeper in Savannah, Joseph Raynes at Little Ogechee, or the subscriber, shall receive a Reward of One Guinea for each and reasonable charges. All persons are forbid harbouring or concealing them, or Masters of vessels carrying them out of the province, as they may depend on being prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law. JOHN M’MAHON. August 1, 1780. N.B. The Negro fellow changes his name in some places, and calls himself DICK.

16 August 1780, *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*
Twenty Guineas Reward. Run away from my plantation in St. Thomas’s parish in May last, the following slaves, viz. JACOB, HERCULES and JULY, country born fellows, about 27 years old, PERTH a native of Africa, about 20 years old, all prime slaves, and reported to be all dead.
TONEY a yellow complexioned country born fellow, about 25 years old, well set, some what squint eyed, and walks with his feet turned a good deal out. BRUTUS a native of Africa,\textsuperscript{131} about 20 years of age, is a likely well made black lad, somewhat bow legged, turns his toes a good deal out, and speaks tolerable good English. DEBORA a native of Bermuda, about 37 years old, stutters much, but speaks very proper English, all of whom have been seen lately in Charlestown. BESS a mustee girl, about 18 years old, likely and well set. JENNY a likely slim black girl, about 16 years old, both speak good English, can knit, spin and weave, were brought up about house, and Bess is a tolerable good seamstress; those two wenches were heard of at Georgetown, and near Camden. A reward of a Guinea for each will be paid on delivery of any or all of them to the subscriber, or the Warden of the Work-House in Charlestown, besides all reasonable charges. Run away the 25th of last month, LUCY a wench of a yellowish complexion, about 26 years old, pitted with the small pox, of middle stature, born in Charlestown, and is extremely artful; she carried away with her four of her children, viz. TOM a mulatto boy, about 8 years old, hath a scar between his eyes. FRANK a negro boy about 6 years old, and two little girls [GIRL] [GIRL] younger. A reward of Five Guineas will be paid on the delivery of them to the subscriber, or the Warden of the Work-house, if taken up within this Province; but as she hath sisters and other relations in the town of Savannah in Georgia, 'tis probable she may endeavour to escape there, which if she effects, and is brought from thence and delivered as above said, a reward of Ten Guineas, with all reasonable charges, will in that case be paid. JAMES AKIN.

7 September 1780, Royal Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Ran Away, At different times since Col. Campbell arrived in this province, The following Negroes, Belonging to the Estates of the late Joseph Gibbons, Esq; and Miss Sarah Gibbons, deceased: FORTUNE, a short, thick, black fellow, of the Guinea country. OCTOBER, a stout young fellow, about 22 years of age. LYMS, an active fellow, country born, speaks good English, and carried off with him his mother, named RENAH, a tall, slim, old wench. HECTOR, a stout, clumsy made fellow, about 22 years of age. CORK,\textsuperscript{132} a yellowish fellow, of the Eboe country, with filed teeth, about 30 years old. TITUS, a likely, sensible, black fellow, with SOPHIA, his wife, a short, black wench, supposed to be harboured about Newport, or gone to St. Augustine. BYNG, a tall, likely young fellow, about 20 years of age, country born, supposed to be in Carolina. SAGO, a tall, thin, black fellow, supposed to be harboured about Ogechee. CAIN, a tall, slim lad, about 18 years of age. BYNG, a lusty lad, about 15, supposed to be about Augusta. NERO,\textsuperscript{133} a stout, young fellow, about 25 years of age, has his country marks on each cheek. STEPHEN, a yellow fellow, carpenter by trade, carried off HESTER, his wife, and a child named BOB, about four years old, all of yellowish complexions. SANCHO, a tall, likely lad, a waiting boy, well known in Savannah, supposed to be gone to Carolina. CAESAR, a young fellow, of a yellowish complexion, about 20 years of age, absent two years, supposed to be in St. Augustine. MOSES, a lame fellow, of a yellowish complexion. A Reward of One Guinea, with

\textsuperscript{131} [duplicative] see 12 March 1778, South-Carolina and American General Gazette (Charleston).

\textsuperscript{132} [duplicative].

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all reasonable charges, will be paid for each delivered to Mr. Hannah Gibbons at Mulberry Hill, or to THOMAS GIBBONS Attorney at Law. Savannah in Georgia, 1st Sept. 1780.

7 September 1780, Royal Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Abconded from the subscriber, A Negro Fellow, named ABRAM, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, black complexion, of the Angola country, about 40 years of age. If he will return of his own accord he will be forgiven. All persons are forbid harbouring or carrying him off the province at their peril. Two dollars reward will be paid for delivering him to D. ZUBLY jun.

12 October 1780, Royal Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Five Guineas Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, Three Fellows, two Wenches with Children, and a Girl, viz. SAM, a short well set fellow, about 22 years of age, very black, speaks very bad English. TOM, country born, about 20 years of age, of a yellow complexion, about 5 feet 8 inches high, well proportioned. JEMMY, about 5 and a half feet high, very black complexion has lost some of his fore teeth. PHEBE, a small slim wench, of a yellowish complexion, has her country marks on each of her temples, has five children [CHILD] [CHILD] [CHILD] [CHILD] [CHILD] with her, one [INFANT] of them at the breast. JUNO, a lusty wench, has thick lips, and large eyes which commonly have an appearance of soreness, has two children [CHILD] [CHILD] with her. PRISCILLA, a girl about 15 years old, small of her age. They all had on cotton homespun cloaths, the fellows jackets are cotton filled with wool, except Jemmy, who had on some soldier’s old cloaths. The above reward will be given to any person, white or black, who will take them up and deliver them to Mr. William Buchanan or the Gaoler in Savannah, or to the subscriber on the Okinees in South Carolina; or a proportionable reward will be given for any of them delivered as above. If any person can give information of their being harboured, if by a white person, a guinea will be given for every fellow or wench so harboured by such white person, to be paid on conviction of the offender; and if by a Negro, half a guinea will be be [sic] paid in like manner. It is hoped so scandalous a practice will be discountenanced by all well wishers to the community, by discovering the persons concerned in such practices, that they may be brought to condign punishment. JOHN ROSE. N.B. Besides the above reward all reasonable charges will be paid.

28 October 1780, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Ten Guineas Reward. Went away from the subscriber while the fleet lay in North Edisto, the following Negroes, viz. SHOREHAM, a young stout mulatto fellow, has a blemish in one of his eyes, which he generally keeps shut, a halt in his walk, is very hard of hearing, and was lately seen in Charlestown; JEHU, an African, about 25 years old, very likely, artful and sensible, speaks very proper, and would be taken for a country born, he was likewise seen in town since the surrender; CYRUS, a small country-born fellow, about 20 years old, stutters very much, and when interrogated can scarcely utter a word. The subscriber having early after the surrender of Charlestown, obtained an order from His Excellency Sir Henry Clinton, to take the said negroes wheresoever they might be found, will give a reward of Three Guineas together with reasonable charges, to any person that will deliver either of the said negroes to the Warden of the Work-
House, Mr. Zephaniah Kingsley in Charlestown, or to himself on Edisto Island. Also, on Tuesday the 24th instant, absented herself, JENNY, a country born wench, with her child PHEBE, a girl about six years old, late the property of Mr. William Hort; is well known in town, where ‘tis probable she will be harboured. A reward of One Guinea with reasonable charges will be paid to any person delivering her as above. JAMES CLARKE.

29 November 1780, South-Carolina and American General Gazette
Absconded about a fortnight ago, a young likely Mulatto Girl, named BETTY, and a lusty black Wench named MOLLY, African born, has her country marks on her face; they are lurking about town, having been seen within this week. A reward of One Guinea for apprehending each of said wenches and delivering them to the Keeper of the Sugar House, by applying to THOMAS PHEPOE, Esq.

4 January 1781, Royal Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Ran Away some time ago from Mrs. Mary Thomas’s plantation in South Carolina, the following Negros: OLD ROSE, a short black Ebo wench, about 56 years old; CELIA, a short wench, (daughter to the above Old Rose) [sic] about 36 years old; ELSEY, thick and chubbed, (a grand daughter of said Rose) [sic] about six years old; CATO, an elderly fellow, of a yellow complexion, and husband of the above Celia, but perhaps changed; KATE, a middle sized wench, with her country marks about her face, speaks bad English, of the Angola country; SCIPIO, a middle sized well set fellow, 36 years old; DICK, a middle sized well set fellow, and son to Old Rose, he is above 22 years old; TOWN SUE, a short wench with a cast in one eye, speaks very good English, is smart and sensible, and about 35 years old; WILL, a smart waiting boy, tall, long visaged, with two large fore teeth, which are continually shewn by his mouth being seldom shut, had on a green coat trimmed with lively lace, which was his waiting dress; COUNTRY SUE, a middle sized wench, but rather inclined to tall, a sister to Celia, and daughter of Old Rose, 32 years old. Whoever delivers the above Negros to Mrs. Thomas in Charlestown, or the subscriber in Savannah, shall be handsomely rewarded; and whoever harbours, conceals, or carries them off, may depend upon being prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law. D. ZUBLEY jun.

4 January 1781, Royal Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Ran Away from the subscriber on Sunday the 3d instant, from Kilkenny on Ogechee Neck, the following Negros, viz. HERCULES, a short stout fellow, of the Angola Country, of a black complexion, and speaks good English, BETTY, his wife, a country born wench, of a yellow complexion, has a scar over her left eye, speaks good English. WINTER, her child, about five years old. Whoever delivers the above Negros to the subscriber at Bewlie, or to Peter Henry Morel in Savannah, shall receive three guineas reward, or a guinea for any one of them; and upon conviction of a white person harbouring or enticing them away ten guineas will be given; or a Negro five guineas. JOHN MOREL. Dec. 7, 1780.134

134 For later occurrence of running away, see 11 October 1781, Royal Georgia Gazette [Savannah], below.
25 January 1781, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Ran away from the subscriber in July, 1779, Two Negro Fellows, named **JACK** and **COOPER**. Jack is a stout black fellow, with his country marks in his face, was bought at the sale of William Lowrie on Wadmelah Island; Cooper is a short yellow fellow, a little clumsy about the legs. A reward of Three Guineas each will be given for said Negroes, on their being delivered to Mr. David Duncan in Savannah, Mr. Zephaniah Kinsley in Charlestown, or the subscriber on South Edisto. In the mean time all persons are strictly forbid harbouring them, and a reward of Five Pounds sterling will be paid to any one giving such information as will convict such offenders. WILLIAM HANAHAN. N.B. If they will return of their own accord they will be forgiven.

1 March 1781, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Ran Away the 28th September last from one of the plantations of WILLIAM M'GILLIVRAY on Hutchinson’s Island, A Negro Fellow named **EDINBURG**, his country name **SULA**, of the Guinea Country, about five feet seven inches high, thick and well set, branded on the breast WMG, but perhaps not plain. Whoever will deliver him to Lachlan M’Gillivray, Esq. or to the subscriber on Hutchinson’s Island, shall have one guinea reward, with every reasonable charge. All persons are forbid harbouring said Negro, on pain of being prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law. JAMES GRANT.

8 March 1781, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Ran Away from the subscriber the beginning of February last [1781], A Negro Fellow, named **DICK**, formerly the property of Arthur Carney, deceased, had on when he went away a pair of new yellow cloth soldiers breeches with a number on the buttons, a new felt hat, and oznabrig shirt, a homespun jacket with buttons of the same, speaks very bad English, and probably cannot tell his master’s name, was at Mr. Good’s plantation at South Newport about ten days ago, and which he then left in company with his wife [WOMAN] and a child [CHILD] about a month old and a Negro fellow named **MORRIS**, belonging to the said estate. A reward of a guinea, and all reasonable expences, will be paid on delivering him to Mr. Rolfes at Ogeechee Ferry, or at Ebenezer to JACOB BIIHLER. N.B. Any person harbouring him will be prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law.

8 March 1781, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Came to my plantation on Great Ogeechee the 3d of March, 1781, Two Negroes, both of the Ebo Country, who say they belong to James Stanyard at Stono in South Carolina, and that they have been run away a long time; one of them is a small black fellow, named **BILLY**, about 35 years old; the other a stout yellow wench, named **SUE**, about 35 years of age. The owner may have them by applying to me at Ogeechee. JAMES BUTLER.
15 March 1781, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]

Ran Away from the subscriber, living near Purysburgh in South Carolina, and went into Georgia, the following Negroes, viz. *SARAH*, a stout young wench, of a very black complexion, and has her country marks down her face. *RENAH*, a slim young wench, has a brisk walk and lively carriage. *ROSE*, a slim wench, of a yellow complexion, branded on her breast *S*. *BUTCHER*, a young fellow about 18 years of age, has a very flat nose and very black complexion. *PRINCE*, a boy of about 14 years old, yellow complexion, straight made, and of a lively carriage. *MONMOUTH*, or he may call himself *MOUSA*, of the same age, complexion, and carriage, as Prince, except that he has lost the use of one thumb. They are all of the Guinea country. The fellow and boys are very good riders; probably [sic] they may have been carried to St. Augustine or somewhere to the southward. Also ran away on the 26th of October last, a slim Negro Man, named SEPTEMBER, perhaps he may call himself *JACK*, about 5 feet 6 inches high, 35 years of age, and branded on his breast *S*, has lost the first joint of the third finger of one of his hands. Three guineas reward, and all reasonable charges, will be paid to any person on delivering any of the first six to me at my plantation, or one guinea for either of them delivered to the gaoler at Savannah or Beaufort; and for September, or Jack, two guineas, on delivering him to me, or one guinea on being delivered to the gaoler at Savannah or Beaufort. All persons are forbid harbouring or carrying them off, as any who offend in either case may depend upon being prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law. If they will return of their accord they will be forgiven. JOHN STROBHAR. March 12, 1781.

22 March 1781, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]

Ran Away from the subscriber on Monday the 19th inst. A Negro Fellow, named *BOB*, of the Guinea country, speaks English, 25 years of age, about 5 feet high, black smooth face, and stout, had on when he went away, a scarlet broadcloth coat, white facing, and white buttons marked 71, white shirt, and blue overalls. Whoever takes him up, and delivers him to me in Savannah, shall have eight dollars reward. THOS. MILLS. March 22, 1781.

23 June 1781, *Royal Gazette* [SC]

Run away from the subscriber on Monday, June 18th, a young Angola Negro Man, named *CASH*, brought up to the weaving business, about 20 years old, very thick lips and a black smooth skin. Six Dollars reward to any person that will apprehend and deliver him safe to the subscriber on James-Island, to Mr. Thomas Rivers, or to Mr. Samuel Stent in Charlestown. All masters of vessels and others are hereby cautioned from harbouring, entertaining or concealing the said negro, as they may depend that they will be prosecuted to the rigour of the law. JOHN RIVERS, sen. June 25th, 1781.

28 June 1781, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]

Ran Away from the subscriber about three weeks ago, a Negro Fellow, named *JOE*, formerly the property of Peter Tondee, has his country marks upon his cheeks. Whoever delivers the above Negro to Peter Henry Morel in Savannah, or to the subscriber at Bewlie, shall receive one guinea reward. If any person can prove what he is harboured by a white person he or she shall upon
conviction receive ten guineas, and if by a black five guineas. JOHN MOREL. Savannah, June 27, 1781.

28 June 1781, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Ran Away from the subscriber the 8th of June inst. A Negro Fellow, named JACK, of the Guinea country, speaks good English, about 30 years of age, of a yellow complexion, smooth faced, a cooper and carpenter by trade. Likewise a Wench, named DIANA. A reward of eight dollars will be given for the fellow, and five shillings for the wench, on delivery to WILLIAM TRANFIELD. Savannah, June 25, 1781.

2 August 1781, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah], Supplement
Ran away about three weeks ago from the subscriber’s plantation, a tall Negro Man, named PAUL, had on when he went away a negro cloth jacket and breeches, has very thick lips, and a sullen countenance. Also a Negro Boy, about 14 years of age, named SCRUB, has his country marks on each cheek, and is supposed to be harboured about Savannah. Any person delivering said runaways to the subscriber, or to his Overseer at Morton Hall, shall receive a reward of two dollars each. NATHANIEL HALL. Savannah, 1st August, 1781.

16 August, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
All persons having demands against the Estate of the Hon. James Read, Esq. deceased, are requested to deliver them in, properly attested, to the subscribers; and those indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payments to REBECCA READ, Executrix. GEO. HOUSTOUN, Executor. Ran Away from the Plantation of the said deceased, Three Negroes, viz. CUPID, a carpenter, a very likely young fellow, with filed teeth. FRANK, a very artful young fellow, country born, remarkably thick lipped. And JULY. A suitable reward will be given to any person who will deliver them, or either of them, at the said plantation, or to the gaoler in Savannah. All masters of vessels and others are cautioned against carrying away the said negroes; if detected in so iniquitous a practice they may depend on being prosecuted with the utmost severity of the law.

16 August, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Ran away from the subscriber at Great Ogechee, supposed to go to Savannah, A Negro Wench, named CUMBA, about 4 feet 6 inches high and 25 years of age, of a black complexion, and

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135 For a variation, see 10 November 1781, *Royal Gazette* [SC]: Twenty Guineas Reward. Ran away or was carried off from Savannah in Georgia, sometime in August last, and supposed to be taken to Jamaica or New-Providence, a Negro Boy named SCRUB, about 4 feet 6 or 7 inches high, of a yellowish complexion, round and pretty full visage, speaks good English, has a mild countenance and his country marks (consisting of two or three scratches) down his cheeks, and is rather inclined to be fat. Any person delivering said negro to the subscriber in Savannah, or giving information so that he may be had again, shall receive a reward of Five Guineas, and upon conviction of the offender who harbours or carried him off, Twenty Guineas. NATHANIEL HALL, Savannah, in Georgia.
speaks broken English; she carried her child, a girl [GIRL] about 3 years old, with her. Three dollars reward will be paid on her being delivered in Savannah to Richard Shave shoemaker, or at Ogechee to ABSALOM OBREY.

25 August 1781, *Royal Gazette* [SC]
Four Guineas Reward. Run away from the subscriber, the following Negroes: WILL, a likely stout fellow, yellowish complexion, of the Gambia or Guinea country, formerly the property of Mr. John Stanyarn; he has been seen about the wharfs in town. TOM, a stout fellow, of the Guiney country, has the nick name among his acquaintance of GUINEY TOM. LIMUS, a tall likely fellow, Carolina born. RACHEL, a likely young wench, yellow complexion, has generally a smile on her countenance; I have been informed that she now assumes the name of JENNY. One Guinea Reward will be paid by Dr. Wood or the subscriber, for each of the above negroes that may be delivered to the Keeper of the Sugar-House. WILLIAM SAMS. John’s-Island, August 21st.

13 September 1781, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
A Guinea Reward. Ran away on Sunday the 2d instant, Two Negroes, named WILL and CASEY, being father and son. Will was born in Africa, is about 50 years old, had in his possession when he went off a green, old blue homespun, and white oznabrig coats, white negro cloth waistcoat and breeches. Casey was born upon the Pedee, South Carolina, had on a new check shirt and oznabrig trowsers. Said Negroes were seen going toward White Bluff. Whoever will lodge them in the Provost, or bring them to my quarters, shall be paid the above reward. GEO. THOMAS, Quartermaster King’s American Regiment. Savannah, Sept. 12, 1781.

11 October 1781, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Ran Away from the subscriber on Monday the 8th instant, The following Negroes. HERCULES, a short thick fellow, of the Angola country; BETTY, his wife, of a yellowish complexion, has a large scar over one of her eyes, speaks good English; PETER, about 13 years old, and WINTER, about 5, her children: JUPITER, of a black complexion, speaks good English; AUBA, his wife, with her son SANCHO, about 9 years old, and a sucking child [INFANT]: And JACK, about 45 years old, of the Angola country, speaks bad English. They went off in a new yawl, about 20 feet long, which had only her seams paid over with pitch, and it is supposed are gone towards Kilkenny on Ogechee Neck. One guinea reward will be paid on the delivery of each grown negro to Peter Henry Morel in Savannah, or to the subscriber at Newlie, two dollars for each of the children, and one guinea for the boat; and upon information of their

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136 [duplicative] see 4 Jan. 1781, *Royal Georgia Gazette* [Savannah], above.

137 Ibid.

138 Ibid.
being harboured by a white person a reward of ten guineas will be given, and if by a negro five guineas, to be paid on conviction of the offender. JOHN MOREL.

22 December 1781, Royal Gazette [SC]
Run away from the subscriber, on Sunday evening the 23d of December, a Negro Wench named KATE. She is well known in town, having carried out confectionary; had on a green petticoat and striped jacket; has her country marks on her cheeks. Whoever delivers her to me, No. 106, Meeting-street, or to the Sugar-House, shall receive Two Guineas reward. FREDERICK SMITH.

3 January 1782, Royal Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Ran away from the subscriber on St. John’s River, East Florida, about two months ago, A Negro Man, named PETER, of a yellow complexion, about five feet six or seven inches high, and about 45 years of age, speaks very good English, has a large mole on his forehead, and has lost most of his teeth. Also ran away about the same time, A Negro Man, named JAMIE, about the same heighth, marked ( ( ( on each side of his face, and branded B on each breast, had an iron clog on one leg when he went off. The former it is imagined will endeavour to escape to Georgia; the latter was lately brought from the Indian Nation, and it is expected will try to get back there. Whoever will apprehend and deliver the said negroes to me, or to George Baillie in Savannah, shall receive two guineas reward for each; and ten guineas each will be paid for proof of their being harboured by a white person, on conviction of the offender. N.B. Peter has been seen about St. Mary’s, and is supposed to be harboured by some person there. ROBERT BAILLIE. East Florida, Dec. 29, 1781.

9 January 1782, Royal Gazette [SC]
Run away from the subscriber, on Christmas day last, a Negro Fellow named SAMBO, or SAM; he is about five feet high, slim made, and has a small limp or ketch in his walk; he is of a yellowish complexion, and is a little pitted with the small-pox; his upper foreteeth comes a good deal over his lower ones, and his hair is pretty long, being of the Fulla country, speaks tolerable English, is about 26 years of age, and a shoemaker by trade. He formerly belonged to Mr. Patrick Johnson of Ponpon, and has a numerous acquaintance up there, as well as in town, and is a sly, artful fellow. Whoever will apprehend the said fellow, and deliver him to the Warden of the Sugar-house, shall receive Three Guineas reward; and if any person will give information of his being harboured or employed, shall receive a further reward to Three Guineas, to be paid on conviction of the offenders. All masters of vessels and others are forewarned from employing or carrying the said fellow off, as they will be prosecuted agreeable to law, by THOMAS RADCLIFF, jun. No. 1, George-street. Charlestown, 12th January, 1782.

16 February 1782, Royal Gazette [SC]
Run away from the subscriber about ten days ago, two negroes, a fellow named CATO, about five and a half feet high, formerly the property of Mr. Alexander Davidson late of St. Augustine; the other, a wench named CHLOE his wife, she carried with her their child a girl about two
years old nomed [sic] JENNY; the wench has her country marks on her face, is stout and well made; they came from Jamaica a few years ago where they want to return. A reward of Ten Dollars will be given to whoever delivers the above negroes to the Warden of the Sugar-House, or Six Dollars for either of them. All masters of vessels are, at their peril, forbid carrying them off the Province; and a further reward of Five Guineas will be paid to whoever give information of their being harboured by any white persons so as they may be convicted. Likewise run away a negro-wench named SARAH, about two months after the surrender of Charlestown; she is a short well made likely wench of a yellowish complexion, and was inoculated for the small pox about eight days before she went away; she formerly belonged to Dr. Hahnbaum. Sometimes ago I heard of her returning from Cape-Fear with the negroes that came in the publick service. A reward of Two Guineas will be paid to whoever brings her to me, and if she or any of the above negroes return of their own accord, they shall be forgiven. JOHN M’CALL, No. 12, Bay. Charlestown, February 20th, 1782.

20 February 1782, Royal Gazette [SC]
Eight Guineas Reward. Run away lately from my plantation at Goosecreek, and supposed to be in Charlestown, three Negro Men and two Women, named STEPHEN, JOHNY, TOM, DIDO and SYLVIA; Stephen and Johny likely, stout young men, about six feet high, country born; Johny is knock-knee’d, and was employed in the Commissary-General’s Department some time ago, for several months; Tom is a Guinea negro, of a slim very black middle size, now about 35 years old, stoops in walking, and speaks bad English; Dido, wife to Stephen, is a likely young black wench, pitted with the small-pox, and visibly pregnant; Sylvia is a lusty yellow wench about 30 years old, with goggle eyes, and a down look; they all have variety of cloathing. Two Guineas reward will be given to any person for securing each of the men, and One Guinea for each woman, in the Sugar-House, by JAMES SKIRVING, No. 57, Church-Street. 22d February, 1782.

20 February 1782, Royal Gazette [SC]
Two Guineas Reward. Run away about two months ago, a Negro Man named JACK, belonging to Mr. Philip Smith of the Horse-Shoe, is in Charlestown and seen frequently, and follows his trade of shoemaking; he is rather below the common stature, of the Guinea country, very black, stammers in his speech, is cat-ham’d, affects to dress spruce, and speaks but indifferent English. Any person that secures him in the Sugar-House, by applying to the subscriber, shall receive the above reward. JAMES SKIRVING. 22d February, 1782.

9 July 1782, Royal South-Carolina Gazette
Run Away on Tuesday the 25th ultimo, a hearty young Negro Wench named TENAH, of the Hebo Country, about nineteen years of age, and yellow complexion; had on when she went away a white short gown and petticoat, a check apron and printed handkerchief. She was late the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, and purchased at Public Sale the day before from John Davies, Esq; Sheriff. Any person who will deliver her to the keeper of the Sugar House, or to the Subscriber, at No. 89, Broad-street, shall receive Twenty Dollars Reward from GERALD
FITZGIBBON. All persons are hereby cautioned against harbouring said wench, as they shall answer the contrary at their peril.

21 September 1782, Royal Gazette [SC]
Run away about two months ago, a Negro man named MICK, formerly the property of one Sehemerhorn a sail-maker in this place, but now of Thomas Forbes, Esq; of East-Florida, who purchased him of Mr. John Wells, jun. He is below the middle size, but stout, and has a remarkable cast in one of his eyes; he has been bred to the sailmakers business which he understands thoroughly, and is also a pretty good sailor; he was brought up in the French West-Indies, but talks English as well as negroes generally do. It is suspected that he passes for a free man, and that he has hired himself on board of some vessel in the harbour. All masters of vessels and others are hereby warned not to carry him off. Three Guineas Reward will be paid by the Subscriber to any person who shall deliver him to the keeper of the Sugar-House. Also run away from East-Florida, about 15 months ago, a very tall ill made fellow of the Ibo Country named CAESAR, with knock knees, large thick lips, and remarkably large rolling eyes: He is very artful and speaks sensible, plain English; he is very handy, being an excellent oarsman, a jobbing carpenter, and something of a plain cook. He was formerly the property of Mr. Ne(?clift [sic] of Savannah but now of Thomas Forbes of East-Florida. He was seen in this garrison about 12 months ago. Whoever will deliver him to the keeper of the Sugar-House shall receive Two Guineas from the Subscriber. WILLIAM CHARLES WELLS, No. 71, Tradd-street.

13 March 1783, Gazette of the State of Georgia [Savannah]
Ran Away from the subscriber in October last [1782], A Negro Man, named PRIMUS, but probably may call himself BUNGY, being his country name; he is a tall black slim fellow, has a remarkable long face, speaks tolerable good English. Whoever will take up said Negro, and deliver him to the subscriber on the Isle of Hope, or to Mr. George Basil Spencer in Savannah, shall be handsomely rewarded, and all reasonable expences paid by ELIZABETH PARKER. Isle of Hope, March 11, 1783.

22 May 1783, Gazette of the State of Georgia [Savannah]
Run Away, From the subscriber’s plantation on Great Ogechee, Two Negro Fellows, named ANTHONY and ARDZ, the property of Mrs. SUSANNAH PARSONS of South Carolina. Anthony is a stout likely fellow, about 30 years of age, and an African born; Ardz is a sensible young country born fellow, about 21 years old, and of a yellowish complexion. Any person who will apprehend the said negroes, and deliver them to Mrs. Parsons in Charlestown, shall receive a reward of eight dollars for each of the fellows, and bepaid all reasonable charges. WM. ELLIOTT. Savannah, May 19, 1783.

19 June 1783, Gazette of the State of Georgia [Savannah]
Run Away the 9th inst. Three Negroes, viz. PETER, a likely young fellow about 25 years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, well known about the town of Savannah, having formerly belonged to
Mr. Frederick Rolfes. **COWLEY**, a well set stout young fellow, of a yellowish complexion, about 25 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, has his country marks on each side of his face, and one of his upper fore teeth out, speaks tolerably plain. **CAESAR**, a middle sized fellow, about 30 years of age, of a very black complexion, and much marked in the face with the smallpox, bow-legged, and speaks very plain. They took off with them a large rug and two old duffil blankets, and may probably attempt to make off towards East Florida. A reward of two guineas each will be paid to any person apprehending and delivering them to the Keeper of the Gaol in Savannah, or to the subscriber in Burke county. RAYMOND DEMERE. Prospect Hill, 10th June, 1783.

13 August 1783, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*
Ran away from the subscriber’s plantation at Daniel’s-Island; St. Thomas parish, about the beginning of the last month; a negro man born in Africa, named **CABO**, between 20 and 30 years of age, 6 feet high, little or no beard, has a remarkable scar on the top of his hands that reaches from the wrist to the knuckles, also, another scar on the top of his feet occasioned by the fall of a fence rail, and one leg much larger that [sic] the other; he joined the British when in possession of this town, and Southerly, where probably he may incline to go again. A reward of Two Guineas will be given to who-ever [sic] takes up and delivers said negro to Mr. Thomas Cockran Berdon’s-alley No. 9, to John Lesesne No. 8, Union-Street continued, to the Warden of the Sugar-house, or to the subscriber at Mr. Cockran’s. SARAH LESESNE. August 6, 1783.

3 September 1783, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*
Run away from the subscriber near the Horse-Shoe Bridge, a short thick fellow of the Guinea Country, by the name of **BENBO**, in general known, has been formerly a waitingman, and used to a schooner. One Guinea reward will be paid to whoever will take up and deliver the said fellow to me, and all reasonable charges. JOHN POSTELL. N.B. Said fellow was seen near Jacksonsborough, on his way to town. Aug. 12, 1783.

4 December 1783, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*
Run away, From the subscriber October 20th 1783, a Negro fellow named **COLLY**, about twenty-four years of age, near 6 feet high or a dark complexion, thin favor’d, he speaks broken English and is of the Guinea Country, had on when he went away a light coloured Sagathy coat, white shirt & Jacket, with oznabrugs overalls, he formerly belonged to Mr. Davidson, an Indian Trader, and lately the property of Mr. Caterton. This is to forewarn all persons harbouring or concealing the said fellow, and all captains of vessels from carrying the said fellow out of the State, under the penalty prosecuted to the utmost rigors of the law. Any person delivering the said fellow to the warden of the Work-House, or to me at No. 72 King Street or giving information where the fellow may be had shall receive Two Guineas reward. THOMAS HARRISON. Charleston, Nov. 26, 1783.
11 December 1783, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Ran Away, About a month ago, from Mrs. ANNE GIBBON’s plantation, A Negro Wench, named KATE, about 20 years of age, and very lusty; she was imported when young from the Guiney Country, and has a few marks about her face. Whoever will apprehend and deliver the said wench either to Mrs. Anne Gibbons at her plantation, or to me in Savannah, will receive a reward of Ten Dollars. THOMAS GIBBONS jun. Dec. 10, 1783.

12 February 1784, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Lately ran away from Beaufort in South Carolina, and supposed to have come into this estate, Two Negroes, viz. A man, named ABRAHAM, of a dark complexion, with his country marks in his face; and a woman, named BINA, slim and tall, with a blemish in one of her eyes. Whoever will apprehend and deliver them to the subscriber shall receive two guineas reward, with an allowance of reasonable charges. SETH JOHN CUTHBERT. Savannah, 10th Feb. 1784.

27 May 1784, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Absent from my plantation, the following Negroes: ROBIN, a squat made fellow, about 5 feet 5 inches high, about 45 years of age, has lost one of his fore teeth, and is a cooper and carpenter by trade. His wife, NANNY, a sensible house wench, about 5 feet 3 inches high, and about 43 years of age. They both speak tolerable good English, have their country marks on their faces, and are well known in and about Savannah; they went off in February 1783, and carried with them a foolish child [CHILD] of 8 years of age. ESTHER, a sensible house wench, of a yellow complexion, speaks good English, is about 23 years of age and 5 feet 6 inches high; also well known in Savannah, went off in September last. BUCK, a sensible fellow, speaks good English, is about 45 years of age and 5 feet 10 inches high, walks with his right foot much pointed out, went off in February last, and had on a blue jacket and overalls. GEORGE, a black fellow, about 22 years of age and 5 feet 8 inches high, rather fat in the face, with small eyes and large feet, speaks tolerable good English, went off in March last, and had on blue jacket and breeches. A reward of 30 guineas will be paid for Robin, Nanny, and George, or 10 guineas for any one of them, and 5 guineas for each of the other two, with all reasonable charges, on their being delivered to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah, or to the subscriber on his plantation; with a further reward of 10 guineas for each, on proof of his or her being harboured by a white person, and 5 guineas if by a negro. THOMAS JOHNSTON. N.B. If any of the above negroes come home they shall be forgiven. Hermitage, Little Ogechee, 19th May, 1784.

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139 See also 28 April 1785, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah].

140 Ibid.

141 Ibid.

142 Ibid.
15 July 1784, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Ran Away about the 12th of November last [1783], A Negro Fellow, named **PETER**, but probably he may change his name; he is about 35 years of age, low and well made, broad over his shoulders, and has small legs and feet, of a yellowish complexion, is of the Kissee country, has some country marks in his face, is much marked in the face with the smallpox, has a car on his collar or upper part of his breast, and another across his shin; had on a white negro cloth jacket with cap and cuffs and breeches. A reward of ten dollars, with reasonable charges, will be paid on delivery of said negro to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah, or to the subscriber; ten guineas reward upon proof of his being harboured by a white person, and five guineas if by a negro, on conviction of the offender. **ANDREW MILLER.** N.B. If said negro comes home he shall be forgiven. Brewton Hill, 14th July, 1784.

19 August 1784, *South-Carolina Gazette and General Advertiser*
Absented himself, or stolen from the subscriber, A Likely Negro Boy named **JACOB**, of the Eboe country, speaks pretty good English, about four feet six inches high; had on when he went away an osnaburg shirt, and a striped homespun pair of breeches. Whoever will deliver the said boy to the Warden of the Workhouse, or to the subscriber in Lynch’s Lane, No. 1, shall receive One Guinea Reward. **N.B. All persons are forbid harbouring the said boy, and masters of vessels from carrying him away, as they shall answer it at their peril. WINBOM LAWTON. Charleston, 16th Aug. 1784.**

25 November 1784, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, about a week ago, A Negro Fellow, named **GEORGE**, he had on when he went away a short green jacket, oznabrig breeches, a pair shoes, and a good round hat with a band and buckle; he may perhaps change his dress; he is about 5 feet 8 inches high, speaks tolerable good English, and says he is from the River Gambia in Guinea; ‘tis supposed he is harboured by some person in or near Savannah, and intends going off in some vessel. All Captains of vessels are warned against taking off said negro, and any person or persons harbouring him will be severely prosecuted on being found out. Any person who will secure him, so that he may be restored to his master, shall have a reasonable reward and charges. **JOHN BERRIEN.** Savannah, 23d November, 1784.

2 December 1784, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Ran away from the subscriber in October last, Six Negro Slaves, viz. **TOM**, a fellow of low stature, broad face, his under lip rather thick, of a yellowish complexion, and about 20 years of age. **JOE**, of a dark complexion, a large broad flat face, he is stout made, of middling stature, and about 25 years of age. **COOK**, of a black complexion, a large broad flat face, he is stout made, of middling stature, and about 25 years of age. **PRIMUS**, a country born fellow, of tall stature, a thin face, rather of a pale complexion, speaks good English, and is about 22 years of age. **CUFFEE**, a tall fellow, of a yellowish complexion, between 30 and 40 years of age. **ANTHONY**, a tall fellow,

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143 See also 19 May 1785, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah].
with a round face, of a black complexion, speaks bad English, and is about 28 years of age. Likewise absconded since the above date, five other Negro Slaves: MONDAY, a tall fellow, of a pleasant countenance, with his fore teeth pointed, about 35 years of age. MAY, likewise a tall fellow, with scars on the right side of his neck, supposed to be the King’s Evil, with his country marks on his stomach, about 37 years of age. DANIEL, a country born fellow, about 18 years of age, and is well grown for his age. BIG TOM, a fellow with a morose countenance, a high mouth, of middling stature, and about 30 years of age. CUDJO, a tall slim fellow, of a black complexion, round visage, thick lips, with a sour look, and about 37 years of age. It is suspected they are gone to Carolina. Whoever will apprehend and deliver the said negroes to the subscriber at her plantation, or to the Warden of the Work-house, shall receive for each of them two dollars reward. HENRIETTA B. JONES. N.B. All masters of vessels are hereby cautioned against carrying the above negroes out of the state, as they shall severely answer for the consequence. And all persons are warned against harbouring them, as any one so offending will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law.

30 December 1784, Gazette of the State of Georgia [Savannah]
Absented himself from Port-Royal, near three months ago, and supposed to have come into this state, A Negro Fellow, named JOHN, about 40 years of age, five feet five inches high, very dark complexion, his country marks in his face, slim make, and speaks bad English. Whoever will deliver him to the keeper of the gaol in Savannah shall receive three guineas reward from SETH JNO. CUTHBERT. 28th Dec. 1784.

6 January 1785, Gazette of the State of Georgia [Savannah]
Ran Away from the subscriber, about five weeks ago, A Negro Wench, named CELIA, about 25 years old, or middle stature, with her fore teeth filed, was formerly the property of Mr. Peter Deane of Savannah, Merchant; said wench is well acquainted, and she may conceal herself in or about the town of Savannah, or probably on Hutchinson’s Island, where she has been seen at the plantation of Mr. Mossman. As she may attempt to go to Charleston, or New Providence, where she has a husband, all masters of vessels are forewarned from carrying her off the state; and any person apprehending her, and delivering her to the subscriber in Savannah, shall have a reward of eight dollars, and all reasonable expences, paid by EDMUND WIGGINS.

13 January 1785, Gazette of the State of South-Carolina
Twenty Dollars Reward. Strayed or Stolen On Thursday, the 30th December last A New Negro Boy [BOY], supposed to be about 16 or 17 years of age, late bought of Mr. Penman. Had jacket

\[144\] Ibid.

\[145\] Ibid.

\[146\] i.e., scrofula; it was believed that this skin disorder could be healed by the touch of a king.
and blue trowsers, and a small round hat; has a remarkable high forehead. Part of the Second

toe on his left foot cut off. PATRICK DAUGHTERTY.

24 February 1785, Gazette of the State of Georgia [Savannah]
Mr. WALTON will be obliged to any gentleman who has any of his books, particularly
American editions, to return them. He lately bought of Mr. Levis Sheftall a Negro Fellow, named
JACOB, then run away, about five feet ten inches high, is very black, and speaks broken
English, used to be about Highgate, it is supposed he is harboured by some of the neighboring
Negroes. Twenty dollars will be given to any person who will deliver him to the Warden of the

14 April 1785, Gazette of the State of Georgia [Savannah]
Ran Away about three weeks ago, Two Negro Wenches, named CANDIS and JENNY; the
former is a short black wench, had on a wrapper and petticoat of white negro cloth; the latter is
of a yellowish complexion, has her country marks on different parts of her body, was dressed as
the other. It is imagined they went off with a fellow named ISLE OF WIGHT, belonging to Mr.
JOSIAH TATTNALL. A reward of one guinea each will be given to any person delivering them
to me on Sidaway, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah; and any one found
harbouring them will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law. C. MACKENZIE. 14th
April, 1785.

26 May 1785, Gazette of the State of South-Carolina
Run Away from the house of the Subscriber last Friday, a stout well-made black fellow, named
BAPTISTE, about 5 feet high with his country marks on his face, speaks French & English, had
on when he went away a pair of blue striped overalls, and an oznabrug shirt, has taken all the rest
of his clothes along. Two Guineas with Charges. JOHN SELLES. May 25, 1785.

23 June 1785, Gazette of the State of Georgia [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber on Tuesday the 7th instant, A Negro Wench, about 35 or 40 years
old, named MUNTILLA, with her country marks in her face, of a small stature, had on when
she went away an oznabrig coat and wrapper, but may change her dress, as she carried other
cloaths with her; she is well known in and near Savannah, and about Capt. Mackay’s plantation
on Great Ogechee; she once belonged to Mr. James Lowe, tallowchandler, deceased. Any person
delivering the said wench to the subscriber in Savannah shall have a reward of one guinea, and
all reasonable charges EDMUND WIGGINS. June 18, 8785 [sic] [1785].

30 June 1785, Gazette of the State of Georgia [Savannah]
Run Away last August [1784], A Negro Fellow, named JOHN, of the Mundingo [Mandingo]
country, about 5 feet 6 inches high, dark complexion, with his country marks in his face, speaks
intolerable bad English, is made remarkable slim, formerly the property of Mr. William Chissem,
deceased. A reward of 10 guineas will be paid on proof of his being harboured by a white person, and five guineas if by a negro. If he returns in six weeks he will be forgiven, and if not in that time, a reward of three guineas will be paid, and allowance of reasonable charges, if delivered to me at Beaufort, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah. RICHARD BOLAN. June 25, 1785.

8 September 1785, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Run Away from Mrs. Ann Gibbons’s plantation, on Monday last, four new Negroes: **BACCHUS, POLYDORE, BOB, and DICK**; Bacchus and Polydore speak a little English, the other two scarcely any at all; they all are likely young fellows, of the Ebo country. Whoever takes up the above negroes, and delivers them to me at said plantation, or to the Warden of the Work-House, shall receive Two Guineas reward. THOMAS GIBBONS jun. September 6th, 1785.

8 September 1785, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Run Away, about two months since, from the subscriber, A Negro Fellow, commonly known by the name of **JOE**, although, as he is a new negro, he man answer to any other appellation; he is about 20 years of age, very black, short (not above five feet) and well made; he lately belonged to Mr. Francis Courvoisie, and was some time since taken up by the pilot-boat on Tybee. A reward of Four Dollars will be paid on his delivery to the subscriber, Three Guineas on conviction of his being harboured, and the sum of Five Pounds if discovered and proved to conviction of his having been carried off the state. JAMES JACKSON. Savannah, 6th September, 1785. \(^{147}\)

6 October 1785, *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*
Runaway Last Thursday night, from the Ship Commerce\(^ {148} \) two New Negroes viz. **QUASHA**, about 30 years of age, and about 5 feet 10 inches, three scars on his cheeks. **GEORGE** about 25 years old and about 5 feet 7 inches high, many small scratches on his face. Two Guineas for each.

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\(^{147}\) For later variation, including new descriptive information, see 21 September 1786, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]: Run Away, about this time twelvemonth, from the subscriber, A Young New Negro Fellow, named **JOE**, about five feet four inches high, small, but well made, has his country marks on his breast, speaks little or no English, and has a very lively countenance; he formerly belonged to Mr. Courvoisie, who purchased him of Mr. Leake; it is said he was taken up by the overseer of Glen Drayton, Esq. from Hudson’s, and carried to his plantation at Euhaw. … JAS. JACKSON.

\(^{148}\) See *TAST* (1999), ID#80884, the *Commerce*, Capt. Thomas Morton, from London via Cape Coast Castle [Gold Coast], disembarked 200 slaves at Charleston from 8 August 1785, voyage completed at London on 23 December 1785. NB: In an unusual database oversight, there is a duplicated entry (ID#25399) for this 1785 shipment of the *Commerce* in the *TAST* (1999).
20 October 1785, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Twenty Dollars Reward. Absented themselves from the subscriber, on the night of the 17th instant, the three following Negroes, viz. CASTALIO, a stout made likely young country born Negro fellow, about 5 feet 6 inches high, wore, at the time of his departure, a round black hat, short white coat, brown corduroy overalls, with leather boots, but he carried with him several other different suits. JERY, somewhat taller than Castalio, about 30 or 35 years of age, speaks very good English, had on a white hat, red coat and breeches, with shoes; he was formerly the property of Mr. Nehemiah Wade in Augusta. A Negro woman, named BETTY, of a yellow complexion, about 30 years old, has her country marks very conspicuous in the face, speaks tolerable English, and understands two or three different African languages; she wore oznabrig cloaths, was formerly the property of Mr. Francis Lewis, with whom she lived in the Indian nation. The two fellows came from the state of Maryland; they carried off with them some money, turkies and other provisions. The first mentioned fellow has a sister, as he calls her, living at Mr. Stiles’s on Ogechee, who bought her from Capt. Pinder. Whoever will deliver the said Negroes to the Gaoler in Savannah, or the subscriber, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable expences. SAMUEL BEECROFT. October 5, 1785.

29 December 1785, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber near Augusta, about the middle of August last, PRINCE, a Negro fellow, 5 feet 7 inches, stout made, about 24 years of age. Also ROSE, wife to said Prince, about 5 feet 5 inches high, rather slender made, 20 years old. Both slaves were from Ebo country; the fellow spoke a little English, but the wench could not speak any. Any person that will give information where they may have been harboured, or will deliver both or either of them to the Warden of the Work-House, or to me, shall receive a reward of ten dollars. JAMES STEWART.

16 March 1786, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber’s Point Plantation, on the 1st instant, The following Negroes: ISAAC, a squat made fellow, about 5 feet 4 inches high, speaks bad English, his two under teeth before are wide apart, had on when he went away a hat, negro cloth jacket and breeches. PATRICK, a slender made negro, with prominent eyes and mouth, about 5 feet 4 inches, speaks tolerable English. CHARLES, a well made negro, has a pleasant countenance, his two lower teeth before wide apart, about 5 feet 6 inches high, speaks tolerable English. The last two had on when they went away sailors caps, negro cloth jackets and trowsers; they are all of the Congo country, and about 20 years of age. A reward of one guinea each will be paid if delivered to Mr. Philip Minis in Savannah, to the subscriber at his plantation, or lodged in the Work-House. THOMAS SAVAGE. Great Ogechee, 13th March, 1786.

23 March 1786, *State Gazette of South-Carolina*
Five Guineas Reward. Run-Away some time ago from Mepshew plantation, near Strawberry ferry, a new negro man, of the Angola Country, middle sized, rather thick, and very black, about 25 years of age. He can tell his own name is CUFFEE, and that he belongs to Mepshew: He carried off a white negro cloth breeches dyed of an olive colour, also a blanket, an Oznaburg
shirt without sleeves, and pair of Oznaburg trowsers. Whoever delivers said fellow to Mr.
John Lynch, at Mepshew, or to me in Charleston, shall receive the above reward. JOHN LEWIS
GERVAIS.

6 April 1786, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Eloped from the brig Hannah, A New Negro Man [MAN], about 20 years of age, has a large
under lip, speaks no English, had on when he went away a pair of oznabrig trowsers and frock.
Any person stopping said negro shall be handsomely rewarded on delivering him on board said
brig to PETER DOWSETT. Savannah, April 4, 1786.

4 May 1786, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Absented himself from the subscriber the 1st instant, A Negro Fellow, named GEORGE, about
23 years of age, and 5 feet 9 inches high, well made, has a smooth face, with his country marks
down his forehead, had on a round white negro cloth jacket, blue and white striped waistcoat,
and light blue negro cloth trowsers. Whoever will deliver him to the subscriber, or to the Warden
of the Work-House, shall receive three dollars rewards [sic], and all reasonable charges.
BALTHASER SHAFFER. May 3, 1786. NB: He is supposed to be harboured about Savannah.
All masters of vessels and others are warned against carrying him off the state, as any person
attempting to do so will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law.

11 May 1786, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Run Away from the brig Wilhelmina, Capt. Rosendale, A New Negro Boy, of the Coromantee
country, named BERGEN, but calls himself AFFOA, speaks very little English, is about 13
years of age, and has his country marks. Whoever will return him to the subscriber shall have
One Guinea Reward. JOHN PENMAN.

22 May 1786, *State Gazette of South-Carolina*
One Guinea Reward. Went Away from the subscriber, the 18th April, a Negro Fellow by the
name of CHARLES, about 5 feet 8 inches high, well made, with his country marks down the
side of his face; had on when he went away, a blue Negro jacket and trowsers of pale dye, he
formerly belonged to Mr. Geard, the stocking weaver, and can speak French. This is to forwarn
all masters of vessels, and others from taking off the said fellow, or employing him, as I am
determined to take any method according to law to prosecute the offender. JOHN TODD.

25 May 1786, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber, some time in March, A Negro Fellow, named HARPER, of the
Angola country, 5 feet 7 inches high, very black and slender, with a white speck in one of his
eyes, formerly the property of Col. Taarlingh. A reward of three dollars, and all reasonable
charges, will be given to any person that will deliver him to the Gaoler in Savannah. ROBERT
GIBSON.
3 June 1786, *State Gazette of South-Carolina*
Three Guineas Reward. Run-Away From the plantation of Benjamin Guerard, Esq. at Goose Creek, A New Negro Fellow named **ACCAW**, 5 feet 5 inches high, marked on the forehead ///////, and has lost one of his lower teeth; had on when he went, a brown or white negro cloth jacket, long trousers, and a small Dutch cap. A reasonable reward will be paid on his delivery at the Work-house in Charleston, or at said plantation, by A. PLEYM.

31 July 1786, *State Gazette of South-Carolina*
Five Guineas Reward. Run-Away From the Subscriber on John’s Island, about six weeks ago, A Negro Fellow named **SAMBO** and a Wench **FATIMA**. Sambo is about 5 feet 9 inches high, very surly countenance, speaks bad English, and is of the Guinea country but has been many years in this State. Fatima is about the same height, country born, a likely wench, but very artful. It is suspected she is harboured on James-Island. Any person who will deliver the above Negroes to the Warden of the Work-house in Charleston, shall receive Five Guineas for both, or Two Guineas and a half for each. EDWARD FENWICKE. Charleston, July 27, 1786.

14 August 1786, *State Gazette of South-Carolina*
Run Away From the Subscriber, on September last, **SCIPIO**, a likely black fellow, about 25 years old, has a few of his country marks on each side of his face, which can be perceived on examining closely, he speaks remarkable good English for a negro, and is exceeding artful, he formerly belonged to Captain Ogier, at which time was his waiting man, he is in all probability on Santee river, or Stono, as he is well acquainted there, and indeed every where else in the State, he generally keeps with a negro fellow belonging to the Rev. Mr. Lewis, deceased, by the name of BRUTUS, who is likewise run away. Whoever will deliver said fellow, or secure him so that the subscriber can get him, either dead or alive, shall receive Ten Pounds. ANDREW, a likely fellow, of a yellowish complexion, about 30 years old, his particular marks are not recollected, he formerly belonged to the estate of Thomas Sullivan, deceased, and was sold about 12 months ago to Mr. Herbert Hodson, of the Round O, he has a wife in Charleston, who belongs to a free negro carpenter, who lives now in King-street, named James Miles, and it is supposed that he is harbourd there. Whoever will deliver said fellow, or secure him in the Work-House in Charleston, so that the subscriber gets him, shall receive Five Pounds. **NANCY**, a very likely black Guinea wench, speaks good English, very artful, and no doubt will change her own name, and master’s too; she is branded on her breast something like L, blotched, about 5½ feet high, went away in 1784, at which time she belonged to John Logan, Esq. she has been in Charleston the greatest part of her time since her absence, passes for a free wench, and it is said washes and irons for a livelihood. Whoever will deliver said wench, or secure her, so that the subscriber gets her safe, shall receive Five Pounds. All persons are hereby cautioned from harbouring either of those negroes, as they may depend on being prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law. A handsome reward will be paid any person who will give information of their being harbourd by any white person, so that the evidence will admit of a prosecution. HENRY BELL. Round-O, in St. Bartholomew’s Parish, August 4, 1786.
28 August 1786, State Gazette of South-Carolina
Run Away From the subscriber’s Belvidere plantation, in May 1785, two likely young Negro Fellows, named MINGO and CAROLINA; the first born and bred near Strawberry, was purchased from the late John Harleston, jun. Esq. deceased.; he is about five feet eight inches high, thick, well sett, and speaks pretty good English. Carolina is an African, which may be discovered by his tongue, about the same height as Mingo, but of slenderer make, and was purchased of the late Joseph Allston, Esq. deceased. It is supposed they go back and forwards from Strawberry to Winyaw, and are harboured near their old ranges. Any person apprehending and delivering either or both of the said negroes to the Hon. John F. Grimkie, Esq. in Charleston, Daniel Tucker, Esq. in Georgetown, or the subscriber in North-Carolina, shall be handsomely rewarded. BENJAMIN SMITH. Belvidere, August, 1786.

21 September 1786, Gazette of the State of Georgia [Savannah]
Run Away, about this time twelvemonth, from the subscriber, A Young New Negro Fellow, named JOE,149 about five feet four inches high, small, but well made, has his country marks on his breast, speaks little or no English, and has a very lively countenance; he formerly belonged to Mr. Courvoisie, who purchased him of Mr. Leake; it is said he was taken up by the overseer of Glen Drayton, Esq. from Hudson’s, and carried to his plantation at Euhaw. A Negro Fellow, named JEMMY, about two years from the coast, five feet five or six inches high, about 23 years of age, speaks bad English, and has a sour look, had on an old white negro cloth coat much worn and dirtied. Whoever will deliver the said Negroes, or give information of their being harboured, so as they may be come at, either to myself, or the Warden of the Workhouse, shall receive three guineas for Joe, and four dollars for Jemmy. JAS. JACKSON.

21 October 1786, Georgia State Gazette or Independent Register [Augusta]
Ten Guineas Reward. Run Away from the subscriber, on Sunday night the 10th of September last, the following Negroes, viz. ISAAC, a tall black slim fellow, about 35 years of age, long bushy hair, about 5 feet ten inches high, has a scar on his chin. JUBA, his wife, a sensible country born wench, well known about Augusta. PATE, a stout well made fellow, speaks very thick and but indifferent English, has a scar on his head, and lost one of his big toe nails, he is about 5 feet 6 inches high, and appears to be about 25 years of age. PHEBE his wife, a short well made Mulatto wench, long brushy [sic] hair, speaks good English, about 30 years of age. BATTES, a short well made fellow, about 5 feet 4 inches high, speaks good English, a Cooper by trade, wore a green waistcoat and breeches. QUADHOBE, his wife, a short black wench, about 20 years old, small eyes, has an uncommon way of speaking, as if she was crying. NED, a stout well made fellow, belonging to the estate of ANDREW M‘LEAN Esq. deceased, and is well known about Augusta. SUE, his wife, a small well made Wench, smooth skin, and of a yellow cast, she carried her two daughters with her, one named CLOE about 6 years old, and SUE, a sucking child, about 10 months old. Most of the above Negroes lived many years in West-Florida; it is supposed they will attempt to get to the Creek nation or Augusta, where they are

149 [duplicative] see 8 September 1785, Gazette of the State of Georgia [Savannah].
well acquainted. Any person who will apprehend said Negroes, and deliver them to Mr. Thomas Cole, at Augusta, the Goaler in Savannah, or to the subscriber at Great Ogechee, shall receive the above Reward, or one Guinea for each of them, besides all expences paid. WILLIAM CLARK. Mutby Hill, Sept. 11, 1786.

23 December 1786, *Georgia State Gazette or Independent Register* [Augusta]
Thirty Dollars Reward. Run-Away or carried from the subscriber’s, at Drakies, near Savannah, in June last, Three New-Negroes, viz. BRISTOL, a stout lusty fellow, rather large featured, of a black complexion, speaks very little English, about 26 years of age. PRINCE, a very likely young Negro, of a black complexion, about five feet five inches high, speaks a few words of English, and about 20 years of age. ALLECK, a young fellow, about 23 years of age, black complexion, speaks no English, and commonly shaves the fore part of his head. They are all of the Coromantee country, and supposed to be related to each other; they were dressed alike when they went away, with a checked shirt and trowsers, and a striped woolen cap. Any person who will take up the said Negroes, and deliver them or any of them, shall have Ten Dollars for each, besides all reasonable charges, to Colonel Handley at Augusta, Major Stirk in Savannah, or to JOSEPH CUTHBERT. Drakies, Oct. 22, 1786.

12 February 1787, *State Gazette of South-Carolina*
Forty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber at Stono, the following Negro Men—NERO, remarkably strong and well made, near six feet high, of a black complexion, is an African born, stammers a little, and speaks thick, and has a very surly countenance, about 40 years of age. SYKE, is well made, a little bow-legged, well sized, with a cast of yellow in his complexion, speaks slow and smooth, and is about 28 years of age, born in this country. Whoever will deliver the said negroes to the Master of the Work-house in Charleston, shall receive Twenty Dollars reward for each of them. ANDREW JOHNSTON. February 7, 1787.

23 November 1787, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Two NEW NEGROES [MAN] [MAN]brought to Beaufort Goal [sic] the 3d of November, 1787, was taken up at St. Helena, one of them about 5 feet 6 inches; the other 5 feet 3 inches. Neither of them speak a word of English. November 23, 1787.

6 December 1787, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Brought to the Work-House, A New Negro Wench, named KATE, Of the Congo country, dark complexion, has lost three or four of her front teeth, pitted with the small pox about her nose, has on a blue negro cloth jacket and petticoat; she cannot tell her master’s name, nor where she lives,

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150 There were no recorded slaving voyages landing in Georgia in 1786; for the Carolinas, there were six slaving voyages disembarking slaves, but all after June. In 1785, there were 12 recorded slaving voyages to South Carolina, landing 2,459 African slaves, among whom 56 percent originated at the Gold Coast. See *TAST* (1999).
taken up at Monk’s corner and committed by David Barton. COTTON M. STEVENS, Master. December 6, 1787.

17 January 1788, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Run away from the subscriber, The following Negroes: **JACOB, ISHMAEL, and ISAAC**, all of the Angola country; **POMPEY** and **CHLOE**, of the Guiney country; and **NANCY**, born in town. All the above negroes are well known in Savannah and the country adjacent. Whoever takes up all or any of the above negroes, and secures them in the Workhouse, shall receive two dollars for each. ABIGAIL MINIS.

7 February 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
A New negro wench named **MOLLY**, cannot tell where she came from or to whom she belongs, 5 feet 1 inch high, appears to be about 18 or 19 years old has on an old white negro cloth under jacket and coat, and a callico wrapper, with her country marks on her stomach. Taken up in Charleston and committed by Daniel Stevens, Esq. COTTON M. STEVENS, Master. February 7, 1788.

21 February 1788, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Run away from the subscriber, about six weeks ago, A Negro Boy, named **SAM**, about 12 or 13 years of age, thick lipped, has been from Africa about five years, had on a brown coloured jacket and ragged trowsers. Whoever will deliver him to the subscriber shall receive Three Dollars Reward, or will give information of his being harboured, so as to bring to punishment the offenders, Five Guineas. SAMUEL BEECROFT. Savannah, February 20, 1788.

28 February 1788, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Run Away from the Subscriber, The following Negroes: Early last month, a country born fellow, named **GLASGOW**, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, very much marked in the face with the smallpox, and walks lame, supposed to be gone up the country. About a fortnight ago, a fellow named **GAMBIA**, near 6 feet high, well made, about 30 years old, speaks very plain; he formerly belonged to Mr. William Ward, and was seen five or six days since at the plantation belonging to Col. Harden’s estate on Hutchinson’s Island. And the beginning of last week, a fellow, named **SAMPSON**, very tall and slim made, about 30 years old; his wife, named **MARIAN**, a stout wench; both of the Coromantee country, and speak well enough to be understood; they took with them their child [CHILD], about two years old. Three dollars, and charges, will be paid for each of the former fellows, and two dollars each for Sampson and his wife, on their being delivered to the Warden of the Workhouse, or to the subscriber at Great Ogechee. R. DEMERE. Dublin, February 25, 1788.
15 March 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Brought to the Work House, A Negro Fellow, named MORERY, of the Guinea country, is about
5 feet 10 inches high, of a very dark complexion, but no particular marks, is straight made, and
appears to be about 30 years of age; has on a blue negro cloth coatee, a white waistcoat and
breeches of ditto, and blue negro cloth boots, says he has no master, that he ran away from a
vessel in Charleston harbour, while laying in the stream before she hauled to the wharf, or landed
any of the slaves,\(^{151}\) which escape he made in the night from said vessel. Taken up at Stono, and
committed by John Boyle of Stono. COTTON M. STEVENS, Master. March 15, 1788.

15 March 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Brought to the Work-House, A Negro Wench, named NANNY, of the Guinea country, of a dark
yellowish complexion, much scarified about the nose, speaks English a little, about four feet
eleven inches high, appears to be about 19 or 20 years of age, has on a white negro cloth jacket
and coat, cannot tell her master’s name, but says she came in this country in the time of the
revolution, and has been in the hands of many, but their names to her she says are unknown.
Taken up at Stono, and committed by John Boyle of Stono. COTTON M. STEVENS, Master.
March 15, 1788.

29 March 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
A Bricklayer, Run away for no cause, from the subscriber, about two months ago, called SAM,
or SAMPSON, formerly belonging to Nicholas Eveleigh, Esq; and before he was Mr. Eveleigh’s
property belonged to a Mr. Reynolds, of the state of Georgia, and now deceased. He was seen at
Mr. Frasier’s plantation some time past, where he passed himself as the property of Dr. Jones,
and said he was going to Georgia to his master’s plantation, where a former wife of his now is;
he also had a negro woman belonging to the estate of Mr. Richard Down, for a wife: he is a short
knock kneed man, of a yellowish complexion, with short hair like a negro, little eyes, thick lips,
flat nose; of smooth and mild manner, and formerly worked with Mr. Cole, bricklayer, in
Charleston; and is I believe of the Eboe country. It is imagined he was lately working at
Pocotaligo bridge; and a generous reward will be given to lodge him in the Work-House. If he
returns of his own accord soon he shall be forgiven for all that is past. ALEX. MOULTRIE.
March 29, 1788.

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\(^{151}\) *TAST* (1999) does not record any transatlantic shipments landing in the Carolinas in 1788. However, in
1787 two ships are recorded landing slaves in South Carolina: the *Williams* (ID#25403), Capt. Hill, from Gold
Coast, disembarking estimated 277 captives at South Carolina, from 24 March 1787; and the *Dispatch* (ID#25613),
Capt. Johnson, from Africa unspecified, disembarking an estimated 137 captives at Charleston, from September
1787. A third ship landed slaves in North Carolina: the *Jennet* (ID#36530), Capt. James Brattle, from Africa
unspecified, disembarking 81 captives at Roanoke, from 1 June 1787. Cf. the following *TAST* queries: “5-year
period = 1786-1790 and Where slaves disembarked = Carolinas and (Year of first disembarkation=1787)”; “5-year
period = 1786-1790 and Where slaves disembarked = Carolinas and (Year of first disembarkation=1787 AND
Principal port of slave disembarkation=Charleston)”; “5-year period = 1786-1790 and Where slaves disembarked =
Carolinas and (Year of first disembarkation=1787 AND Principal port of slave disembarkation=South Carolina)”.

8 April 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Brought to the Work House, A Negro Man named **STEPNEY**, of the Guinea country, but speaks good English; is about 5 feet 7 inches high, and appears to be about 40 years of age, of a dark complexion, a little pitted with the small pox, no other particular marks, only a sore on his left leg, which occasions him to walk lame; has on an outside white negro cloth jacket, a blue under do . [ditto] and striped trowsers; says he belongs to a William Cunningham, who he says is now of this state, and that he has been absent from his master eight years. Taken up between Charleston and the Quarter house, and committed by Samuel Gruber. COTTON M. STEVENS, Master. April 8, 1788.

14 April 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Four Pounds Reward, Run away from the subscriber, on the 10th instant, a Negro Fellow named **ABRAHAM**, about twenty years of age, of the Guinea country, has his marks on both cheeks: had on when he went away a blue jacket and fustian breeches. This is to forwarn all masters of vessels from taking him on board or carrying off said negro, as they may depend on being prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the law. A reward of Three Pounds will be given for information of him being harbored by a white person, and Two Pouns [sic] if a negro. Whoever will deliver the above negro to the warden of the work-house, or the subscriber, shall receive the above reward. JAMES CHARLES, No. 113, Tradd-street. April 14, 1788.152

21 April 1788, *State Gazette of South-Carolina*
One Pound Reward. Run-Away from the Subscriber, on Sunday last, a Negro Girl by name of **MARIA**, about twelve years old, remarkably round faced, has been about two years from Africa, had on when she went away, an oznabrigs wrapper and green coat. The above reward will be paid on her delivery to JAMES THEUS. April 21, 1788.153

1 May 1788, *State Gazette of South-Carolina*
Ten Guineas Reward. A Wench named **JENNY**, who lately belonging to Robert Shand, and was seized and sold under execution, has been absent without leave since Thursday last: she appears to be about 30 years of age, of African birth, has several of her country marks on her face and breast, is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, and wears a coat and short gown of dark blue negro

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152 See also 4 November 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]: Two Pounds Reward. Run-Away from the subscriber, on Sunday evening, the 2d instant, a negro fellow named **ABRAHAM**, of the Guinea country, with three marks on each cheek; a baker by trade, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, about 24 years of age; had one when he went away a blue jacket, osmaburgs shirt, a pair of sacking trowsers, and an iron on his right leg. Being well acquainted in town, it is supposed he will get it taken off. A reward of Four Pounds will be given by information of his being harboured or employed by any white person; and Three Pounds if by a negro. All masters of vessels are forewarned from carrying off the above negro, as they may depend on being prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law. The above reward will be given to any person who will deliver him to the master of the Work-House, or the subscriber. JAMES CHARLES, No. 113, Tradd street. November 3, 1788.

153 See also substantially the same advertisement, of the same date, in *The City Gazette* (Charleston, SC).
cloth. It is suspected that she is inveigled away and harboured by some white person. The above reward of Ten Guineas will be paid for apprehending and securing said wench, and procuring proof to conviction of her being harboured by any white person; and Five Guineas for apprehending and delivering her without proof of being harboured. All persons are cautioned against harbouring or carrying her off, as the subscriber means to prosecute any person found guilty of doing so, for negro stealing. If she returns of her own accord she will be forgiven.

JAMES KENNEDY. April 26, 1788.

8 May 1788, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Three Guineas Reward Will be paid to whoever will please to secure in the Workhouse in Savannah, or bring to the subscriber, A Negro Man Slave, named JOHN, late the property of one Mr. Fatio, and sold under execution. He is of a black complexion, much marked with the smallpox, about five feet six inches high, stout and well made, speaks bad English, and is Guiney born; he run away from my plantation on the 29th April last, and had on when he went away a grey cloth coat, with large metal buttons, a blue broad cloth waistcoat, with yellow buttons, with a star on them, dark corduroy breeches, and blue negro cloth trowsers. The above reward will be paid by JOHN SMITH, Baker. May 6, 1788.

24 May 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Brought to the Work-House, A New Negro Fellow, named JOBO, of a very dark complexion; about 5 feet 4 inches high, no particular visible marks, but much wrinkled in the face; appears to be about 55 or 60 years of age, a kind of grey great coat and white negro cloth breeches; is very grey headed; says his master’s name is Francis Lapeir, and lives on Santee. Was taken up at Monk’s Corner and committed by John Murfy. COTTON M. STEVENS, Master. May 24, 1788.

24 May 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Brought to the Work-House, A Negro Wench, named SUE, of the Angola country, of a very dark complexion, about 5 feet 7 inches high, and appears to be about 50 or 55 years of age; has no particular visible marks; somewhat wrinkled in the face, occasioned by her age; she has on a mixed coloured negro cloth jacket and coat, speaks tolerable good English, and says her master’s name is George Joor, and lives on the High Hills of Santee. Was taken up at the Cypress Swamp, and by John Salsbery. COTTON M. STEVENS, Master. May 24, 1788.

28 May 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Brought to the Gaol at Beaufort, Two new Negro men; one says his name is JACK, & that he is the property of John Anderson, at Sunbury; the other cannot tell his owners name, his own JACK; has his country marks down his right arm; they are both likely young fellows. May 28, 1788.
12 June 1788, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Run Away From the subscriber, on Monday night last, A Negro Wench, named LUCY, formerly the property of Mr. Smith Clarendon, about five feet four inches high, well known in and about Savannah; A Negro Wench, who has been about three years in the country, named DIANA, with her child [CHILD] about 17 months old; supposed to be carried off by a negro fellow fellow, named JEFFERY, (the husband of Lucy) [sic] the property of Mrs. MURRAY, formerly of Major Washington. A Reward of Eight Dollars will be given for each of the wenches, on the delivery to the Warden of the Workhouse, or to BALTHASER SHAFFER. Savannah, June 11, 1788.

16 June 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ten Guineas Reward. Run away from the subscriber’s plantation, near Ashepoo, the four following negroes, viz. A fellow named MOSES, about fifty years of age, of the Guinea country, very tall and slender, stoops a little, owing to a hurt in his back. A wench named LETTICE, (his wife) [sic] about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, 35 years of age, they are both very artful negroes, and speak tolerable good English. A wench named JUNO, about 5 feet ten inches high, 28 years of age, also of the Guinea country, and speaks good English; she is a good seamstress. A fellow named JACK, country born, a remarkable likely negro, about five feet 9 inches high, 23 years of age. Any person that will deliver the above negroes to the warden of the work-house, in Charleston, or to the subscriber on John’s Island, shall receive the reward of ten guineas; or two guines [sic] and a half for each negro delivered. EDWARD FENWICK. John Island, June 13, 1788.

25 June 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Brought to the Work House, A New negro fellow, named MAY, who says he is the property of Thomas Malcom, but what part of the state he lives in he cannot tell; he is about 5 feet 5 inches high, of a very dark complexion, and is extremely well made and sturdy; his country marks on his belly; has lost one or two of his under fore teeth; has on a red and white striped jacket, and ozaburgh [sic] shirt and breeches, a coarse wool hat with red binding. He was taken up in Bulls’ Bay, and committed by capt Lawrence, of the sloop Sally, was paddling in a canoe when taken up, and by what they could understand from him, his intentions was to return to his own country.\(^{154}\) COTTON M. STEVENS, Master. June 25, 1788.

10 July 1788, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Twenty Dollars Reward. Run Away From this town, about the 11th instant, A Negro Fellow, By name STEPNEY, about 23 years of age, of the Ebo country, speaks very bad English, five feet eight or nine inches high, has his country marks on his face and breast, had on when he went

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\(^{154}\) See also 24 June 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]: Capt. Lawrence, who arrived here last week from New York, picked up a canoe, with a negro fellow on board, about 12 leagues distant from land, off Bull’s Bay, who told capt. Lawrence he was bound for Guinea; he was entirely destitute of provisions, and without any water.
away an oznabrig frock and breeches and round black hat; he lately belonged to Mr. John Pray, who bought him from Mr. Lawson Sunbury. From his former practices it is supposed he is now in the swamps near this place. Whoever will return him to the subscriber, or lodge him in the gaol of this county, shall receive the above reward. EDWARD WHITE. Savannah, June 30, 1788.

11 July 1788, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Run Away On Sunday last, from on board the sloop Hope, a Negro Boy of the Congo country, named JACK, he is about 5 feet high, speaks broken English, had on a new blue jacket, tarry shirt and trowsers, has his country marks on his stomach. Any person apprehending and delivering said negro at No. 2, East-Bay, shall have forty shillings reward. WILLIAM SOMARFALL. July 11, 1788.

17 July 1788, Gazette of the State of Georgia [Savannah]
Run Away, From the subscriber, living near the Union Spring, on the Augusta road, Two Negro Men Slaves: MASSA, about 25 years old, five feet six inches high, has his country marks in his face; and BARRA, about 18 years old, four feet five inches high; being new negroes, they cannot speak English, and were lately purchased from Mr. M'Credie, in Savannah; they went away on the 6th instant, and were clothed in oznabrig shirts and trowsers, and bound hats. Two Guineas Reward will be paid to whoever takes up said negroes, and delivers them to me; and Four Guineas to any person giving information where they are harboured, so that the offenders may be brought to justice and convicted. JACOB RUSSELL.

23 August 1788, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Brought to the Work-House, A Negro fellow named LONDON, of the Eboa country; is of a black complexion, about 5 feet 8 inches high, appears to be about 45 years of age; long thin face, very full eyes, with a small roun [sic] bump over his right eye, says his master’s name is James Hendly, and lives at Hickory hill, near Monks corner; was taken up at Dr. Fayssou’s plantation, and committed by Thomas Godfrey’s order. COTTON M. STEVENS, Master. August 23, 1788.

28 August 1788, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
On Tuesday, The 7th of October next, Will Be Sold, At Public Auction, By Guilliam Aertsen, Esq. City Sheriff, Agreeable to an ordinance of the City Council for the regulation of the Work House, in the city of Charleston; passed the 11th day of October, 1785; and in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly, passed the 12th of March, 1783; having been duly advertised in this gazette, and no owner appearing, nor any claim made, A New Negro Wench, named MOLLY, of the Guinea country, 4 feet 9 inches high, 25 or 26 years of age, has her country marks down her cheeks, has lost three of her lower jaw teeth, had on an old white negro cloth wrapper, and an osnaburgs petticoat she cannot tell her master’s name, nor where he lives: was taken up at Lanneau’s ferry, and sent by Frederick Iting. COTTON M. STEVENS, Master. August 28, 1788.
30 August 1788, *Georgia State Gazette or Independent Register* [Augusta]
Run away From the Subscriber the 8th June, about 4 miles below Augusta, a Negro fellow named **LEWIS**, Of the Angola country, 4 feet 8 or 10 inches high, speaks bad English, and is 23 or 24 years of age; had on when he went away, a white negro cloth coat and breeches, took with him a blanket and copper saucepan, is very artful, and may probably deny me as his master—he formerly belonged to the estate of Colonel Candler, near the Kiokes. Whoever will secure the said negro, or inform me to that I may get him, shall be handsomely rewarded by me. **JOHN TAYLOR**.

9 October 1788, *Gazette of the State of Georgia* [Savannah]
Run Away, From the subscriber, on or about the 12th ultimo, The following Negroes: **DRIVER PRINCE**, a well made square set fellow, about 5 feet 7 inches high, country born, well known in and near Savannah, about 25 years of age, and very sensible. **MOCO PRINCE**, almost a new negro, having been but three or four years in the state, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, and has a remarkable scar on one of his cheeks, occasioned by a cut given him by a negro in Savannah; he is a very likely fellow. **LONG HERCULES**, otherwise called **DOCTOR HERCULES**, from his remarkable conjurations of pigs feet, rattlesnakes teeth, and from the feet and legs of several sick people, many of whom still believe him in reality to have performed miracles. He is about 6 feet high, very thin, and speaks, for the degree he has assumed, but poor English; he has a wife at the plantation of James Habersham, Esq. Four Pounds Reward will be given for Driver Prince, and Forty Shillings each for the others, on delivery of the fellows to the Warden of the Workhouse in Savannah, or to **JAS. JACKSON**. Savannah, October 9, 1788.

18 November 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ten Pounds Reward. Taken away on Monday last, the 10th instant, on the high road, between the Ten Mile House and Quarter House, a likely New Negro Boy, named **SOLOMON**, has been instructed two years in the carpenter’s business, speaks tolerable good English, has a cheerful [sic] countenance, about five feet high, big bellied; was on an errand to Charleston, and seized by some villains much about the same time that Mr. Fraser’s negro boy was taken away. Whoever will apprehend the thief or thieves, shall upon conviction and restoring the boy, receive the above reward. **C. WILLIMAN**. November 18, 1788.

22 November 1788, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Twenty Shillings Reward. Absented himself from my employment last Thursday morning a negro boy named **MAY**, of the Angola country, well known in the neighbourhood of King street, Queen-street Archdale-street, Dutch town, and about the Barracks, where he used to light the public lamps; he is short, has small legs, a very large head, and commonly goes by the name of double; he has been seen about the Barracks, and at the top of Meeting-street, last Saturday. The above reward will be given to any person who will deliver him to me, if he comes home of his own accord he will be forgiven. **GEORGE ROSS** [*] Nov. 22, 1788.
29 November 1788, Georgia State Gazette or Independent Register [Augusta]
Run away from the subscriber, the following Negroes, viz. A Negro Wench named SYLVIA, stout and well made, with her child AMELIA, about 8 years old, formerly the property of Mr. Chevalier, and is well known in about Savannah. Likewise, a Negro Fellow named JEMMY, with his wife COMBA, both slim made, about 30 years of age, of the Angola country, and have their country marks. Four Guineas Reward will be paid on delivery of them to me in Savannah, with all reasonable charges, or to Mr. Zimmerman in Augusta. THOMAS MITCHELL. Augusta, Nov. 24, 1788.

22 December 1788, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Ten Dollars Reward. Run Away from the subscriber, three months ago, a Negro Wench, named MARY; had on when she went away, a blue jacket and coat; thin, spare wench, of a yellow complexion, filed teeth, about 5 feet 5 inches high; formerly belonged to the estate of Mrs. Berwick; she was seen at Hobcaw about four weeks ago. If any person will give information of her being harboured by a white person, they shall, on proof, receive Ten Dollars reward; if by a negro, Five Dollars, or Four Dollars, upon deliver of said wench to Sarah Bealler, No. 26, Archdale street, to the Master of the Work-House, or the subscriber. MICHAEL SEILER, No. 26, Archdale Street. December 22, 1788.

24 December 1788, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away About two months ago, A Negro Woman, named BETTY, of the Guinea country, speaks tolerable good English, is thick and short, about 24 years old, of a yellowish complexion, has a small forehead, her hair low on her head, is big with child [pregnant], had several clothes when she went off, and is suspected to be harboured at some plantation in the country. Whoever will deliver her to me, or to the Warden of the Workhouse, shall have six dollars reward. BENJAMIN GOBERT. Savannah, December 22, 1788.

24 December 1788, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away From the subscriber, about the 15th of August last, A Negro Fellow, named QUIXOTE, sometimes calls himself KEE, of the Congo country, about five feet ten inches high, speaks very bad English, had on when he went away a pair of corduroy breeches and an old negro cloth jacket, and is very bandy-legged. Any person that will take up said negro, and deliver him to the Warden of the Workhouse, or to the subscriber, shall receive Two Guineas Reward. JOHN PRAY. Palermo, Great Ogeechee, Dec. 15, 1788.

10 January 1789, Georgia State Gazette or Independent Register [Augusta]
Ran-away from the Subscriber A Negro Wench Named NANEEY, about 34 years of age, of a low stature, has her country marks on each cheek, speaks tolerable plain, she has been burnt on the back of one of her hands, which is discernable. Any person securing or delivering the above
Negro to me shall receive a reward of Three Pounds Specie. JAMES MARTIN. Burke County, Jan. 7, 1789.

5 March 1789, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away From the subscriber about three weeks ago, a Negro Man, named TOM, of the Guinea country, but has no visible marks about him; he is a little of a yellowish complexion, about five feet nine inches high, straight made, has lost one of his upper fore teeth, speaks tolerable good English, has on when he went away a short round blue jacket and long trowsers, and an old white hat; he is a jobbing carpenter by trade, is supposed to be harboured by some of his acquaintances in town, or the plantations near it, as he was seen in town last Sunday. Whoever delivers the said negro to me, or the Warden of the Workhouse, shall receive Three Guineas Reward; if he returns of his own accord he will be forgiven. SAMUEL BAAS.
Savannah, March 3, 1789.

16 April 1789, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Ran Away, From the subscriber’s plantation, in Richmond county, on Saturday the 4th instant, Two Negro Fellows: ARMER, about 20 years old and five feet high, has lost his right great toe, and branded on his shoulder, but do not recollect the letters branded with, walks waddling, took with him when he went away a white negro cloth jacket with a black cape to it, negro cloth overalls, felt hat, oznabrig shirt, and a blanket: ALECK, about 26 years old, about five feet six or seven inches high, speaks broken and fast, took with him when he went away a white negro cloth jacket with a black cape to it, one pair black breeches, one pair nankeen ditto, one white shirt, two felts [sic] hats, and a blanket. It is probable they will make for Savannah, as the latter was lately purchased there, and had a wife in town. Any person that will secure them in Savannah gaol, or deliver them to Dalziel Hunter, in Augusta, or to the subscriber, shall receive Twenty Dollars and all reasonable charges. THOMAS GRAVES. April 13, 1789.

4 June 1789, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Ran Away, From the subscriber, the 17th of November last [1788], A Likely Negro Fellow [MAN], of the Congo country, remarkably black, about five feet eight inches high, has a bushy head of hair, is about 30 years of age, when vexed or scared stutters, is a cooper by trade, has been seen and heard of at Williamson’s Island plantation, and at Col. Hammond’s at Rae’s Hall, and in Savannah, selling plumbs about town. Whoever will apprehend and deliver him to the subscriber, at his plantation near Purysburgh, or secure him in the gaol of the county above mentioned, or in that of Savannah, shall receive One Guinea reward, and reasonable charges, from the subscriber. JOHN R. STEVENSON. Lincoln County, South Carolina, June 1, 1789.

4 June 1789, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Ran Away, From the subscriber, some time about the middle of May last past, Two Negro Fellows, TOM and JULY, and A Negro Wench PHOEBE. Tom is about 38 years old, five feet five inches high, country born, well made and thick set, commonly wears his beard long on his
chin, and has a scar on one of his arms occasioned by a shot; he is a very artful fellow, well
known in and about Savannah, and generally passes by the name of TOM PORTS. July, a tall
black slim fellow, middle aged, of the Angola country, speaks very bad English, and has lost
several of his fore teeth. Phoebe, a well made likely young wench, about five feet six inches
high, country born, and of a yellowish complexion. A reward of Eight Dollars will be paid for
Tom, and Four for each of the others, to any person who will secure them in the gaol of
Savannah, so that the subscriber may get them again; and all persons are hereby warned and
forbid, upon their peril, to secrete, harbour, or carry away, the said negroes, as they will be
prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law. JOSEPH GIBBONS jun. June 3, 1789.

25 June 1789, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Ran Away, From the plantation of the late Stephen Millen, Esq. on the night of the 22d instant,
Five New Negroes. READY MONEY, a stout fellow, of a yellowish complexion, about 25
years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, of a pleasing countenance, has his country marks in his face.
FORTUNE, or SORROW, a stout well made fellow, of a black complexion, about 24 years of
age, 5 feet 10 inches high, his fore teeth filed. TOM, or TOMBELL, of a black complexion,
about 23 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, his fore teeth filed. ISETTA, a stout wench, of a
black complexion, about 22 years of age, 5 feet high. MARIA, a remarkably handsome wench,
of a yellowish complexion, has a pleasing countenance, about 18 years of age. The above
negroes were lately purchase of Capt. John Olderman, and speaks little or no English. Any
person taking up said negroes, and delivering them at the above plantation, or in Savannah, to the
subscriber, shall have A Reward of Fifteen Dollars, or Three Dollars for each. GEORGE
MILLEN.

6 August 1789, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away, From the subscriber, on the 22d instant, Four Negroes, viz. A Negro Man, SANDY,
Carolina born, aged about 35 years, upwards of six feet high, well made, much pitted in the face
with the smallpox, and very sensible. Another, named TONY, Carolina born, about 20 years old,
near six feet high, well made, and has lost nearly all of his fore teeth. A Boy, named AUGUST,
of the Angola country, about five feet high, well made, and speaks pretty good English. Also, a
Wench, named BELLA, Carolina born, is sensible and speaks pretty good English, much pitted
with the smallpox, and has lost most of her fore teeth, aged about 27 years; she is a small wench.
Any person taking up the said Negroes, and delivering them to the Keeper of the Gaol in
Savannah, shall receive Twenty Pounds Sterling Reward, or Five Pounds each, if taken
separately; and any one employing or harbouring them may depend on being prosecuted. Being
very artful, it is likely they will change their name, as also that of the subscriber. ISAAC
WAIGHT sen. Beaufort, July 28, 1789.

22 October 1789, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Ten Pounds Reward. Absented herself about three weeks ago, A Negro Woman, named
DUMBA, but very probably will call herself BELLA, of the Angola country, aged about 35
years, 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high, slim made, has her country marks on her temples, is sensible and
very artful, and may attempt to pass for a free woman. She has of late been much addicted to liquor, and when under its influence is very noisy and troublesome. Having many acquaintances in Georgia it is supposed she will endeavour to get there. All Masters of vessels and others are cautioned from carrying her away; and I hereby promise a reward for information by whom she is harboured; if by a white person, ten pounds sterling, and if by a black, five pounds, on conviction of the offender; also two guinea to any one who will deliver her to the Master of the Workhouse. ALEXANDER INGLIS. Charleston, South Carolina, Sept. 26, 1789.\footnote{For the same advertisement in the \textit{Bahama Gazette} (21 November 1789), see Douglas B. Chambers, \textit{African Runaway Slaves in the Anglo-American Atlantic World, Vol.II: The Anglophone Caribbean} (TMs., 2016), p.4.; which is a combined dataset will be duplicative.}

7 January 1790, \textit{The City Gazette} (Charleston) [SC]
Brought to the Work House, A Negro fellow named DANIEL, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, of a black complexion, remarkably slimb [sic] and strait made; he appears to be 47 or 48 years of age; a flat nose, which is much pitted with the small pox, of the Guinea country, speaks but little English, but by what can be understood by him he belongs to a Mr. Linnen; he was apprehended about the Four Holes, 50 miles from Charleston, and committed by George Bond. COTTON M. STEVENS, Master. January 7, 1790.

14 January 1790, Run Away, From the subscribers, the 1st inst. A Negro Wench, named BETSEY, about 30 years old, of a very black complexion, speaks good English, was imported last year from Baltimore. Also, A Negro Man, named BOB, about 20 years old, of the Guinea country, 5 feet 6 inches high, speaks very bad English, was formerly the property of Capt. John Ducoins. A Reward of One Guinea will be paid to any person who will deliver them, or either of them, to Mr. Long. LAURENCE VIAL & CO. Savannah, January 14, 1790.

4 February 1790, \textit{Georgia Gazette}
Run Away, From Mrs. Elbert’s plantation, on Argyle Island, Monday last, The following Negroes, viz. CHARLES, of a yellow complexion, from the Angola country, about 5 feet 4 inches high, speaks a little broken English, about 25 years of age. BREETCHIE, about 6 feet high, stout made, speaks good English, from the Ebo country, about 30 years of age, of a yellowish complexion. VENUS, his wife, about the same age, and from the same country, of a deep black complexion. PEGGY, Charles wife, of a black complexion, about 25 years of age, of the Angola country. Its supposed they are gone towards Augusta. Whoever will apprehend them shall be handsomely rewarded, on their delivery to Speirs, Mcleod, and Co. at Savannah, or to Mrs. ELBERT, at White Oak plantation, on Ogechee [river]. Savannah, February 4, 1790.
13 February 1790, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Brought to the Work House, A Negro wench named JENNY, of the Fullow [Fulla]156 country; yellow complexion, bushy headed, is strait [sic] and well made; appears to be about 27 or 28 years of age; speaks bad English; has on a striped lincey jacket and coat; says her master’s name is John Sutton, and lives near col. Thomson’s, below the Congarees. She was apprehended 52 miles from Charleston, and committed by Robert M’Ilvain. COTTON M. STEVENS, Master. February 13, 1790.

18 March 1790, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run away from subscriber, About the first instant, The following Negroes, viz. CHARLES, of a yellow complexion, very tall and slim, speaks plain enough to be understood, about 26 years of age. OSMOND, of the same description as Charles. And, on Monday last, CAESAR, of a black complexion, about 5 feet 8 inches high, stout made, speaks broken English, and about 24 years of age. It’s imagined he will harboured by some negroes working at Mr. Lillibridge’s plantation near Savannah. Whoever will apprehend the above Negroes, and deliver them to the subscriber at Dublin, Great Ogechee, or confine them in jail in Savannah, shall receive three dollars for each; and, on proof given of their being harboured, a further reward of fifteen dollars will be paid by RAYMOND DEMERE. Dublin, Great Ogechee, March 17, 1790.

25 March 1790, Georgia Gazette [Savannah]
Run Away From the subscriber, A Negro Wench, named JENNY, of a black complexion, short, Congo born, speaks good English, about 25 years of age, well known in and about Savannah. Whoever will apprehend the above negro wench, and deliver her to the subscriber, shall receive Four Dollars; and, on proof given of her being harboured, a further reward of Eight Dollars. If she will return to me I will forgive her. THOMAS MILLS. Savannah, March 22, 1790.

5 April 1790, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Brought to the Work-House, A Negro fellow named SAM, of the Gullo [Gulla] country,157 about five feet seven inches high, straight and slimb [sic] made, appears to be about 23 or 24 years of age, black complexion, has on a dirty white negro cloth, jacket and trowsers; says his master’s name is Mr. Greenock, and lives in the country, he was taken up in Charleston, and committed by Henry Kellar, one of the city guard. COTTEN [sic] M. STEVENS, Master. April 5, 1790.

29 April 1790, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Absconded himself from on board my sloop about a month ago, a negro fellow named YORK; he is about five feet eight or nine inches high, slim made, has lost two of his fore teeth; he is of the African country, and usually wears a seaman’s habit. He is known to be in Charleston, and as

156 i.e., Fula [Fulbe].
157 i.e., Angola.
he is both a good seaman and fisherman, he may probably attempt to engage himself on board some vessel, or with some of the fishermen in town; who are hereby, as well as all captains of vessels, cautioned against employing the said fellow York; and whoever will apprehend and deliver him to the master of the work house in Charleston, shall be entitled to receive One Guinea reward from JOHN MATHEWS. April 29, 1790.

13 May 1790, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Twenty Guineas Reward. Absented themselves from my plantation on the night of the 5th instant, The following Negroes, Belonging to the Estate of Mr. BENJAMIN WILSON, deceased, viz. BRAVEBOY, a sensible country-born fellow, about 27 years of age; 6 feet high, has a large foot and a low forehead. BETTY, a country-born wench, about 18 years old, and about 4 ½ feet high, has a very black complexion, with small hollow eyes. BOB, a small fellow, of a yellow complexion, has a high forehead and a small foot, is about 37 years old, and about 5 feet high. SUE, a short wench, of a yellow cast, has her country marks on her forehead, is about 35 years old, and about 4 ½ feet high; she was for a number of years the property of the deceased Mrs. M’Farline, and is now and has been for a long time lame with the rheumatism, even to her finger ends; she carried her three children with her, viz. JUNO, a girl of 10 years old; SARAH, 7 years old; and DOLLY, 3 ½ years old. PRINCE, a likely fellow, of a yellow complexion, about 26 years of age, and about 5 feet 8 inches high; it is probable he may pass by the name of SCIPIO. FREDERICK, a squat fellow, about 5 ½ feet high, has his country marks on each side of the upper part of his face and betwixt his eyebrows. All the above negroes speak very good English, except Frederick; they are well known in and about Savannah, except the three children, and the two last mentioned fellows; and as there is reason to believe they were enticed away, they shall be forgiven if they return; if not, the above reward will be paid for the whole, or in proportion for any part of them, on their being delivered to the Warden of the Workhouse in Savannah, by the subscriber, who will give a generous hire for Six or Eight Field Negroes for the season. N.B. All persons are forbid purchasing, employing, harbouring, or carrying off, any of the above described slaves, as they may depend on being prosecuted as far as the law in such cases admits. THOMAS JOHNSTON, Administrator.

14 June 1790, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Absented himself from his present master, at Goose creek, a negro man, named CASTALIA; the name he gave himself last was BRAAM, he is of the Gullah breed, slender built, 5 feet 4 or 6 inches high, one of his big toes turned inward, bare of cloathing; he had on one of his master’s old white shirts, and a ticket from the 15th to the 17th of May, whereby he was permitted to pass to Mr. Crosskey’s plantation, over Parker’s ferry, and to return. He was bought the 13th of April last, at a sale of Messrs. Colcock and Graham’s from Mr. Benjamin Postell, as executor to the estate of Mr. William Baker, near Jacksonborough; we have been informed that he has been very much addicted to running away, and has been often taken up in Charleston. A reward of three pounds, and all reasonable charges, will be paid to any person, on delivering the said fellow to Peter Horlbeck, at his plantation, at Dorchester, or to JACOB SASS, Charleston.

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158 i.e., Angola.
10 July 1790, *Georgia State Gazette or Independent Register* [Augusta]
Two Guineas Reward. Run away from the subscriber, on Turky creek, South-Carolina, a negro fellow named **JACK**, about 5 feet high, between 24 and 30 years of age. Also a negro wench named **HANNAH**, about the same height and age of the above mentioned fellow. They are both African slaves, but speak the English language tolerably well. It is expected they are to be found in the vicinity of this town. Whoever will deliver the said negroes to Mr. Stephen Evans, in Augusta, or to the subscriber, shall receive the above reward, or one Guinea for either of them. MOODY BURT. Augusta, July 8, 1790.

19 August 1790, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away, From the subscriber, A Negro Wench, named **SIBBY**, about five feet high, has her country marks on her forehead, and has a film in one of her eyes. Whoever will deliver her to the Warden of the Workhouse, or to me on Wilmington Island, shall receive three dollars reward. She was brought to this country from Jamaica, and may probably wish to return there. All Masters of vessels are warned against carrying her off this state. JOHN GILBERT.

21 August 1790, *The Augusta Chronicle and Gazette of the State* [GA]
Four Dollars Reward. Run away from Mulberry Hill, in June last, a Negro Fellow named **TONEY**, about five feet seven or eight inches high, of the Congo country, has his country marks on his breast, his teeth are filed, one of his thumbs has been broke, by a wound he said he got in his country. He will perhaps change his name, as he has done before. The above reward will be paid to any person or persons delivering the said negro at said plantation, or to Mr. Thomas Gibbons, in Savannah. HANNAH GIBBONS. August 18, 1790.

21 August 1790, *The Augusta Chronicle and Gazette of the State* [GA]
Three Guineas Reward, Run Away from the subscriber, on Little river, Richmond county, on the 21st of last month, a Negro Fellow named **WILL**, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, well made to his height, of a yellow complexion and of the Guinea country, speaks broken English. The above Reward will be given to any person on his delivery to me, or shall be well rewarded for information, that I may get him again. WILLIAM STARK. August 19, 1790.

24 August 1790, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Run Away From the plantation of John Mathews, Esq; on Long Savanna, in St. George’s parish, about three months ago, a negro fellow [named **JEMMY**] of the African country, but who speaks tolerable good English; he is about five feet eight inches high, remarkably well made, his two front teeth are so far distant that he appears to have lost one of them. There is little doubt of his being harboured in Charleston, as he has been seen there since he went away. A reward of

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159 name was added in subsequent advertisement; see 27 August 1790, *The City Gazette* (Charleston, SC).
Forty Shillings will be given to any person who will apprehend, and deliver him to the master of the Work House in Charleston, or to Mr. William Flack on the above plantation. August 24, 1790.

1 September 1790, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Run-Away from the subscriber a few days ago, a negro boy named **MERCURY**, of the Gullah country, and about sixteen years of age; speaks fast and stammers a little. He has a remarkable pock mark near his right eye; and his feet are uncommonly small; had on when he went off a corduroy coatee, with a red collar and cuffs, nanken breeches, a white shirt, and an old black hat. Was bought of Mr. Charles Brown, about eighteen months ago. He is suspected to be lurking about Charleston Neck. Whoever apprehends said negro and confines him in the work house, shall receive a reward of One Guinea, by applying at my lodging, No 30, Broad street. JOHN STEWART. September 1, 1790.

21 October 1790, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Sixty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, and supposed to have made for Savannah river, or Georgia, or taken in possession and concealed by some dishonest white person, A New Negro Man, named **VENTURE**, a tall, straight legged, handsome, well made fellow, of a yellow cast, of the Coromantee or Guinea Country, supposed about 25 or 30 years old, speaks pretty good English, and very artful; he carried off a blanket and tattered suit of clothes. The above reward will be paid to any person who will give information (on conviction of the offender) of his being harboured or concealed by a white person; and twenty dollars reward to any one who will apprehend and deliver him to the subscriber. The said negro was once stolen by Richard Heath of Georgia, above Brier Creek, near Mr. Telfair’s mills, where he was also harboured by his negroes, and most probably he will return to said Heath, or some such character. JOHN M’PHERSON. Prince William’s parish, South Carolina, October 9, 1790.

18 November 1790, *Georgia Gazette* [Savannah]
Run Away from the subscriber some time ago, A Negro Wench, named **AMELIA**, aged about 30 years, about 5 feet high, and has her country marks on her face. Whoever will deliver her to the subscriber, or to the Keeper of the Workhouse, shall be handsomely rewarded. FRANCIS WATLINGTON. Savannah, November 17, 1790.

14 December 1790, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Run Away from the subscriber, on Thursday last, a negro man named **QUACO**, about 40 years of age, of middling stature, but slender: had on a blue coat and trowsers, and a round black hat; he is an African born, and speaks broken English. He was formerly the property of Mr. Andrew Deveaux, but now of the subscriber. Whoever will deliver him to the warden of the work house, or to me in St. Thomas’s parish, shall receive twenty shillings reward, and all reasonable charges. JOSEPH RODDOM. December 14, 1790.
21 December 1790, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Run Away from the subscriber, about five weeks ago, a likely negro fellow [MAN], of the Guinea country, five feet ten inches high, about 26 years of age, smooth face, and had on when went away a new white negro cloth jacket and trowsers; it is supposed he had made for the back country, as he absented himself once before and was caught beyond Fridig’s ferry. He was late the property of Mrs. Hasell, in St. Thomas’s parish. Whoever will deliver the above fellow to the warden of the work house, or to the subscriber at Fox Bank, shall receive Three Pounds reward, and all reasonable expenses paid. STEPHEN ST. JOHN. December 21, 1790.

30 December 1790, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Ten Pounds Sterling Reward. Run-Away from Elwood plantation, near Strawberry ferry, in July last, a negro fellow named TONEY, very well known in Charleston, at Daniel’s island, and in St. John’s parish. He is a tall slim black fellow, very artful and plausible; can make out a good story. He enticed away with him another fellow from same plantation named BILLY, African born, speaks but indifferent English, has remarkable small eyes, and a wrinkled forehead. Both of these men have been lately seen on Daniel’s island, and in the neighbourhood of Watboo. Seven pounds will be paid for Toney, and Three Pounds for Billy, with reasonable charges, to any person who will deliver them to Mr. Doughty, in Charleston, or the subscriber. WILLIAM SCOTT, jun. December 30, 1790.

15 November 1791, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Two Dollars Reward. Run Away from the subscriber, on Friday last, a negro wench named CHLOE, of a dark complexion, thick lips, stripes down her cheeks, being her own country marks; speaks but indifferent English, about five feet high; had on when she went away, a blue wrapper, osnaburgh petticoat, but may change her dress, by carrying other cloths along with her, and a new blanket. The above reward will be paid on her being delivered to the master of the work house, or to me, at No. 131, Queen street. SAMUEL M’CORKEL. November 15, 1791.160

160 See also 1 August 1794, The City Gazette (Charleston, SC): Ran-Away from the subscriber, on Tuesday 22d ultimo, a negro wench named CHLOE, about 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high, and about 38 years of age, speaks bad English, has very thick lips, has several scars on her shoulders; had on when she went away a blue negro cloth wrapper and petticoat, a good deal wore. A reward of three dollars will be given to any person delivering her to the subscriber, at No. 131, Queen-street, or to the master of the work house, Charleston. All person are forbid harboring or employing said negro, as they may depend on being prosecuted to the utmost rigor of the law if discovered. SAMUEL M’CORKELL. August 1, 1794. See also 18 August 1795, The City Gazette (Charleston, SC): Three Dollars Reward. Walked Away from the subscriber, his negro wench CHLOE, on Wednesday, the 5th instant, aged about 40 years, 5 feet 2 inches high, has her country marks on her cheeks, and thick lips, speaks but bad English; had on an oznaburg shirt and stript [sic] petticoat. A further reward of five dollars will be given if harbored by a white or black person, on proof; and delivering her to me at No. 31, Queen-street, or the master of the work-house. If she returns of her own accord, she will be forgiven. SAMUEL M’CORKEL. August 18, 1795.
14 February 1792, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ten Guineas Reward. Run Away from the subscriber and supposed to have made for the back country of Georgia or this state, high up Savannah river, on one side or the other, a new negro man named Venture, of the Guinea or Cromantie\(^{161}\) country; a tall made handsome fellow, straight legged and something of a yellow cast; he is about five feet eight or nine inches high; he has a scar in the small of his back and one lower, occasioned by being cupped; he will deny his own or his master's name, and will make use of some other; he is about 30 years old, speaks when he chuses [sic] pretty good English, and that only at certain times; he is most uncommonly artful disposed & would make use of every exertion to escape if taken. From his attachment to the back country for the fair and many civilities received there from Richard Heath of Georgia, near Bryar creek, where he was harbored and concealed twelve months, until brought to me by Mr. William M'Norril. Since which he again walked off, and it is supposed made for Abbeville county, Ninety-Six district, where he was harbored for six months and upwards by George Patterson of said district, who was rewarded for bringing said fellow to me; he has again escaped and supposed to have returned to said George Patterson or some such character. The above reward of ten guineas will be paid to any one on conviction of the harborer or concealer, so as he may be brought to punishment and Venture delivered me, at my plantation, Prince William’s; or in Charleston or Savannah gaols. JOHN M'PHERSON. Retreat Pocotalago. N.B. When he last went off he was ironed, which is no doubt taken off. February 14, 1792.\(^{162}\)

25 April 1792, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Twenty Shillings Reward. Runaway from the subscriber, about eight weeks ago, A Negro Wench named Sarah; of a midling size; some of her country marks in her face: had on when she went away a blue negro cloth wrapper and jacket, a red peticoat [sic], an oznaburgh shift, and a collar with one prong on her neck. The above reward and all reasonable expences will be paid on her delivery at the work house, or to the subscriber. GRACE CAIN, No. 28, Archdale-street. April 25, 1792.

10 July 1792, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ten Dollars Reward. Run-Away from the subscriber, living about five miles from Coosawhatchie, about eight days ago; a negro fellow of the Fullah country, named Carolina, purchased some time ago, from Mr. Augustin Buyck; he is about five feet six inches high, speaks good English, had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket, with some patches on it, and oznaburgh overalls. Whoever will lodge the said negro in the work house in Charleston or the goal [sic] at Coosawhatchie, shall receive the above reward by applying in Charleston to Mr. John M. Davis, or in Coosawhatchie, to STEPHEN M'DONALD. July 10, 1792.

\(^{161}\) Coromantee, i.e. Akan.

\(^{162}\) *TAST* (1999) does not record any shipments to the Carolinas in 1789-1791.
20 July 1792, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ten Dollars Reward. Ran-Away about the 20th last month, from the subscriber’s plantation, on Goose-Creek, a negro fellow named **NED**, of the Guinea country, very black and good countenance, speaks tolerable English; he formerly belonged to the estate of Mr. John Ryan of Monk’s Corner, but was purchased by me at the sale of Mr Paul Pritchard. The above reward will be paid on delivering him to me or the master of the work house. JOHN BOWEN, N.B. It is probable he is gone to the neighbourhood of Monk’s Corner. July 20, 1792.

21 September 1792, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ran-Away from the subscriber, the latter part of last July, a negro fellow named **JACK**, late the property of John Duncan, of Charleston; he is about 5 feet 6 inches high, and has his country marks on his face, speaks a little through his nose, and has the sign of old ulcers on one of his legs, and limps a little; had on when he went away, a bed tick trowsers, and a sailor’s jacket of a brown color, and other ragged cloaths; it is probable he migh go to, or near Georgetown, as he lived there formerly. A reward of six dollars will be given on delivery of said negro fellow to the master of the work-house, in Charleston, or to the subscriber in the upper part of King-street, Charleston. JOHN WEISSINGER. September 21, 1792.

6 November 1792, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Absented themselves from the subscriber the evening of the 3d. instant, three negroes, viz. a negro man named **BOATSWAIN**, about 6 feet 3 inches high; had his country marks in his face, speaks broken English, had on a white woollen [sic] jacket, long white woolen trowsers; Also, his wife named **SOPHIA**, about 5 feet 4 inches high, country marks in her face; had on a check petticoat and a red and white callico wrapper; Also, she took with her, her son named **JOE**, about 5 years. Whoever will apprehend the above negroes, and deliver them to either of the subscriber, shall receive a reward of twenty shillings each, or three pounds for the three, with reasonable charges. And I do hereby forwarn all masters of vessels, from carrying the said negroes out of the city or state, as they will answer the same at their peril. MARY SHALE, At the four mile house. November 6, 1792.

27 November 1792, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ran-Away from the subscriber, on the night of the 22d inst. a negro wench named **SARAH**, late the property of A. R. Miller, who bought her of Mr. T. Burke; she was lately brought from Georgia, and sold here; had on when she went away, a light blue calamanco gown and apron of the same; she is about 40 years of age, has a Guinea mark on one of her temples, and has her upper teeth broken out. It is supposed she will endeavor to get back to Georgia; a generous reward will be given out for the deliver of her to the master of the work house in Charleston, or to the subscriber, at No. 97, King-street. JACK HENRY. November 27, 1792.\(^{163}\)

\(^{163}\) See also subsequent advertisement, 7 January 1793, *The City Gazette* (Charleston, SC): Run-Away from the subscriber, about six weeks ago, a tall slim negro wench, yellowish complexion, goes by the name of **SARAH THOMPSON**, speaks very good English, and pretends to be free; she has lost four of her upper teeth, and has her country marks, on both temples; had on when she went away a calamanco gown. The said wench belonged to Mr.
7 February 1793, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran-Away from the Folly Island on Sunday last, four negro fellows, by name and description as follows: WARWICK, a black fellow of common size, clumsy made, squints much, remarkably knock kneed and parrot toed. JEMMY, a very black fellow, a smooth face and likely, rather thin made, of the common size; was bought of the estate of Ryan, of Monk’s corner, where it is supposed they have all made for. JEMMY, a yellow fellow, short and square made, country born, well known in the city, he having served an apprenticeship to the carpenters business. LIPEW [SCIPIO],164 a black fellow of a short make and very full face, with his country marks on the sides of his face, appears to be more or less bloated; had on a green jacket and blue trowsers; was bought of the estate of Bellinger, of Ashepoo, by Mr. W. M. Taylor, about three weeks ago. The above reward will be given on delivery of the whole, or five dollars each, for as many as may be delivered to the master of the work house, or to the subscriber, at No. 135, Tradd-street, and all reasonable charges allowed. CHARLES GRAVES. February 7, 1793.

3 May 1793, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ten Dollars Reward. Absconded on Monday evening last, the 29th ult. a negro wench, about two years from the Gold Coast, permitted (at the request of a gentleman, whose name it may hereafter be found necessary to make use of) [sic] to come on shore, from on board the schooner Harriot, belonging to Jamaica: from a confidence of the impossibility of any person prevailing upon her to desert her owner, connivance is suspected to have taken place. She answers to the name of EVE, is about 18 years of age, the brand mark TR joined upon one shoulder; the same has been upon the other, but is turned into a scar. She is low, fat and ugly; one of her little toes nearly on top of one of her feet, occasioned by the effects of an old sore, talks bad English, and squints a little. Whoever secures said wench, and delivers her to Mr. James Macomb, or on board the schooner Harriot, to captain William Fisher, shall receive the above reward, without any questions asked. If sufficiently proved to be clandestinely removed, thirty dollars shall be paid upon conviction thereof. May 3, 1793.

2 July 1793, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Three Pounds Reward. Ran-Away, on Tuesday the 24thult. a negro wench named SARAH, of a yellowish complexion, of low stature, and has her teeth filed according to the custom of her country; she had on a calico wrapper and a white negro cloth coat. Four dollars reward will be

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164 The name of Lipew was changed to Scipio: see advertisement in 15 February 1793, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC].
paid for delivering the said wench at the work house; and three pounds will be paid to any person informing to conviction of her being harbored by any white person. July 2, 1793.

6 July 1793, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Twenty Pounds Reward. On Sunday night, the 23d of June last, without any known cause, thirteen Negro Men, whose names are hereunder mentioned, went away from the subscriber’s plantation at Stono, viz. SAMPSON and JUNE, formerly the property of Mr. W. Harvey, deceased, and purchased from his executor. JOHN, by trade a cooper, lately belonging to the deceased Mr. Fenwick, and sold under a decree of the court of chancery. CAIN and WAPPING, purchased from the estate of major Huger. MUNGO, born on the plantation. SELLY, MOREE, TANNER, TOBY, MARCH, JUNE and CAROLINA, who were imported a few years ago from Africa, and bought by the subscriber. The above mentioned negroes took from the landing a cypress canoe, 36 feet long, and nearly six feet wide; she was painted inside and out with Spanish brown and tar, and is branded in several places on the inside, with the initials of the subscriber’s name. Whoever shall apprehend the negroes, and deliver them, and likewise the boat, to Mr. George Brower, at the plantation, or to the subscriber in Charleston, shall be entitled to the reward abovementioned, or a proportionate share thereof for such of the property as shall be regained. All persons whomsoever are hereby cautioned against harboring the negroes, or concealing the boat, as they may depend on being rigorously prosecuted, if sufficient proof can be obtained. H. RUTLEDGE. July 6, 1793.

3 September 1793, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ran-Away from the subscriber living on White Point, Saturday fortnight past, a negro wench [WOMAN], African born, with three scars on her face, formerly the property of Mr. Alexander Grant, king-street, and bought by the subscriber. If not harbored, and brought hom by a white person, three dollars will be paid; and if by a black person, two dollars, by MARY RUSSEL, On White Point. September 3, 1793.

5 October 1793, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Two Pounds Reward. Ran-Away some time ago, from the subscriber, a negro fellow named ABRAM, late the property of Robert Howard, sen. deceased; he is a small light built fellow, black complexion, gray headed (particularly on top) [sic] and speaks very well, though an African; he is a caulker and jobbing carpenter, and has long been accustomed to work in town, but is very well acquainted at Dr. Poyas’s plantation at Goose-creek, and in that neighborhood.

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165 *TAST* (1999) does not record any shipments arriving in the Carolinas from 1791-1795, but does record 9 shipments arriving from 1786-1790, totaling 1,410 African captives disembarked, all arriving in 1786 and 1787: the *Gambia*, from Gold Coast (1786) [ID#25285]; the *Collector*, from Sierra Leone (1786) [ID#25286]; the *Nancy*, from Gold Coast (1786) [ID#25402]; the *Williams*, from Gold Coast (1787) [ID#25403]; the *Dispatch*, from Africa unspecified (1787) [ID#25613]; the *Industry*, from Gold Coast (1786) [ID#36521]; the *Gambia*, from Gold Coast (1786) [ID#36522]; the *Jennet*, to North Carolina from Africa unspecified (1787) [ID#36530]; and the *Good Intent*, from Gambia (1786) [ID#81621].
Whoever will deliver him to the master of the work-house, shall receive the above reward from JOHN DUPONT. October 5, 1793.

11 October 1793, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Absented himself on Saturday last, a negro fellow named TOM, formerly the property of capt. James Rea; African born, about 5 feet 8 inches high, dark complexion; has been about 5 years employed as a sailor. All persons are forbid to harbor said negro; and any person who will deliver him to the subscribers, or give information where he is, shall be handsomely rewarded. COLCOCK & PATerson. October 11, 1793.

30 October 1793, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Notice is Hereby Given, That there are two negroes now confined in the gaol of Orangeburgh, one a wench named NANNY, about 50 years old, 5 feet 4 inches high, yellow complected, speaks plain English; says she formerly belonged to John Winn, but now has her freedom. The other a fellow named JOE, about 30 years old, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, black complected, speaks very broken English, has his country marks on his temples, says he belongs to a widow Pagins. Whoever owns the said negroes, may have them on proving their property and paying the expence. JACOB RICKENBAKER, G. O. D. October 30, 1793.

15 November 1793, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Ran-away from the subscribers [sic] plantation, in Christ Church parish, on the 10th instant; a negro fellow named HARRY, black complexion, about five feet four inches, African born, about fifty years of age, well known in Charleston as being a patroon of a boat these twenty years; had on when he absconded, a blue negro cloth jacket and trowsers; he frequents the house of Dr. Petsch, King-street, having a wife there. Whoever will apprehend said fellow, and deliver him to Robert Howard, Prioleau’s wharf, the master of the work house, or at said plantation, shall receive a reward of two pounds. NATH. LEGARE. N.B. All masters of vessels are forwarned carrying the said negro off the state, as they may rely on being dealt with according to law. November 14, 1793.

25 January 1794, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the work house, Two Negro Fellows, One about 5 feet 8 inches high, between 30 and 40 years of age, says his name is JACK, and belongs to Mr. Joseph Wilkinson, on White Point, to the Southward. The other about 22 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches high, with his country marks on his breast, says his name is JACK, and belongs to a Mr. Chadwock, on Indian land. A. SEIXAS, Master. January 25, 1794.

22 March 1794, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the work house, Two Slaves: One a yellow boy, about 14 years of age, 4 feet 4 inches high, has a scar above and another below his right eye, marked with a peach on
his right wrist, speaks good English, says his name is JOHN, that he formerly belonged to Mr. James Kelsar, of Baltimore, then to Mr. Philip Smith, of Horse-Shoe, and lastly to Mr. Adam Tunno, which last gentleman makes no claim to him. The other a negro about 30 years of age, says his name is MAY, 5 feet 4 inches high, of the Congo country, his country marks on his left arm and breast, cannot tell his master’s name, but that of his driver is Jemmy. A. SEIXAS, Master. March 22, 1794.

24 June 1794, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the work house, three Negroes, one 5 feet 6 inches high, about 40 years of age, says his name is JEFFREY, but cannot be any farther understood, of the Corromontee country, his country marks on both of his temples, both small fingers crooked, and a cut on his left arm, master unknown. Another, 5 feet 1 inch, say [sic] his name is TONY, about 40 years old, says that he was born in Virginia, and belonged to a capt. Burrows, who sold him to a Mr. Smith, that died on the Oconees, 6 miles from Rock Landing, in Georgia, and left him free. The other, 5 feet 5 inches, about 35 years old, has the mark of a large cut on his left arm, says his name is BOATSWAIN, and belongs to Mr. Oldman, of Goose-creek. A. SEIXAS, master. June 24, 1794.

8 July 1794, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the work house, a negro wench named CHLOE, 5 feet 6 inches high, of the Poppah country,166 marked all over her breast from shoulder to shoulder, and on each cheek, with her country marks; the fourth toe on her right foot appears to have been half cut off; is between 40 and 50 years of age, and says she belongs to Mr. Wm. Williams, of Georgetown, who hired her out to Mr. James Addison, of Strawberry ferry, with whom she lived last. A. SEIXAS, Master. July 8, 1794.

14 July 1794, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Ran-Away the 20th of June, [from the subscriber’s plantation, on John’s island,]167 APRIL, a black fellow, five feet ten inches high, of the Guinea country, known on James Island and about town, as he belonged lately to Mr. Righton, [at whose plantation he has a wife,] and formerly to Charles Rivers, had on white negro clothes. Four Dollars will be given to any person that will deliver him to me [at No. 118, Church street,] or the master of the work-house; and a further reward of Ten Dollars on conviction of his being harbored by any person. MARGARET SIMPSON. July 14, 1794.

166 i.e., Popo (Fon, or Gbe), from the hinterland of the Bight of Benin (Slave Coast).

167 bracketed information is from the updated advertisement; 17 July 1794, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC].
15 July 1794, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Two Pounds Reward. Ran Away a negro wench named **ROSE**, formerly the property of Mr. Timrod. She is tall and about 30 years of age, well known in town, her dress she may vary, having plenty of clothes; she is of the Cromontee country, and supposed to be harbored among her acquaintances. Masters of vessels are hereby forwarned not to take her off. The above reward will be paid on delivering her to the master of the work house, or to JOHN PARKINSON. July 15, 1794.

29 July 1794, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the work house, three negroes; one named **SAM**, about 40 odd years old, of the Guinea country, both temples and forehead marked, 5 feet 3 inches high, says he belongs to major Tut, at Little river, upon Savannah. Another named **ABRAHAM**, about 19 years old, has a scar on his right shoulder, 5 feet 5 inches high, country born, said he belonged to Mr. Gordon, bricklayer, which gentleman denies him. The other 5 feet 1 inch high, 19 years old, shot in the right elbow, country born, says his name is **CAESAR**, and belongs to Mr. Thomas Hicks, at Toogoodoo bridge. A. SEIXAS, master. July 29, 1794.

30 August 1794, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Fifty Dollars Reward. Absented themselves from the subscriber’s plantation called Springfield, near Ashley ferry, on the night of the 24th instant, the undermentioned negroes, who are a part of a family bought by the subscriber, at public auction, of the sheriff of Charleston district, on the 5th of November last, late the property of the estate of Mr. Samuel Dubose. **HECTOR**, country born, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, has a thin face and a yellow cast of countenance. **FANNY**, the wife of Hector, brought when young from the Angola country, about 45 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, round shoulders, and stoops a little in walking. Children of Fanny: **MARY**, about 15 years of age; **HAGAR**, about 12 do. [ditto] and **LIZETTE**, about 9 do. The above mentioned reward will be paid for the whole of the said negroes, on being delivered to the subscriber or to the master of the work-house in Charleston; or, Ten Dollars for each or either of them. It is supposed they are gone to, and will be harbored in St. John’s parish. JOHN LLOYD. August 30, 1794.

6 September 1794, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran-Away from the subscriber’s boat, on Tuesday morning last, 3 negro fellows, viz. **ADONIS**, a well made sensible fellow, about 23 years of age, speaks tolerable good English, and the French fluently; has lost his least toe on his right foot. **SAUMBRE**, a remarkable likely fellow, about 20 years of age, speaks nothing but French. **MITHEAL**, or Mirthal, a small sized fellow, about 18 years of age, has several country marks on his face, and generally smiles when spoken to, speaks a little English, but the French language well. They were all bought lately from Messrs. Johnston and Robertson, merchants, and were imported in capt. Hughes’s schooner from Baltimore the last voyage. The above reward will be paid by Mr. Joseph Miller, or Mr. Robert Bolton, merchants, in this city; or Mr. Wm. Stephen, merchant, in Charleston, on their being lodged in any gaol in the state of South-Carolina; and
25 October 1794, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the work house, Four Negroes, viz. NANNY, about 18 years old, 5 feet high, says she belongs to Mr. Joseph Petrie, on James island, who married Mrs. Steward’s daughter, and whose plantations join each other; she has an iron on each leg, which have been fastened together with a chain. AMY, about 23 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high; her face pitted with the small pox, and says she belongs to Mr. John Boyls, on the Stono neck. NED, formerly the property of Mrs. Fullerton, about 30 years old, 5 feet 3 inches high, of the Guinea country. BACCHUS, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, his right knee bent inward, of the Guinea country, and both the fellows says they belong now to capt. Grierson of Paris-island, Beaufort district. A. SEIXAS, master. October 25, 1794.

19 November 1794, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Eight Dollars Reward. Ran-Away on the 6th October last, a negro lad (an Eboe) [sic] named ODO, about 18 years of age, well known in town as a barber, about 5 feet 6 inches high, of a thin visage; he has a circle round his navel, his country mark. Had on a blue negro cloth coattee, and white linen trowsers. All persons harboring or employing him, will be prosecuted with severity. [It is supposed he went up in a Camden or Congaree boat, as he was intimate with the negroes who went in them.]  

9 January 1795, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ran-Away last Christmas day, a sooty mulatto wench, (an Eboe) [sic] named SUE, about forty five years old, five feet four or five inches high; thin shape, an ugly face, the hair of her head grey, speaks bad English, is sly and artful, well known in Charleston, lived formerly with Miss Eleanor Livingston, and purchased about three years ago from the late Benjamin Villeponteaux, esq. had on when she went away a brown jacket and coat, and a blue and white striped do. [ditto] over it, two or three handkerchiefs tied about her head, a pair of new shoes; was seen at the old market early in the morning a few days past; it is supposed she is harboured either at Gadsden or Gibbes’s wharves. A reward of Ten Shillings will be paid for the taking said wench, and delivering her to the master of the work house, or the subscriber at No. 66, King-street, corner of Bottle alley; also, Five Pounds will be paid if harboured by a white person, and Twenty Shillings if by a black. WALTER HALL. January 9, 1795.

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168 bracketed information is from the updated advertisement; 12 December 1794, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC].

169 For a later occurence of running away, see 26 March 1795, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]: Ran-Away on Saturday, the 21st instant, a sooty mulatto wench (and Eboe) [sic] named SUE, about 45 years old, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, thin shape, an ugly face, the hair of her head grey, speaks bad English, is sly and artful, and will drink strong liquor; well known in Charleston, lived formerly with Miss Eleanor Livingston, and purchased about three years ago from the late Benjamin Villeponteaux, esq. Had on when she went away a black, red and green...
22 January 1795, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Six Dollars Reward. Absented himself from the subscriber, on the 29th of December last, a negro man named **JACK**, aged about 23 years; he was some time fifer to the company of Charleston volunteers; he is about 5 feet 6 inches high, a native of Guinea, and has the marks of his country in his face. Whoever will bring him to his owner, or confine him in the work-house of this city, shall receive the above reward and all reasonable expenses. PETER ZYLSTRA, No 31, Elliot-street. January 22, 1795.

16 February 1795, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Twenty Shillings Reward. Ran-Away from the subscriber, an elderly negro man, of the Ebo country, named **SAWNEY**, about five feet six or seven inches high; had on a blue negro cloth great coat, with trowsers of the same, but having a variety of clothes may change his dress; speaks indifferent English, is well known in Charleston, where he has a wife, and has been seen in different parts of the city, within a few days, but may possibly have left it, as he has children and relations at Mrs. Fraser’s plantation, at Stono, where he is suspected to have gone. All masters of vessels and others are warned not to take the said negro off the state, as the law will be put in force against any person who shall be convicted of the same. A further reward of five pounds will be given upon proof of his being harbored by a white person, and three pounds if by a person of colour. The above reward with all reasonable charges will be given to any person who will deliver the said negro to the master of the work-house, in Charleston, or to the subscriber, in Hampstead. FRANCIS THOMAS. February 16, 1795.

18 February 1795, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Absented himself from the subscriber since July last, a negro fellow named **DUBLIN**, about forty years of age, short made, about 5 feet 7 inches high, Guinea born, with his country marks in his face, well known in town, supposed to be employed in a wood boat. Two dollars reward will be given, and all reasonable expenses, to any person who will apprehend and deliver him to the work-house. Any person harbouring or employing the said fellow will be prosecuted as the law directs. A. DUNCAN & MURDOCH. February 18, 1795.

4 March 1795, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Fifty Dollars Reward. Absented himself in March last, **ABRAHAM**, about forty years of age, of the Guinea country, 6 feet high, stout and well made, of a round visage and remarkable thick lips, purchased at the sale of Robert Lindsay, esq from the Round O, where it is suspected that he is harbored, as he was frequently heard to say that he wished to return; he knew some people striped linsey jacket and petticoat; tis supposed she is about Gadsden’s wharf or the Ship-Yard. A reward of ten shillings will be paid for the taking of said wench and delivering her to the master of the work-house, or to the subscriber at No. 66, King-street, corner of Bottle-alley; also, five pounds will be paid if harboured by a white, and twenty shillings if by a black. WALTER HALL. March 26, 1795.
there that would harbor him for his labour. Whoever will apprehend and deliver the said fellow to the master of the work house, in Charleston, shall receive Twenty Five Dollars reward, and all reasonable charges; Fifty Dollars will be paid to any person that will give information of his being harbored by a white person, on conviction of the offender. THOMAS BARKSDALE. February 25, 1795.

26 March 1795, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Three Pounds Reward. Ran-Away in November last, a likely wench named ESTHER, about 35 years of age, stout, well made, and 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high; she has lost one of her upper fore teeth, has scars on her temples, and is very sensible. The above reward with all reasonable charges will be paid to any person who delivers the said wench to the master of the work house, in Charleston, or to the subscriber, in St. James’s, Santee. JOHN GAILLARD, sen. March 26, 1795.

9 July 1795, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ran-Away from the subscriber, the two following negro women, both well known in this city. PHILICO, generally called PHILLIS, a country born, has a mole in her face near her nose, of a black complexion. CHLOE, an African born, but speaks good English. It is needless to describe their dress, as they carried away all their clothes. They are both accustomed to hire themselves out as washers and cooks, in this city, and it is supposed they are now employed in that way, of which all persons from this date are forbid, without a ticket from me, or from harbouring them, as they may depend on being prosecuted. Four Dollars will be paid for the former, and two for the latter, to the person apprehending them or either of them, on delivery to the work-house, or to ELIZABETH HARVEY. July 9, 1795.

15 July 1795, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Six Dollars Reward. A French negro lad [MAN-BOY] 17 or 18 years of age, has absented himself from the subscriber, since Sunday evening last; he is very remarkable for having the two fleshy parts of his ears cut off; he is small for his age and delicately made; he had on a plantation jacket of blue cloth and overalls of the same; he is of the Aranda country in Guinea.170 Whoever will deliver the said negro to me, or the Master of the work house, in Charleston, shall receive the above Reward and all reasonable expence. All masters of vessels and others are cautioned against carrying off the said negro, as on conviction they will be prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law. FRANCIS DELORNE. No. 115, Tradd-street. July 15, 1795.

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170 i.e., Arada (coastal kingdom near Popo in the Bight of Benin littoral).
23 September 1795, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Went or was taken away from Leogane, in St. Domingo, the middle or latter end of May last, in a vessel for Charleston, whilst his captain was sick and a prisoner, a negro boy named THOMAS, a Portuguese Conga, a little pitted with the small pox, about 15 or 16 years old, and about 5 feet high, has a hard lump on each of his elbows, which causes his arms to bend a little forward when he moves them. The said negro was taken in the bring Prince William Henry, capt. Harrison, in December last, had been used to the sea about two years, and was desirous of returning to his master, Samuel W. Linwood, in Jamaica. A handsome reward will be given and all expences paid to any person who will deliver or give information where he may be found, to DANIEL O’HARA & SON. September 23, 1795.

28 September 1795, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Absented himself from the subscriber, on or about the 30th of last month, a negro fellow named MARCH, lately from Africa, and of the Angola country, he cannot talk this country language so as to be understood, not even to describe his owner’s name; said negro is 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, or thereabouts, twenty years of age, more or less, has an agreeable countenance, and when he attempts to talk a smile may be perceived on his countenance; the marks that were observed on him were some on his stomach, which are supposed to be those of his country; when he absented, it is imagined his cloathing only consisted of an old sailor’s jacket, an old checked shirt, and perhaps one pair of half worn blue cloth trowsers. The above reward will be paid on delivery to any person or persons informing the subscriber that said negro is detained, harbored or conveyed off by any white person or persons, free negro, mulatto or mustee, so that said information will have such tendency as to bring to legal conviction the offender or offenders, or that such information will clearly prove that by any fraudulent measure any of the above described persons is the cause of the detention of said negro from the subscriber. SAMUEL PERRY. Horse-Savannah, Sept. 21, 1795.

9 December 1795, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Three Dollars Reward. Absented herself, the 7th instant, a Negro Wench named AMELIA, about 30 years of age, Guinea Born, and has got scars in her face; not very black complexion; formerly the Property of Philip Prioleau, esq. deceased. The above Reward will be paid on delivering her to the Master of the Work-House, or to the Subscriber. JOHN F. ENNERICK, No. 40, Tradd-street. N.B. All Masters of vessels are forbid carrying off the above Wench, or any Person harbouring her, as they will be prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the Law. December 9, 1795.

171 i.e., Haiti.
172 i.e., Congo from the hinterland of Luanda.
173 TAST (1999) does not record any shipments disembarking in the Carolinas from 1791-1795.
16 February 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the Work-House Two Negroes. One, a Fellow, says his name is TOM, and that he belongs to Mr. John Brown on Wasmasaw; marked in the left arm by a cut from a pen knife, country born; about 18 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches high. The other, a Wench, says her name is PEGGY or PATTY; that her Master and Mistress are both dead; and that Master, named Brown, died at Stono Ferry, and was buried by Mr. Ingles; she is about 25 years of age; of the Guinea Country, 5 feet 2 inches high; that her former Master was Mr. John Murphy of Winnsborough: she is marked in the forehead by a shot; lower teeth very irregular. A. SEIXAS, Master. February 16, 1796.

27 February 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the Work-House, a Negro Fellow, says his name is TONY, belongs to Mr. Arthur Ferguson, who is gone amongst the Spaniards, and formerly lived at the Round O; he is of the Ebow Country, and has one perpendicular mark in the centre of his forehead, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high. A. SEIXAS, master. February 27, 1796.

3 March 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up, and brought to the Work House, a Negro Fellow, says his name is BILLY, that he belongs to Mr. Wilson of Santee, of the guinea country [sic], marked on both cheeks, knock kneed, accustomed to sawring [sic], about 23 years of age, and five feet six inches high. March 3, 1796.

26 March 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ran-Away, early in the morning of yesterday, a Negro Wench, named FLORA; she is about 30 years of age, a short Wench, born in Africa, was purchased by me from Mr. James Hilton; as she took away all her cloths, her dress cannot be described. It is supposed that she was inticed [sic] away by her husband, who disappeared at the same time; his Name is DANIEL, and belongs to William Price, esq. Daniel is a tall slim negro; he as well as his wife are of a lightish complexion. Whoever will secure the said negroes so that their owners may get them again, shall receive a handsome Reward, and all reasonable expences. SAMUEL H. PRATT. March 26, 1796.

19 May 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Notice. There are three Negroes now confined in the Gaol of Orangeburgh; one a Fellow named DANIEL, about 25 years old, 5 feet 4 inches high, black complexion, speaks broken English, says he belongs to a Mr. George; one a Fellow named DENNIS, about 30 years old, 5 feet 7 inches high, black complexion, speaks very broken; the other named DANIEL, about 20 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, black complexion, speaks broken English, says they belong to John Prier. Whoever owns the above Negroes, may have them on proving their Property, and paying the expence. JACOB RICKENBAKER, Gaoler, O. D. May 19, 1796.
19 May 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken Up, and brought to the Work-House, a Negro Fellow, who says his name is **FRIENDSHIP**, and belongs to Mr. William Harlow, living with Mr. Coburn at Bacon’s bridge; says his master will know him by one of his upper and two of his lower Teeth in front being out. He is of the Guinea country, about 35 years of age, five feet six inches high. A. SEIXAS, Master. May 19, 1796.

26 May 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the Work-House, a Negro Fellow, who says his name is **JEMMY**, and that he belongs to Mr. Jardon, living on Toogoodoo; he is marked with a scar in the pit of his stomach, occasioned by a swelling; he is of the Congo country, about 50 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches high. A. SEIXAS, master. May 26, 1796.

6 June 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Absented herself, on the 28th of May last, my Negro Wench named **LOUISA**, 35 years of age, Guinea born, speaks bad English, is about 5 feet 4 inches high, of a black complexion; had on when she went away, a white wrapper, brown Kersey petticoat: it is supposed she is harbored by some Person in Town; if sufficient proof can be obtained, by a reward of Twenty Dollars will be given if by a white Person, and Ten Dollars if by a black, to be paid on conviction. Whoever delivers said Wench at the Work-House, shall receive Five Dollars. SARAH FREER. June 6, 1796.

24 June 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken Up and brought to the Work-House, the following Slaves. **HOPE**, alias **OCRA**, a Negro Man, who says he belongs to Mr. Jacob Garret, at Bee’s Creek, about 28 years of age, of the Congo country, with his country marks on his right shoulder and belly; supposed to be a run-away near four years; five feet two inches high. **DINAH**, a Negro Wench, who says she belongs to Dr. Fairchild, at the River May, country born, about eighteen years of age, with her child born since she has been absent from her Master; five feet two inches high. And **LUCY**, a Mulatto Girl, about sixteen years of age, who says she belongs to a Dumb Lady, named Miss Hester Jackson, who lives at the River May, with Mr. Richard Proctor; country born, very bushy head of hair, five feet high. This last girl requires as speedy an application for as possible, she apparently having fulfilled the Scripture.174 A. SEIXAS, master. June 24, 1796.

2 August 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the Work-House, a Negro Fellow, who says his name is **NED**, and belongs to Mr. M’Cants, at Parker’s ferry; of the Angola Country, with his Country marks on

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174 likely a polite reference to being pregnant, re: ‘go forth and multiply’.
breast and belly; about 40 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high. A. SEIXAS, master. August 2, 1796.

11 August 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the Work-House, a Negro Fellow, who says his name is HERRING, and that he belongs to Mr. William Mayrant, near Statesburgh; marked on the left wrist by the cut of a knife [,] of the Ebow country; about 34 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high. A. SEIXAS, master. August 11, 1796.

1 September 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ten Dollars Reward. Absented herself on the 20th August, a Negro Wench, named MARY; she is about 5 feet high, 25 years of age, very artful, whines in her speech; a small piece out of her left ear, and has a remarkable scar on the top of her left breast, which she carefully conceals; her two front teeth are jagged like a new negroe’s; she is well known about town, particularly at the Spring; it is supposed she is with a Negro Fellow advertised by Mr. Pyot, who has been out for some months past. Fifty Dollars will be paid on conviction of her bring harbored by a white Person. Lost about the same time, Two Silver Table Spoons, with a Crest of a Lyon’s Head, and D. S. H. in a Cypher. Two Dollars Reward will be paid for each Spoon, and Ten Dollars on conviction of the thief, by DANIEL HALL. September 1, 1796.

18 October 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ten Dollars Reward. Ran-Away, the beginning of August last, a Negro Boy, named LANDO, about 17 or 18 years of age, tall and likely, of the Ebo country, which Language he understands, and speaks French and English tolerably well; his country marks are two small Scratches on each Temple, close up to his hair, which latter he is fond of wearing plaited; he is in general of a cheerfull [sic] disposition, and when alone much given to whistling. The above Reward will be paid to any Person who will apprehend and deliver the said Boy to me in Jacksonborough, or to the Master of the Work-House, in Charleston, with all reasonable expences. Whoever harbors or employs him, if detected, may depend upon being rigorously prosecuted. He may change his name, and attempt to hire himself as a free Negro on board of a Vessel, to which he has been a little accustomed. If he returns of himself he will be forgiven. HUGH M’BURNEY. October 18, 1796.

26 November 1796, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up, and brought to the Work-House, a Negro Fellow, who says his name is JOE, and that his master’s name is James Postell, living at Jacksonborough; has a large Iron on his right leg, a mark in his forehead occasioned by a fall, of the Guinea country, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high. A. SEIXAS, Master. November 26, 1796.

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175 referenced advertisement not seen.
7 January 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up, and brought to the Work House, a Negro Boy, who says his name is **CHARLES**, and
belongs to Mr. John Hayward; has several scars on his forehead, sore eyed, Guinea born, about
14 years of age, 4 feet 9 inches high. A. SEIXAS, Master. January 7, 1797.

14 January 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the Work-House, Two Negro Fellows; one says his name is **TOM**, formerly the Property of the honorable Judge Bee, now Capt. Slater, of St. Thomas’s Parish, Congo country, about twenty eight years of age, five feet seven inches high. The other says his name is **MARQUIS**, that he belongs to Colonel Fishburne, living on the Round O, blind in the right eye, of the Guinea country, thirty odd years of age, five feet six inches high. A. SEIXAS, Master. January 14, 1797.

2 February 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Ran-Away, On Tuesday morning last, a short Black Wench, of the Ebo Country, named
**PEGGY**, is remarkable for having a large lump or swelling on one of her ears, where she wears ear-rings. A generous Reward will be paid on the delivery of her either to the Master of the Work-House, or the Subscriber, on the King-street Road. SUSANNAH HALZEL. N.B. The above Wench sometimes calls herself PEGGY LEGG. All Persons are forbid to harbor or employ her, on pain of prosecution.

17 February 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken Up, and brought to the Work-House, two Negro Fellows. One calls himself **AUGUST**, of the Angola country, an iron on his right leg, country marks on his breast, mentions three persons he belongs to, viz. Mr. Carson, Mr. Leacraft; but his right owner he says is Mr. James Black, living in Beaufort; about 21 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches high. The other says his name is **ABRAHAM**, that he belongs to Mrs. Barnard Elliott, living in Beaufort; his forehead much wrinkled, when speaking; country born, about 21 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches high. A. SEIXAS, Master. February 17, 1797. ¹⁷⁶

23 February 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up, and brought to the Work-House, two Negro Fellows. One says his name is **JACK**, belonging to Mr. Browning, on the Cypress, formerly the Property of Mr. Marshall, cabinet maker, has a scar behind his left ear, country born, about 18 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high.

¹⁷⁶ See also variation, 23 February 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]: A Fellow, advertised by me, having mentioned three owners, but that his right owner was Mr. James Black, living in Beaufort, appears to have played the old soldier with me. I therefore think it necessary to publish him again, as the property, or lately was of Mr. Isaac Waight, who has a Plantation on John’s Island, and another on St. Helena, on both of which he was accustomed to work. A. SEIXAS, Master of the Work-House. February 23, 1797.
The other is a Fellow [MAN] about 40 years of age, of the Ebo country, teeth filed, says he belongs to Mr. Edward Campbell, and lives on his Wadmalaw Plantation; 5 feet 10 inches high. A. SEIXAS, Master. February 23, 1797.

15 March 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken Up, and brought to the Work-House, Two Negro Fellows. One says his name is JACK, and belongs to Mr. Isaac Edwards, living on Cainhoy, of the Congo country, five feet five inches high, about 26 years of age. The other says his name is WALLY, and belongs to Mr. Johnson, living at Goose-Creek, of the Angola country, between 50 and 60 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high. A. SEIXAS, Master. March 15, 1797.

30 March 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran-Away from the Subscriber, on Thursday last, a Negro Wench, named SALLY, about twenty-two years old, with her male Child, named BUCK, about seven months old; she is a stout Wench, about five feet eight inches high, and middling black, slow spoken; she is of the Cromanti country, but speaks good English. Any Person who will deliver her to me, or the Keeper of the Work-House, shall receive the above Reward; and if harbored by any Person of color, a further Reward of Five Pounds; or if by a White Person or Persons, a further Reward also of Twenty Pounds, on conviction. As the above Wench, and her child Buck, are concealed contrary to my inclination, all Masters of vessels and others are hereby strictly forwarned from harbouring, concealing or carrying away said Wench and her Child, at their peril, as they may expect the Law to be enforced against them in the most rigorous manner directed in such cases. THOMAS THACKAM. March 30, 1797.

30 May 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Coosawhatchie, May 17, 1797. Brought to Gaol the above date, a Negro Fellow, who says he belongs to Mr. Brailsford, but knows not his Master’s Christian name, is a saltwater Negro, and says he is of the Gulla country, speaks bad English, calls himself by the name of SOLOMON, about five feet high, from twenty-five to thirty years old, of a black complexion. WILLIAM WELLS, Gaoler. May 30, 1797.

7 June 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up, and brought to the Work-House, a Negro Boy, who says his name is ASKO, or GLASGOW; that he belongs to Mr. Fuller, living about 7 miles from town; Guinea born, has a scar on his forehead apparently done with a knife, very much marked on his back with a whip,

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177 i.e., Coromantee (Akan, Gold Coast).

178 i.e., he was born on or shortly after the Middle Passage, or was brought as an infant; “Gulla” likely refers to Angola.
speaks bad English, about 10 years of age, 4 feet 2-1/2 inches high. A. SEIXAS, Master. June 7, 1797.

14 June 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up, and brought to the Work-House, a Negro Wench, who says her name is BECK, of the Guinea country, marked below her breast with her Country marks, of thin vissage [sic], about 35 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high. The above Wench absented from her Owner during the last war,\(^{179}\) whose name was John Wilkie, and resided between Sunbury and Savannah, in the State of Georgia; that her master died soon after she ran-away, and his Brother left that State with the British; that she does not know who she at present belongs to, but remembers a Billy and Jackey Graves. A. SEIXAS, Master. June 14, 1797.

6 July 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up, and brought to the Work-House, Two New Negro Men, apparently not above three months from the Coast, by what can be understood from them.\(^{180}\) They are of the Fullah country, with their country marks on each temple, and belong to a Mr. Groce, near Augusta, in the state of Georgia; one named SERAT, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high; and the other named DEMBO, about 18 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches high, with a blemish in his left eye. A. SEIXAS, Master. July 6, 1797.

18 July 1797, *The City Gazette* (Charleston) [SC]
Five Dollars Reward. Ran-Away, from the sloop Phoenix, Francis Jones, Master, now lying at Gadsden’s Wharf, an African Negro, of the Caramontie Country,\(^{181}\) named CUDJO, aged about forty-five years, five feet four inches high, or thereabouts; he speaks broken English, and the great toe of his left foot is very sore, which causes him to limp when he walks. He had on when he went away a striped flannel jacket, a pair of canvas trowsers, and an old hat. Whoever will take him up and deliver him to the Master of the Work-House, shall receive the above Reward

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\(^{179}\) i.e., the Revolutionary War (1776-1783).

\(^{180}\) Cf. the following slave voyages (*TAST* 1999) recorded disembarking at Charleston in early 1797: the *Fame* (ID#25643), Capt. Martin Benson, from Sierra Leone, disembarking an estimated 137 slaves from 13 Jan. 1797; the *Rising Sun* (ID#36646), Capt. Caleb Eddy, from Africa unspecified, disembarking an estimated 93 slaves from 15 Jan. 1797; the *Harriet* (ID#36653), Capt. Slocum, from Africa unspecified, disembarking an estimated 93 slaves in April 1797. Cf. also the following slave voyages (*TAST* 1999) recorded disembarking at Savannah in early 1797: the *Brothers* (ID#25563), Capt. Campbell, from Africa unspecified, disembarking an estimated 239 slaves in June 1797; the *Liberty* (ID#25633), Capt. Thomas Prentice, from Africa unspecified, disembarking 95 slaves from 4 April 1797; the *Polly* (ID#25634), Capt. Isaac Carr, from Iles de Loss [Sierra Leone], disembarking 37 slaves from 28 May 1797; the *Eagle* (ID#25635), Capt. John Holland, from Bananas Islands [Sierra Leone], disembarking 237 slaves from 21 June 1797; the *Alexander* (ID#26060), Capt. Campbell, from Africa unspecified, disembarking an estimated 239 slaves in June 1797.

\(^{181}\) i.e., Coromantee (Akan, Gold Coast).
and all reasonable charges. All Masters of Vessels and others are hereby forwarned against carrying him off, as on conviction they will be prosecuted to the extent of the law. July 8, 1797.

11 July 1797, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Notice. Four Young Negro Men MAN MAN MAN MAN were taken up near Horry Island, at the mouth of South Santee river, on the 6th day of this month; they came there in a red painted Canoe, with a sail made of indigo cloth; they say they are of the Kisa or Tisa Country, and that their Master’s name is Capt. Kreer. They are now on Mr. Horry’s Plantation, on Wambaw Creek, where the owner may have them on applying to HENDRICK SNYDER. N.B. These Negroes will be removed by the first convenient opportunity to the Work-House, in Charleston. July 11, 1797.

25 July 1797, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Notice. There are Three Negroes, now confined in the gaol of Orangeburgh. One, a Fellow, named LIMERICK, and a Wench, named JUDY, about 60 years old each, black complected, speak plain English, say they belong to Robert Kilpatrick. One, a Fellow, named SAMBO, 5 feet 8 inches high, with a long beard, lost some of his upper fore teeth, speaks very broken, says he belongs to a Mr. Thomas. Whoever owns the above Negroes, may have them on proving their Property and paying the expence. JACOB RICKENBAKER, Gaoler, O.D. Orangeburgh, July 15, 1797.

2 August 1797, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up, and brought to the Work-House, a Negro Fellow, about 45 years of age, says his name is HANNIBAL, was formerly the Property of Mr. Mitchell, at the 5 Mile Stone, and now Mr. Perry, of Goose-Creek; parrot toed, thin visage, slender make, of the Guinea Country. His country marks on each side of his face; 5 feet 2 inches high. A. SEIXAS, Master. August 2, 1797.

18 August 1797, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the Work-House, a Negro Fellow, says his name is CUDJOE, and belongs to Mr. Laughton, on John’s Island, grey-headed, about 60 years of age, of the Calabarrah country, 5 feet 2 inches high. A. SEIXAS, Master. August 18, 1797.

24 August 1797, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Eight Dollars Reward. Ran-Away, on Tuesday evening last, an Old Negro Man, named JOHN, of the Arrada Nation, about 5 feet 3 inches high, has one of his feet swelled. Eight Dollars Reward will be paid to any Person who will deliver him at the Hair-Powder Manufactory of Mr. Samory, the upper end of King-street. August 24, 1797.

182 i.e., likely Kissi [Sierra Leone].
29 August 1797, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Notice. There is a Negro Fellow, now confined in the Gaol of Orangeburg, named JACK, about 30 years old, 5 feet 3 inches high, black complected, speaks rather broken English, has his country marks on his forehead, says he belongs to a Mr. Brown. Whoever owns the above Negro may have him on proving their Property and paying the expence. JACOB RICKENBAKER. Gaoler O. D. Orangeburgh, August 22, 1797.

4 September 1797, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up and brought to the Work-House, a Negro Boy, about fourteen years of age, four feet seven inches high, says his name is MAURICE, appears to be a French Boy, but says he was born in Africa, has a scar under his left eye, the nail of his left hand fore finger nearly worn away, that he is free, and father’s name is John Morris; his mother is a free woman, named Jenny, and consented to go and live with Betsey, a white woman, near the Congarees: that he came here in a British privateer and came on shore in one of the packet boats, on board of which he has worked this four or five months; has lost his free papers in the war, and has nobody to prove that he is free; he appears to be such an unpardonable liar, that though he may have told the truth, yet it is hard to believe him. A. SEIXAS, Master. September 4, 1797.

16 September 1797, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Five Dollars Reward. Ran-Away from my Boat while she lay at Champneys’ Wharf, in Charleston, on or about the 15th August, a Negro Man, named JOHN FULLER, (an African born) [sic]; had on when he went away a negro cloth Jacket and Trowsers; he is stout and well made, six feet high, and about thirty years of age; one of his heels a little disfigured, occasioned by a log rolling upon it, which took a piece off and causes him to limp; bears his country marks on his face, and speaks broken English. Whoever will apprehend and deliver said Negro to the Subscriber at Camden, or lodge him in the Work-House in Charleston, or any of the Gaols of the State, will be entitled to the above Reward of Five Dollars, and all reasonable charges, from JOHN CHESNUT. Camden, September 14, 1797.

28 October 1797, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Five Dollars Reward. Absented himself yesterday morning, at ten o’clock, for no cause whatever, a Negro Fellow, called ROMEO, well known in Georgetown as my Cook, about five feet eight inches high, his country marks on each side of his face; had on when he went away a blue sailor’s jacket, a pair of brown overalls, and oznaburg shirt; he may endeavor to pass for a sailor. All Masters of vessels are forwarned employing him, or taking him out of the state; the law will be strictly enforced. A Reward of Five Dollars, will be paid for apprehending and delivering him at Georgetown gaol, or to Mr. Thomas Hill, 51, East Bay, Charleston. DANIEL TUCKER. Georgetown, Oct. 17th, 1797.
14 November 1797, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Five Dollars Reward. Ran-Away, on Sunday evening, the 12th instant, A Negro Girl, named Molly, about 15 years of age, with her country marks on her cheeks, and a bare spot on the left side of her head, about the size of a shilling; had on when she eloped a long blue negro cloth gown. Any Person delivering her to the Master of the Work-House, or the Subscriber, in Lodge Alley, shall receive the above Reward. PETER DALTON. November 14, 1797.

18 November 1797, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Notice. There is a Negro Fellow now confined in the Goal [sic] of Orangeburgh, named Peter, about 50 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, black complected, speaks rather broken, lost all his toes off both feet, says he belongs to Jacob Becler. Whoever owns the above Negro, may have him, on proving their Property, and paying the expence. JACOB RICKENBAKER, Gaoler, O. D. November 18, 1797.

5 December 1797, The City Gazette (Charleston) [SC]
Taken up, and brought to the Work-House, a Negro Fellow, who says his name is Abel, that he belongs to Mr. Kirkpatrick, of Georgetown. The fingers of each hand contracted, of the Ebo country, about 27 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high. A. SEIXAS, master. December 5, 1797.

10 February 1803, Charleston Courier [SC]
Five Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the Subscriber, on the 2d instant, a Negro Wench, named Hannah, short of statuer [sic], speaks very good French but very broken English, and very fast; she is known about town selling sand; she had on a Blue Jacket, and Ticking Stripe Petticoat, and a Blue Handkerchief around her head. She was last seen at the bottom of Queen-Street and in the Market. She was formerly the property of Mr. John Collas, and seized for rent by Mr. Sasportas. Whoever will apprehend said Wench, and deliver her to the Subscriber, at the New Gaol, shall receive the above Reward. JOHN GENSEL. Feb. 10 [1803].

6 December 1803, Charleston Courier [SC]
Ran away or strayed, From a schooner at Proileau’s wharf, a New Negro Man, named Kelly, a stout, slim fellow, about 26 years of age, but looks more like a lad, small visage, cross look, poor in flesh, and tolerable long bearded. Whoever will bring him to No. 22, Bay, shall receive Five Dollars reward, of JOHN O’LEARY. Dec. 6 [1803].

18 January 1804, Charleston Courier [SC]
Take up, Some time since, two New Negroes [MAN] [MAN], who can give no account of themselves, either where they came from, or who they belong to. Any person by giving a description of the above Negroes and proving their property before a Magistrate, and paying all expences, shall have them, by applying to HENRY CALDER, on Edisto Island. January 18 [1804].
26 January 1804, Charleston Courier [SC]
Two New Negro Boys, about 12 year of age: One was taken away by a black man, and answers to the name of **JACK**; the other is supposed to have strayed, and answers to the name of **FLORA**. Ten dollars reward are offered for bringing each of them to No.139, East-Bay; and Fifty Dollars will be paid on conviction of the thief. Jan. 26 [1804].

8 March 1804, Charleston Courier [SC]
20 Dollars Reward. Ran away from the Subscriber’s Plantation at Goose Creek, A Negro Man, named **MINUS** (an African) [sic] five feet six inches high, has no particular mark, rather a downcast look, his teeth are filed in a point; had on when he absconded, a blue jacket and trowsers, and a red flannel shirt. Whoever will deliver him to the Subscriber on South Bay, the Master of the Work-house, or the Overseer, Mr. Goder, on the Plantation at Goose Creek, shall receive the above reward. ROBERT M. JOHNSTON. March 8 [1804].

1 June 1804, Charleston Courier [SC]
Ranaway, Without any known cause, yesterday morning, a new Negro Fellow, named **YORK**, belonging to the subscriber; cannot tell his own or master’s name; about 5 feet 7 inches high, stout and well made, his fore teeth filed sharp, his eyes large and have the appearance of being swollen, thick lips. Had on, a stockinet jacket, Oznaburgs shirt, and white negro cloth trowsers. Five Dollars reward will be paid for the delivery of the said Fellow to me, or twenty Dollars, on proof of his being concealed or stolen. THOMAS HUNTER FORREST. June 1 [1804].

23 June 1804, Charleston Courier [SC]
Five Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the Subscriber, on Friday the 15th instant, a Negro Boy, named **JAMES**, about 14 or 15 years old, thin favoured—had on a sailors blue jacket and trowsers, a check shirt, shoes, and a round sailor’s hat—he speaks broken English, is a great talker, quarrelsome and very artful;—Has been seen very frequently about East and South Bay, without a hat. All Masters of Vessels in particular are cautioned against employing said boy, or shipping him.—The above Reward will be paid to any person who will lodge the said Boy with the Master of the Work-house—and Ten Dollars to convict any one that harbours or employs him. THOMAS PAINE. June 23 [1804].

7 August 1804, Charleston Courier [SC]
A New Negro [MAN] Strayed into a yard last Friday night, who can not speak well enough to be understood; the owner of said negro may have his property by giving an accurate description and paying all necessary charges. For further particulars enquire at this Office. August 7 [1804].
1 September 1804, Charleston Courier [SC]
Strayed Away From the Distillery on Savage’s Green, Yesterday Morning, a New-Negro Boy [BOY], about 12 or 14 years of age, very maugre, and remarkable for his having long Eye-lashes. Should any person meet with, and return him to said place, or to the Subscribers, they shall receive a reward of Ten Dollars. A. & J. M’CLURE. August 31 [1804].

26 November 1804, Charleston Courier [SC]
New Negro Lost. Last Wednesday forenoon, a New Negro Boy, supposed to have lost his way on returning to the Subscriber’s Farm on Charleston Neck—His dress, a red Flannel Shirt, old Oznabrig Trowsers, and an old brown Coatee, edged with yellow; and a blue milled Cap—has his country marks on his breast and answers to the name of PETER. A suitable reward will be paid to any person delivering the said Boy at No.35 King-street, to JOHN GEYER. Nov. 26 [1804].

1 January 1820, Charleston Courier [SC]
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ranaway, my Negro Wench named NANCY. She absconded on Thursday morning last, and has taken away all her clothing – among which are one yellow and one red flannel petticoat, one red spotted calico frock, a blue woollen wrapper, a white cambric tucker frock, with other fancy clothing. Nancy is of a short stature, a mustee color, an African born, speaks thick and indistinct when spoken to, but plausible when disposed to evade detection, and may change her name, as she has done on former occasions. The above reward will be paid on proof to conviction of her being harbored by a white person, or a reward of Ten Dollars, and all expences will be paid, on proof of her being harbored by a colored person, or her being lodged in the Work-house, or any other prison of this state, or elsewhere, so that she may be found. Masters of vessels and others are cautioned from taking her out of the state; the law shall be rigorously enforced against defaulters. TIMOTHY SULLIVAN. Nov. 13 [1819].

1 January 1820, Charleston Courier [SC]
Twenty-Five Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the subscriber, on the 4th of October last [1819], a Negro Fellow name ALBRO, whose African name is FULLIMAN, by which he may have the art to pass. He is 5 feet 4 inches high, has 17 diamonds marked on his breast, in one of which, on the left side, is a scar as large as a 7d. piece; he has also two dotted marks on each side of his face, near his temples, and his front teeth are filed. He took with him sundry clothing, some marked A and others marked Albro. The above reward will be paid on his delivery to the subscriber, or the Master of the Work-house, and double that amount on proof to conviction of his being harbored or employed by any person whatever. J. W. BRANDT. Nov. 30 [1819].

7 January 1820, Charleston Courier [SC]
Thirty Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the subscribers’ plantation, on Little River, near the line of Richland and Fairfield, on the 29th December, 1819, three Negroes, viz: PETER, a country
born, thirty or thirty-five years of age, lost one of his eye teeth; **DAVE**, an African fellow, low and well made; a scar on one of his ears; had on a round jacket of white plain, shoes made with saddle tacks; and **GEORGE**, an African, slender made, the same dress as Dave; has a remarkable scar on his breast occasioned from a rising; thick lips, sour countenance, about seventeen or eighteen years of age, Dave about twenty. We suppose the above Negroes are aiming for Charleston; the above reward will be paid to any person who will apprehend the said Negroes, and lodge them in any jail in the state, or ten dollars for either of them. **JAMES ELLIOTT, HENRY LIGHTNER** Jan. 6 [1820].

21 April 1820, *Charleston Courier [SC]*
Twenty Dollars Reward. Came to Charleston from Beaufort, some time since, by permission of her Mistress, a negro woman, named **CHARLOTTE**, belonging to Mrs. Harriet Eppes—and has not returned to Beaufort—but hired herself out, and taken in washing, ever since, in Charleston. Ten Dollars will be paid to any one, that will lodge said negro Charlotte in the Work-House; and Ten Dollars on information of who employs or harbors her so that they may be prosecuted according to law. **THOMAS PAINE**, 42 E. Bay. N.B. Charlotte is a middling stature, thick set, was from the windward coast of Africa, has her country marks on her face, and formerly belonged to Mrs. Broadfoot. Her husband’s name is Paul, a sawyer, belonging to Mrs. Clark, near Fort Mechanic. She has neither badge nor ticket to work out. Apr 21 [1820].

25 April 1820, *Charleston Courier [SC]*
Fifty Dollars Reward, Will be paid on conviction of the person that harbours the Negro Girl **ADELLE**, and Ten Dollars if delivered at No. 10, Hasell-Street. She is about 4 feet 11 inches high; about 15 years of age; African born; and very stout and fat. Apr 25 [1820].

17 May 1820, *Charleston Courier [SC]*
Ranaway, On Saturday morning last, **EDGAR**, an African by birth, belonging to the Estate of the late **JAMES CARSON**. As said fellow is fond of fishing, it is probable he may be found in the neighborhood of the Fish Market, or on Sullivan’s Island. Twenty dollars will be paid, to any person who will lodge him in the Work-House, by applying at this Office. All persons are cautioned against harbouring Edgar, as the law will be rigealy [sic] enforced towards them. May 17 [1820].

27 July 1820, *Charleston Courier [SC]*
Forty Dollars Reward. Absconded from my residence, in Beaufort, on the night of the 9th inst. two Negro Men, named Tinco and Sam.—**TINCO** is an African, about 5 feet 6 inches in height, black complexion, stout built, intelligent, and very loquacious [sic]. **SAM** is about 5 feet 10 inches in height of thin stature, not very dark complexion, and is plausible in his conversation. They have both been employed in the three-masted boat **Beaufort Pocket**. The former as patron. And it is more than probable they have directed their course to this city, with a view of escaping in some Northern vessel. Captains of vessels, as well as others, are forewarned against
employing or harboring them, as, on conviction, they will be prosecuted according to Law. The above reward, or Twenty dollars for either of them, will be paid on their delivery to the subscriber, in Beaufort, or in Charleston, to John Franks & Co. D’Oyley’s Wharf. LUCIUS CUTHBERT. July 27 [1820].
CHAPTER III:
AFRICAN RUNAWAYS
IN THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY, 1801-1857

4 April 1801, Green’s Impartial Observer [Natchez, MS] 183
25 Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber about six weeks ago, a negro man named CHARLES, formerly the property of Col. Pannel, about 40 years of age, of a gloomy melancholy complexion about 5 feet 6 inches high, had his country marks on both legs. Had on when he went away, a blue capot with yellow figures stamped upon it, and trowsers of the same. Whoever shall apprehend and bring him to the subscriber at Batton Rouge, shall receive the above reward. FRAN. POUSSETT. March 9, 1801.

11 September 1802, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway Slaves. Sunday August 29, at nine o’clock in the morning, ranaway from the residence of M. ALEXANDRE HARANG the Negroes, PIERRE-MARC, Senegalese, 184 30 years of age, speaking [Mobilier] [sic], Spanish, French & English, height 5 feet 6 inches, rather heavy, a bit of a pit Sawyer, a Carpenter, belonging previously to M. Michel Dragon; JANVIER of the Nar

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183 Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas. Standardized and adapted from the following sources: Douglas B. Chambers and Max Grivno, “Mississippi Runaway Slaves: 1800-1860” (2013), Documenting Runaway Slaves, Paper 1, available online at http://aquila.usm.edu/drs/1/; and S. Charles Bolton, “Arkansas Runaway Slaves: 1820-1865” (2013), Documenting Runaway Slaves, Paper 4, corrected and standardized by Douglas B. Chambers, available online at http://aquila.usm.edu/drs/4/; Texas Runaway Slave Project (2014), Kyle Ainsworth, East Texas Research Center, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX, online at http://digital.sfasu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/RSP; Albert Thrasher, On to New Orleans! Louisiana’s Heroic 1811 Slave Revolt (New Orleans, LA: Cypress Press, 1995), pp.146-193. Special thanks to the following for their invaluable research assistance: Matthew Geremines, Dylan Harris, Belén Plaza-Gainza; and Ellis Crawford, William Frazier, Nick Halphen, Coates Hinton, Eddie Hodges, Blake Knight, Seth Lee, Cody Moreau, Paul Paricka, John D. Rimann, Deven Rushing, Stephanie Ware, Rachel Williams. Entries from the Moniteur are from Moniteur de la Louisiane (August 14, 1802 – April 12, 1809), (mf.) New Orleans Public Library, Roll no.1074 (Historic New Orleans Collection, Williams Research Center), collected June 2006, and Spring 2015. Translations from the French by the editor. Digitized copies of the original Courrier de la Louisiane (1810-1820) are available online at http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=vxVQT5kDUaMC (accessed February-April 2015). The newspaper that Thrasher identifies as “Louisiana Courier” was formally titled Courrier de la Louisiane. The publication date is the first noted. Funding support in part included an LMDI Grant, National Underground Railroad to Freedom Program, National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior (Grant #GR04545, 2012); Mississippi Humanities Council (Grant #GM005383, 2012); which we gratefully acknowledge. Signifiers for imputed Africans include: no English, broken/bad English, outlandish, filed teeth, country marks, new [brut] Negroes. African runaways are listed in bold.

nation,\textsuperscript{185} 28 to 30 years of age, height 5 feet 4 to 5 inches, medium stout, with a red color; \textbf{THOMAS}, Senegalese, 30 to 32 years of age, height 5 feet 2 inches, large & very black; The Negress \textbf{JEANNETTE}, of the Nago nation,\textsuperscript{186} 25 to 26 years of age, slender & thin, with a long & black face, having cuts in the skin as have the Negroes of her country. It is presumed that they have crossed to the other side of the Lake,\textsuperscript{187} having stolen a carriage from the [Chef-Menteur] [sic]. Those who find them are requested to take them to MM. Honore Fortier, Pailhet & Company or to the Printers. There will be a reward of one hundred piasters.

19 March 1803, \textit{Moniteur de la Louisiane}

Runaway Slaves. Sunday the 13th of the present month ranaway the following: A new Negro\textsuperscript{188} [\textbf{MAN}], of the Congo nation, about 25 years of age, height of five feet three inches or thereabouts, with a good figure, marked with several grains of spots, wearing a jacket & trousers of blue limbourg. Another same [\textbf{MAN}] [Congo], about 17 years of age, height of five feet six or seven inches, extremely black, with a round figure, with long eyebrows, a large mouth, teeth apart & filed; he had for clothes, when he fled, a pair of pants of striped cotton, a waistcoat of grayish woolen material, & a capot. Another same [\textbf{MAN}] [Congo], about 17 to 20 years of age, height of 5 feet six or seven inches, he has a small round figure, teeth apart; he had for clothes a capot, a white shirt, blue blended pants, & a little black hat. It is assumed that they left together. The persons who have knowledge of these Negroes, or of one of them, are requested to give notice to the Printers.

23 April 1803, \textit{Moniteur de la Louisiane}

Runaway Slave. The Negro \textbf{JEAN-DE-DIEU}, belonging to M. [illeg.-]lao, height of five feet two lines [sic], with a [illeg.] face & light black, having on his temples the marks of Guinea with scars, his ears [illeg.] & pierced; those who bring him back will have a reward. Address oneself to his master, or to the Printers.

28 May 1803, \textit{Moniteur de la Louisiane}, Supplement

Runaway Slaves. A new Negro, named \textbf{ALEXIS}, of the Congo nation, 17 to 18 years of age, height of over 5 feet, having a wide face, a protruding chin, his two upper teeth sharp [filed], five small warts or marks on his temple, long, badly formed feet, the two middle toes of the foot shorter than the others. The said Negro has as clothes a handkerchief of Indian red on his head, a shirt of blue checked material, a yellow jacket of which the back is of unbleached cloth, blue

\textsuperscript{185} ‘Moors’, that is, Sahelien Almoravids (Berbers) or even Saharan Tuareg, from north of the River Senegal in what is now Mauritania. See Barry, \textit{Senegambia}, passim.

\textsuperscript{186} i.e., Yoruba.

\textsuperscript{187} presumably Lake Pontchartrain.

\textsuperscript{188} i.e., “Nègre brut” or generally an African slave imported a year or less ago.
pants of ratine. This Negro has been in the Colony for two months; he was brought from Havana, & belongs to M. BOUQUET PEINTRE, residing in the house of M. Pavie behind the church.

27 August 1803, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*

15 October 1803, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Negresses Lost. Two little Negresses, of whom one is new [GIRL], having a round face, a lock of hair cut in the front, & the other named **FINETTE**, Creole, speaking French well; both of them are dressed in material of [colette], & each taking with them a bundle; the one of the brute containing skirts of [colette], a skirt with a red bottom & white [illeg.], & a robe with a yellow bottom with little [mouches puce]; & that of the other Negress containing a skirt & a shirt of [colette]. They disappeared Wednesday the 12th of the present month at eight o’clock in the evening. Those who find them are requested to take them back to Madame MORANGE, opposed the Comedy, who will give Twenty piasters reward to whoever will bring the two back.

1 November 1803, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*, Supplement
Young Negro, New, Lost. A Negro [BOY], of the Congo nation, 14 years of age, dressed in a capot & a pair of trousers of white wool, coming from Lavergne, has been lost since the 10th of the present month; whoever finds him & takes him back to M. Dufossat at the house of M. SONIAT DUFOSSAT, to whom he belongs, will be given a reward of five piasters. The said Negro has the second toe of one of his feet very short.

11 February 1804, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Runaway Negroes. The 26th of the present month, at ten o’clock in the evening, there left from the residence of M. ALEXANDRE HARANG two new Negroes [MAN] [MAN], of the Congo nation, about 20 years of age, very newly arrived in this country, not knowing even the name of their master M. Harang. They are presumed to be on the right bank of the river where is to be found the residence from which they left, & that, for lack of opportunity, they will not have gone close to their first master in town. A just reward is promised to those who discover them. Communicate with M. Harang at his residence, & in town to M. Etienne Caraby. After the notice of the Negro maroons of M. Harang, M. Jacob made an arrest on his residence of a brut [new] Negro [MAN] of about 30 years, of the Congo, red, & sent him to Monsieur Etienne Caraby who, not recognizing him as one of the negro maroons of M. Harang, took him to jail, & is informing those to whom he might belong.

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189 likely reference is to Algiers Point.

190 See also variation, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*, 11 February 1804: Negres Marons. Le 26 du courant [January], de l’habitation de M. Alexandre Harang, deux Negres bruts [MAN] [MAN], nation Congo, ages d’environ 20 ans, tres-nouvellement arrives dans ce pays, ne connaissant pa meme le nom de leur maitre M.
31 May 1806, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway Negro. Two Negroes ranaway on Sunday the 26th of this March from the residence of Mme. widow TOUTAN BEAUREGARD, of the Mandiga nation, one named MANIGA of about 40 years, of a rather attractive height, the other ALEXANDRE of 25 to 28 years, smaller; both of the two have the marks of their country on their face. Those who take them either to Jail, or to the above-mentioned residence, will be rewarded.

20 June 1806, Louisiana Gazette
Ten Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber living near Pickneyville, on the 20th of April last—A Negro fellow named ANTONIO, about 24 or 25 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, stout and well made, rather of a surly countenance, being a new negro speaks very little English, he had on when he went away, a blanket cappoe, a home made shirt trowsers. He was purchased in New-Orleans, in December 1804, of John Baptist Labatut, Merchant, by the subscriber, no doubt but he is endeavouring to return to New-Orleans. WM. VOUSDON KEARY. Bayou Sarah, May 18, 1806.

28 June 1806, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway Negro. The 23rd of the present month there ranaway from the bakery of HECAUD & DELCHAMP, a Negro named BADET, speaking French & English, of the Kiamba nation, about 30 years of age; the said Negro having a mark along the length of his right cheek, thin legs, broad shoulders, red eyes, & walking with a little difficulty. Those who can find him are requested to make an arrest & take him to the said Masters residing at Bourbon street, No. 31, who will give a good reward. June 27 [1806].

HARANG. D’apres l’avis des Negres marons de M. Harang, M. Jacob a fait arreter sur son habitation un Negre brut [MAN] d’environ 30 ans, Congo, rouge.

Runaway Slaves. The 26 instant [January], from the plantation of M. Alexandre Harang, two new Negroes [MAN] [MAN], Congo nation, about 20 years old, very newly arrived in the country, do not even know the name of their master M. HARGANG. After the advertisement of runaway Negroes of M. Harang, M. Jacob caught up about his plantation a new Negro [MAN] about 30 years old, Congo, red.

191 reference is to Maninka (Mandingo), from Senegambia.

192 Labatut was indeed one of the principal slave-trade merchants in New Orleans. For example, between 1783 and 1796 he sold at least 130 slaves, which sales were recorded by notaries. See Douglas B. Chambers, “Slave trade merchants of Spanish New Orleans, 1763-1803: Clarifying the colonial slave trade to Louisiana in Atlantic perspective,” Atlantic Studies 5, 3 (2008), Table 1, p.338.

193 i.e., Chamba [Gurma-speakers] from the Upper Volta river region. Jamaica materials strongly suggest that Chamba were sold through Gold Coast entrepôts.
15 July 1806, *Louisiana Gazette*
20 Dollars Reward. Ranaway on the 4th instant, from a plantation on the German Coast, two
New Negroes [MAN] [MAN], of the Congo nation, aged about twenty two years, they took with
them new blankets, hats, mosquito nets, check shirts and duck trousers; one of the negroes is
remarkably active, and marked near the mouth; the other is a fat lazy fellow with a large head. It
is supposed they are near town. Any person delivering said negroes into jail, or giving
information to JOHN RAMSEY & Co. corner of Girod and Levée streets, shall receive the above
reward.

30 July 1806, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
New Runaway Negroes. Two new Negroes [MAN] [MAN], of the Senegal nation, bought by the
undersigned from M. Duplessis, about five weeks ago, at Fausse riviera, left on the night of
the 10th to 11th of the present month; both of them are of ordinary height; one of them is pocked,
& has red eyes, & is about 30 years; the other about 20. Those who have knowledge are
requested to give notice to Mr. P. Antoine Caraby in town, or to the *Moniteur*, or at Fausse
riviera to the owner, who will give a just reward. NICOLAS VILLAIN. July 29 [1806].

16 August 1806, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
The Negro WILLIAM, of the Congo nation, of large height, big lips, having copper bracelets on
his wrists, if he did not take them off, & an iron collar, ranaway Tuesday, the 12th of the present
month, from the residence of the undersigned, near the Bonnet Carre, 14 leagues from town.
New Orleans, August 14, 1806. J. B. LABATUT.

20 September 1806, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Runaway Negro. There ranaway from the house of the undersigned, on the morning of the 18th
of the present month, a Negress named Pouponne, 14 to 15 years of age, of the Minan
nation, 3 to 4 months pregnant, small of height & slender, with a black face; she had a slight
wound above her right cheek & the eye is a little swollen; she was wearing a skirt of guinea & a
handkerchief of Madras cut around her head. The person who takes her to jail or to her master
will receive a reward. September 19 [1806]. H. DUKEILUS. House of Mme. Vienne.

4 October 1806, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
New Negro Lost. The 16th of the present month [sic], there left from the Residence of Mr.
Norbert Boudousquie, a Negro of the Congo nation, named APOLLON, height of about 5 feet,

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194 likely reference is Francois A. Duplessis, who sold at least 41 slaves from 1783-1796; Chambers, “Slave
trade merchants of Spanish New Orleans,” Table 1, p.338.

195 i.e., Mina [Gbe-speakers, including Ewe, Fon; variant of Popo], from the hinterland of the Bight of
Benin, east of the Volta River. See Gwendolyn Midlo Hall, “African Ethnicities and the Meanings of ‘Mina’,” in
Paul E. Lovejoy and David V. Trotman, eds., *Trans-Atlantic Dimensions of Ethnicity in the African Diaspora*
with a round face, large eyes, about eighteen years of age; the said Negro had for clothes, at
the time of his escape, trousers of broad cloth, & a Capot. A just reward will be given to whoever
gives notice to the Printer of the Moniteur, or who takes him to the Jail of this town.

6 October 1806, Moniteur de la Louisiane
New Negro [MAN] Lost from the house of the undersigned, the 25th of the present month [sic]
in the afternoon, of the Maninga nation,196 of regular height, with lively actions & looks, having
on his chest a vesicatory, which has left a mark; he has a shirt of ginga, pants of [colette] & a
black hat. Those who find him, & bring him back to the undersigned, will have ten piasters

5 November 1806, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Fifty Piastres Reward. The two Negro men as below are runaways, the 19th October past,
residing in the County of Attacapas; the one named JAMES, about 24 years old, height
of 5 feet 8 or 9 inches, strong and vigorous, very black, and having a very good
appearance; the other named DICK, of about the same age, height of 5 feet 7 or 8 inches,
yellowish color, having large cheek bones, and looks bad. The two are African born,
speak English passably well and a little French; Whoever arrests them, & puts them in
one of the prisons of this Territory, in a manner that the owner can take them again into
his possession, will have the right to the above-mentioned reward, or to that of twenty
five piasters for one of the two negroes arrested & locked up as mentioned above, upon
addressing himself to the undersigned, or to Mr. G. W. Morgan in New Orleans. DAVID
REES. November 8 [sic] [1806].

11 November 1806, Louisiana Gazette
10 dollars Reward. Ran away on Sunday the [illeg.]inst. a new negro BOY of the Mandingo
nation. He had on when he went away, a roundabout and overalls of a dark mixture; he is about 5
feet 9 inches high, sour countenance, understands and speaks a little English. Whoever
apprehends said runaway, and secures him in any goal [sic], so that I may get him again, shall
receive the above reward. JOHN CRAWFORD. November 11 [1806].

23 November 1806, Louisiana Gazette
30 Dollars Reward. Ran Away on the morning of the 4th instn. from the house of JOHN
RAMSEY Faubourg St. Mary, three negroes lately arrived from Africa, and of the Mandingo
nation, viz. One MAN of the middling size, about [illeg.] years of age, wore a blue jacket and
red baise shirt. One WOMAN about the same age wore a blue petticoat and waistcoat. One
[GIRL] about 15 years of age had a white [illeg.] and her [illeg.] and wore a checked dress.

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196 i.e., Maninka [Mandingo].
Whoever will [illeg.] said negroes and return them to Mr. [illeg.] or lodge them in the county goal [sic], will [illeg.] the above reward. November 21, 1806.

3 December 1806, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway Slave. Taken up by M. Alexandre Labranche a Negro runaway [MAN], of average height, reddish, Ben nation,\(^{197}\) branded IOR on the right breast, speaks English and some creole words, and say he belongs to Mr. BROWN and M. DONISON.

10 December 1806, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaways. Saturday, 6th current [December], escaped a young new Negress, of Congo nation, does not speak scarcely any French; she answers to the name of ROSETTE; she has sawed and pointed teeth, the eyes very prominent, round face; she seems from 14 to 15 years old; she was dressed, when she escaped, in an old green Indian skirt, a Bergop zoom of gray above, a corset of yellow seersucker and a white neck-handkerchief with violet stripes. We pray that people will find her, and return her to Mlle. CONSTANCE COUTOURIE, rue St. Anne, house of M. Montégut, or in the city jail; a good reward will be given for those who bring her.

13 December 1806, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Concealed Negress. The aforesaid Negress [WOMAN] is of the Congo Mondongue nation,\(^{198}\) height of 4 feet 5 or 6 inches, a little reddish; three strokes on each cheek, teeth very pointed, she is branded upon the chest C M [upside down], and M. V. upon the shoulder; she has been harboured for nine or ten months and held on a plantation, near that of Madame Caillet, by Mr. Marais; we pray that any person who could catch her (especially in the same place), give notice to the Moniteur, for a reward.

15 January 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway. There ranaway this morning, January 13, a Negro of about 12 years of age, called NARCISSE, of the Congo nation, having her teeth filed dressed in a Ginga shirt, jacket & pants of the color [puce], all covered with a cloth apron. Address oneself to the Moniteur.

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\(^{197}\) Unidentified African ethnicity.

\(^{198}\) presumably this designation refers to people in the borderlands between the kingdoms of Kongo (baKongo), and Ndongo (Mbundu), or perhaps the legacy of the Dembo kingdom which had earlier existed as a sort of buffer between the baKongo and the Mbundu. See Jan Vansina, Kingdoms of the Savanna (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1966).
17 January 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
50 Piastres Reward, A Negro, Senegal nation, named PYRAME, about 30 years old, height 5 feet 5 inches, face pocked, has been runaway several days. This negro already was stopped at Baton-Rouge, several times, and is newly escaped; to his master NICOLAS VILLAIN Villain living on the Fausse River, or to MM. Pierre and Antoine Caraby, at New Orleans.¹⁹⁹

21 January 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway. A small brut [new] Negress [GIRL], 15 to 16 years of age, ranaway on Thursday, the 15th of the present month. She has a black skirt, a red flannel gown, & she took her hood with her. Those who find her are requested to take her to the house of M. LABATUT in town. January 19 1807.

25 February 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway. Ran away, the 17th current [February], a Negro [BOY] of the Congo nation, about 12 years old, having the incisor teeth filed, speaks very little, dressed with a gingham shirt, and a vest, and brown pants; address yourself to Le Moniteur.

7 March 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway. A semi-brut [semi-new] Negress [GIRL], about 14 years of age, having her right foot very swollen, with an attractive face, left from the house of M. Tremoulet the 3rd of the present month, taking with her a parcel of old clothes, linen, etc. Those who have knowledge are requested to give notice to M. TREMOULET. March 5 [1807].

¹⁹⁹ This runaway may be the same as the unnamed 30-year old, also of the Senegal nation, advertised previously by Nicolas Villain: see Moniteur de la Louisiane, 30 July 1806, infra. For a later iteration, see 15 January 1811, Moniteur de la Louisiane; 200 Dollars Reward. The subscriber having purchased a new negro at the auction of M. Francis Duplessis, which took place at Mr. Ducuir’s at Fausse-Rivière on the 26th. of June 1806, gives notice that this negro ran away on the 25th, of July following, and having been taken up on the 15th, of August, and confined at Baton-Rouge, escaped when they were conducting him to the owner’s plantation; that having been taken in December 1809, although he said he was free, and brought to the jail of Iberville, he has filed off his fetters, and ran away again. Any person who will stop and secure him in the nearest jail, giving notice to the owner, will receive the said reward as soon as the said negro is delivered to his master at Fausse-Rivière, or to M. Jean Lanna at New Orleans, if he is taken near the city. If the subscriber cannot pay immediately, he will give a note with an approved endorsement, payable within a month. The said negro was born in Senegal, by the name of PYRAME, 30 or 34 years old, five feet five inches high, much pitted with the small pox on his face, having an upper tooth broken. Fausse-Rivière, July 20th, 1810. NICOLAS VILLAIN.
11 March 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Runaway at the Jail. Came to the Jail of this town, the day of 7 March 1807, a runaway Negro [MAN], French Congo,\(^{200}\) from 24 to 25 years old, speaks nothing but the language of his country, and appears to belong to a planter on the right bank of the river, below New Orleans. BLAS PUCHE, jailer.

14 March 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Runaway at the Jail. Came this day, 11 March, to the town jail, a new Negro [MAN], Congo nation, from 16 to 18 years old or more, an attractive face, and speaks only the language of his country. After he ran away for 4 days from the house of his master, he declares that he has been bought one month ago with two other new Negroes, put to work upon the river in the river bottom with five other slaves. BLAS PUCHE, jailer.

18 March 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Runaway in Jail. There entered into the Jail of this town, today March 16 1807, a brut [new] Negro [MAN], of the Mondongo nation,\(^{201}\) 18 to 19 years of age, arrested on the river bank, in the woods of Oumas, about three leagues below the Fork. Since he ran away, or he got lost, it has been four days since the said Negro left New Orleans with his master, who he named M. ANTOINE, & who, he says, was going by horse-back, & a Negro GIRL, also Mondongo, bought in the same sale.

21 March 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
10 Piastres Reward. Tuesday the 17th during the evening, runaway from the house of Mr. LARIONDA residing upon the No. 29 levee, a semi-new negro, about 13 or 14 years old, Congo nation, hair parted in the middle, a pleasant face; took away with him an old blanket, and is dressed in a worm-eaten gray canvas and matching pants. He knows the name of JÉRÔME and will answer to it.

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\(^{200}\) Presumably referencing an enslaved Congo from a French enclave in coastal West-Central Africa, perhaps the northern or Mayombe coast (from Cabinda, Ambriz, Loango northward). Note, however, that his unnamed man apparently did not speak French.

\(^{201}\) “Mondongo” references the Mbundu kingdom of Ndongo, the king of which held the original title of *ngola*, which provided the entire region’s eventual name of Angola. Ndongo (along with the related Mbundu kingdom of Matamba to the east) was long one of the major rivals to the kingdom of Kongo to the north. ‘Mondongo’ (trans. ‘Ndongo subject’) therefore was a political ethnicity or political identity, and therefore was semantically equivalent to ‘Mungola’ (as used in Jamaica), that is, ‘*ngola subject*’ or an Mbundu. Both terms (Mondongo, Mungola) were distinct from the general term ‘Angola’ which in the 16th and 17th centuries would have signified being subject of the coastal Portuguese colony centered at Luanda, and in the 18th and 19th centuries likely would have signified being Ovimbundu and Ovambo from the central highlands and further southward, with connections to Benguela. Therefore, whereas “Mondongo” and “Mungola” were likely enslaved Mbundu who were sold through Luanda, so-called “Angola” were likely enslaved Ovimbundu and Ovambo who were sold through Benguela.
25 March 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway Negroes. An almost new Negro, named PAUL, Senegal nation, height 5 feet 4 or 5 inches, small and sunken eyes, the nose well made, very black skin, ran away from the Brognier Plantation near the city, in the night of the 22nd and 23rd current [March], he is wearing trousers and a shirt, of canvas, a blue vest and a very dingy coat.

25 March 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway Negroes. A young new Negro [MAN], about 19 years of age, having his right ear bitten, sold by M. Pierre Martel, left from the residence of M. ONESIME ROMAN. Those who capture him, are requested to give knowledge. March 21 [1807].

4 April 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaways. A Negress named ROSALIE, of the Congo nation, almost brut [almost new], unable to say the name of her master, speaking several words of Spanish & French, being about 18 to 20 years of age, has been arrested at the house of M. L. Segur; she will be sent back to whoever can prove ownership, upon paying the costs of the present notice.

8 April 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
A Negress of the Congo nation named SOPHIE, about [illeg.] years of age, said to belong to Mlle. MARGUERITE, a free Mulatress, has been captured by the Negroes of M. Segur & is on his residence; she will be given back to whoever can proves that this Negress is his property. He will have to pay the costs of capture & others, as well as those of the present notice. April 6 [1807].

8 April 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway Negroes Since eight or nine months. Two new Negroes, 20 to 24 years of age, in the country for two years, ranaway from the residence of M. L. MEUILLON; the one named MAGLOIRE, of average height, with large eyes, very open & bulging. The other CESAR, very large, apparently older, with a round & small face, a little small pox; he has a cheerful face. The persons who are able to arrest them, & give notice to their master at his residence or to the undersigned in town, will be rewarded. MOSSY. April 7, 1807.

11 April 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway A Negro [MAN], Poulard nation, about 20 years old, Nearly new, he was stopped four leagues below the city; for much more information, address yourself to the Moniteur.

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202 i.e., Fulbe [Fulani].
2 May 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*

Two new negroes [MAN] [MAN] left between April 22 and 24 from the residence of M. Brou of the Germans [Côte des Allemands]; these two negroes of the Senegal nation are very black, of ordinary height, of a robust constitution; one of them has a scar in front, & the thumb of one hand shorter than that on the other, & a little blinkered about the eye; both of them have a hair style like a priest & more or less of equal size; one is pock marked; they are dressed in a shirt & trousers of green material, each having a hood with red stripes. A reward will be given to those who take them to jail or to MM. Pre. HERO & LANDON.

2 May 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*

Runaways. Three Negroes, of the Congo nation, in the colony for a month, named COOK, CASTOR & HONORE, about 17 to 20 years of age, ran away from the residence of M. TURREAUD, of the Acadian coast, Tuesday morning April 28; they were dressed in capots & poor trousers; they took with them a dinghy of medium size. Those who have knowledge are requested to put them in jail, or if they are neighbors, to give notice to the owner, who will give a generous reward. May 1 [1807].

6 May 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*, Supplement

Ten Piasters Reward. MM. the Residents of the German coast are requested to arrest a young Negro [MAN], absolutely new [“absolument brut”], Mandingo, 16 years of age, thin, with a good face, having a black-gray new jacket, Limbourg trousers, two shirts, one of ginga, who left from the residence of M. Destrehan, on the 24th to 25th of April, & to return him to the coast, at the house of MM. HAZEUR Bros., A. Labranche Judge of the peace, & Lanoi, or to the jail in town.

9 May 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*, Supplement

Negro Runaways. There left from the residence of Mr. LABARRE, two Negroes of the Congo nation [MAN] [MAN], of a height of about five feet three inches; the one had, when he left, a capot without a hood, the other a jacket of gray woolen material. A just reward will be given to the person who takes them to jail, or to the residence of Mr. Labarre. May 5, 1807.

13 May 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*

New Negro Runaways. Two new Negroes [MAN] [MAN], of the Congo nation, about 20 years of age, left on the fourth of this month from the residence of M. CHARLES MASSICOT; they are of medium height; one of them has the marks of his country on the front [forehead], & the mark of a vesicatory on his right side; the other has a red face, & has a little copper ring in one ear; both were wearing capots with red stripes. A reasonable reward will be given to whoever takes them back to their owner, or to jail if they prefer.
20 May 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Negro Found. There has been captured at the house of M. Zenon Trudeau, a young new [brut] Negro [MAN], about eighteen to twenty years of age, of unknown nation, very black and thin of face, his clothing is trousers of blue woolen material & a white shirt. The negro is at the house of M. Trudeau, & will be sent back to whoever proves ownership, upon paying the costs.

23 May 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway. A Negress [WOMAN] semi-new, dressed in an Indian skirt with little red flowers, having very large breasts, the face marked with many large wrinkles, the eyes big & prominent, the hair braided, arms full of spots, very ugly face, of the middle height, is run away since many hours from the house of MADELEINE CHOVIN, resident of Bourbon street, almost opposite from Telegraph; she asks all persons who have any information, to give her notice. 21 May [1807].

30 May 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
City Jail. Entered the jail of the said city, on the 21st instant, a new negro [MAN] of the Limba or Malimba nation, aged 25 to 30 years, four feet eight inches high, french measure; he has a sore about the inferior part of the left cheek [sic], and speaks none of the european languages. He was taken up at M. Saulet’s plantation. BLAS PUCHE, 23 May [1807].

10 June 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
City Jail. Runaway Negroes entered into the Jail. Two new Negroes, Congo nation, the one [DICK] who is about 20 years old, and the other [MAN] forty. They say the same ship brought them into the country; that they belong to different masters, and whose sugar plantations are established in the lower river, & on the right bank; they do not speak any language other than that of their country. The youngest is called Dick.

20 June 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Found Negress. We found, a few days ago, in the woods of the plantation of J. Fortier, a little runaway new Negro girl [GIRL]. He to whom she belongs, may claim her, in paying charges & for this notice; address yourself to Messrs. Fortier & sons.

20 June 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaways. On the night of the 6 to the 7 current, runaway from the plantation of Mr. JS. ROMAN, Acadia County, four new Negroes of the Mandingo nation, aged from 18 to 20 years, not yet having beard, three of them of about five feet six inches, & the other of five feet four or five inches. One of them has a round face, the skin red, and is named VIOLETTE; another of black skin, is sharp & responds to the name of AUGUSTIN; the third also of black skin, a large mouth, with thick lips, a long face, & is named THOMAS. The last is thin, and has two teeth in
the upper jaw filed to a point; he also has black skin, and responds to the name of LAURENT. Any persons having information, are requested to deliver by hand to the owner on his plantation, or in the city, either to jail or to Mr. Soulié.

15 July 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
20 Piasters Reward. The negress named DANAE, about sixteen years of age, with a slender build, of about five feet, flat face, nose a little flat, of the Mandingo nation, bearing the marks of that nation, which are dozen marks on the cheek, speaking Congo [sic] & French, after one year in the country, has been ranaway since the second of the present month, about 10 o’clock in the evening, dressed in a short sleeved shirt & a shirt of large [colette].—The said reward will be given, & all costs that are incurred will be paid, to whoever takes her to jail, or to the house of the undersigned.—Persons who have taken away the said maroon slave, will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. July 13 [1807]. C. B. DUFAU.

15 July 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway Negro. Since the Tenth of the Present Month. A Congo Negro, rather new [“presque brut”], about 14 years of age, with a rather attractive face, a little big for his age; he has a scar under his chin on the right side; he is named FIGARO; he left with a shirt of white cotton cloth, & pants of print linen striped red & white. The person who would make an arrest, or take him back to the undersigned, will be rewarded. July 13 [1807]. MOSSY.

18 July 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaways. There left in the night of the 8th to the 9th, three Congo negroes; one of them is called VINCENT, height of 5 feet 6 inches more or less, the top of the fingers of his right hand are white; the other also from the Congo is called JULIEN, height of 5 feet 3 to 4 inches, with a round face, marked with little spots; he understands a few words of English; the third is named CESAR, the same height, at the [minois] more sly than the others, with eyes sunken, a pointed chin, a wound on the side of his right leg, waling with his feet turned in. Those who have knowledge of the said negroes, are requested to make their arrest, & give notice to M. ARMAND, Acadia County, or to MM. P. & J. Roques merchants in town, who will give a reward. A Negress named AGATHE, of the Senegal nation, considered creole, being in the country since infancy, ranaway from the St. John bayou, the 14th of this month, belonging to M. J. BARRIERE residing at the said bayou. A just reward will be given to whoever takes her to jail, or brings her back to her owner.

29 July 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Jail of the City. There entered to the Jail, a new negro [MAN], Congo nation, aged about 18 to 20 years, height of five feet two inches, he has a scar about his upper lip; he says he belongs to one named M. GEORGE. BLAS PUCHE, Jailor. July 21 [1807].

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203 This description is the equivalent to the term “salt-water creole” as used in Jamaica.
29 July 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Negroes Found. Last May 4, there was brought to my house by M. Joseph Butler, a resident of Ascension Parish, a new negro [**MAN**] of about 19 or 20 years; he is vigorous, well built; he speaks neither English nor French; it is thought that he belongs to M. Paillette of Natchitoches, who has been written to through M. Potier, deputy surveyor of this Parish. Since then, no news has been received relating to this negro.—The owner is requested to communicate as soon as possible with THOMAS RANDALL, Judge of the Peace, at the town of Donaldson, Acadia County. July 16 [1807].

29 July 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
There was brought to the house of M. A. Labranche, justice of the peace of the parish of St. Charles of the Germans [Côte des Allemands], a new Negro runaway [**MAN**], Congo nation, aged about twenty three years, does not speak French well, height of five feet one inch; he has a small ring on the left foot; he says his master lives below the city and on the other bank.

12 August 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Runaways. A negro [**MAN**] of the Congo Mondongo nation, about twenty years of age, height of five feet two inches, large eyes, a round face, having on both cheeks three or four lines, marks of his country, left the residence of M. ARMAND, about June 20. Those who have knowledge, are requested to give notice to M. Masuraud Lawyer in town. August 10 [1807].

19 August 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
16 Piastres reward. A new Negro [**MAN**] and new Negresse [**WOMAN**], both of the Mina nation, & their infant child [**BOY**] aged about 20 months, ranaway Sunday the 16th of the present month of August. The Negro is very strong and very large, was dressed, when he ran away, in pantaloons of white cottonade, shirtless, having only a yard and a half of blue cotton, sometimes he has a scarf, sometimes in a wrapper [“tanga”]; he has a wen on the left wrist, & speaks neither English, nor French. The Negresse is of average height; clothed with a Ginga skirt of blue and white checkers, a handkerchief of bayonne on the head, & ordinarly carries her child on her back, a very nice boy, enveloped in an olive Indian wrapper, & has large white flowers. Sixteen piastres will be paid by M. Rivery, Commissioner of police, to one that will lead him, or who will put him in the jail.

29 August 1807, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Lost New Negro. Came to the brickyard of M. Benjamin Morgan, a little above the city, a new Negro [**MAN**] of the Mandingo nation, aged about thirty or forty years, very black & very thin, with only a shirt of red flannel, height of five feet. Nothing can be learned of the name of the master; he says that he was taken on board a boat for two or three days. His owner can get him back by addressing thereupon, and in paying the printing costs. 26 August 1807.
5 September 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaways. About eight days ago, a Congo Negro, named ALEXANDRE, with a rather good face & bearing, about 20 to 24 years of age, ranaway from the residence of M. BORE. Those who have knowledge are requested to notify his owner. August 31 [1807].

15 September 1807, Mississippi Herald and Natchez Repository
26 Dollars Reward. Ran Away on the 7th instant—a Negro Man named JACOB, by trade a Carpenter, about 28 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high; has a scar on his left cheek, wears whiskers and is a likely fellow. He was lately brought to this place by Mr. Nicholls of Tennessee. The above reward will be paid to any person who will apprehend and deliver him to the subscriber, or secure him in gaol so that he may get him again. Also, an African Boy, About 15 years of age, named SAWNEY; he has remarkable small hands and feet, speaks little or no English. Six dollars will be paid for apprehending him. W. BURLING. Sept. 9, 1807.

30 October 1807, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway. Absented himself from Mr. BRINGIER’s a new negro fellow named FOUACABE, Mandingo born, tall, yellowish complexion, marked with some country marks on both his jaws, he is about 27 or 28 years of age. He had on when he went away a green flannel shirt and a capeau. A handsome reward will be paid to any person on bringing said negro to his master or securing him in any jail.

9 December 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway. A Negro man named TELEMAQUE, of the Congo nation, about 24 years of age, having a burn on his right knee, ranaway the 8th of this month; he has a [nabot] & a chain. Those who find him are requested to take him back to M. DAQUIN, Royale & Maine streets. November 19 [1807].

9 December 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Negro Found. There was arrested near my residence, two or three days ago, a new negro [MAN], of the Ibo nation, of small height, having several marks on his face. I remember having seen & treated the same negro, before he was sold, for diarrhea, at the house of M. Ramsay in the suburb. I think that he was bought by the latter, or by Major Nott, or by M. Geo T. Phillips. This negro does not know the name of his master. The owner can reclaim him upon proving his ownership, & paying the expenses of the present notice. Providence, November 29, 1807. JOHN WATKINS.

11 December 1807, Courrier de la Louisiane
Ran-away, A Negro Wench, Named THERESE, 22 years of age, of the Congo nation, speaks a little French, she had on when she went away, a green flannel petticoat, with a wrapper of brown
cloth, and a cloak. She absconded on the 7th last. She is of an ordinary stature and has a middling handsome countenance, and appears to be pregnant. A generous reward will be given to any person who will bring said wench to BERTHE GRIMA, No. 9, on the square. December 11 [1807].

30 December 1807, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Negro Found. The 11th of this month, there was brought to my residence a Negro, who is called HARRY; he is of medium height, about 25 years of age, African, & speaks a little French & English; he formerly belonged to Mr. Stockes of Jamaica; he pronounces so badly the name of his present master that one cannot understand it. The owner is requested to pick him up as soon as possible. St. Jacques Parish, November 20, 1807. S. KERR.

9 March 1808, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaways. There ranaway from the residence of M. AUGUST CHAVANNE, the fourth of the present month, a new negro named ANTOINE, about 20 years of age, blinkered in one eye, somewhat ill of smallpox, height 5 feet 5 inches, of the Senegal nation, not understanding more than very little of what one says to him in English. A just reward will be given to whoever returns him to the house of his Master, at his residence at Metairie, or in his house in town, Ursulines street, No. 54. March 7 [1808].

9 March 1808, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaways in Jail. The negro named SEMBA, says he belongs to M. PETY, about 20 to 30 years of age; he is dressed in an olive-colored vest, blue pants, & a shirt of Ruffle cloth, height of five feet, & having pointed [filed] teeth. The negro JOHN, says he belongs to the same master, height of 5 feet 3 inches, about 20 to 25 years of age; he is wearing a capot, pants of ginga, & an old waistcoat of Berg-op-Zoom; he is missing several teeth. The negro named BABE, says he belongs to M. Harper; he speaks English; height about six English feet; he is thin. March 8 [1808].

9 March 1808, Moniteur de la Louisiane
70 Piasters Reward. A very black negro, about 25 years of age, named AUGUSTIN, missing a front tooth, creole, native of the barracks of Oppelousas; another named SALADIN, 18 years of age, who is stamped ROMAN in large letters on his chest; & another English negro, named MICHEL, of average height, with a strong bare chest, very muscular arms, ugly strong legs, ugly knees & deformed feet, very large ankles, & with a tight buttocks, also stamped on his chest ROMAN in large letters. Moreover, a new Man [MAN], of the Mandingo nation, a handsome man, 35 to 40 years of age, who is a griff.204 Whoever captures Augustin is assured twenty five piasters, & fifteen for each of the others who is returned to me. March 5 [1808].

204 In colonial Louisiana the term grif generally meant the progeny of a ‘Negro’ (black) and an Indian; Hall, Africans in Colonial Louisiane, pp.118, 262. In the nineteenth century, “griff” came to mean the child of a ‘Negro’ (black) and a ‘mulatto’ (mixed-race), as in the definitional statement by the Louisiana Supreme Court in 1910:
14 April 1808, Courrier de la Louisiane
10 Dollars Reward, Will be paid to the person who will bring back to the subscriber or lodge in the jail of this city, a negro wench named GENEVIEVE; who absconded on the 19th instant. Said wench is of a short stature, about 40 years old, reddish complexion, stout leg, well made and small feet, Congo born, and marked l’Ecaormortiere; which mark may not be very legible. She had on when she went away a blue striped petticoat and a flannel capot. She is supposed to be harbored in one the neighboring plantations either on this or the other side of the river. She used to sell bread on the Levee. HECAUD. March 29 [1808].

9 April 1808, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaways. A Negro named SCAPIN or KOFFI, of the Aoussa nation,205 height of five feet six inches, having stripes on each cheek, the little toe of one foot cut off, stamped M.V.206 A Negress named ZAIRE, of the Congo nation, height of four feet five or six inches, having stripes on each cheek, her skin a little reddish, stamped M.V. & pregnant, left with a large can of white iron with a handle. These two slaves are used to being rented out in town, & to working secretly. It is requested that any person who has knowledge give notice to the printers of the Moniteur, & to have them brought to prison; there will be a reward. MONTAGNAC. April 8 [1808].

“There is also the less widely known word ‘griff’, which, in this state, has a definite meaning, indicating the issue of a negro and a mulatto. The person too black to be a mulatto and too pale in color to be a negro is a griff.” Quoted in Anthony G. Barthelemy, “Light, Bright, Damn Near White: Race, the Politics of Genealogy, and the Strange Case of Susie Guillory,” in Sybil Kein, ed., Creole: The History and Legacy of Louisiana’s Free People of Color (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2000), p.255. For a discussion of Euro-Africans (seignares, lançados, and filhos de terra) in eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Senegambian history, see Barry, Senegambia and the Atlantic Slave Trade, pp.76-80, 134-135, 165-167; and for coastal Upper Guinea, see Walter Hawthorne, Planting Rice and Harvesting Slaves: Transformations along the Guinea-Bissau Coast, 1400-1900 (Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 2003), chapter 2. One notes, however, that this unnamed runaway African in Louisiana, whose skin-tone looked to his master as if the slave was mixed-raced (“a griff”), was identified simply as “of the Mandingo nation” (and not something on the order of ‘Portuguese Mandingo’ – which notably is a term not known to be used in the diaspora for any slaves from Senegambia/Upper Guinea).

205 i.e., Hausa from modern-day northern Nigeria, and thus Muslim.

206 For later occurrence, see Moniteur de la Louisiane, 25 February 1809: HENRY,—SCAPIN or COFFE; the first [Henry] of the Congo nation, & of a height of five feet, with the toe of one foot marked with a whitish scar, & stamped on the shoulder M.V.; the second [Scapin or Coffie] is Aoussa, height of five feet five to six inches, having lines on each cheek, the little toe of one foot removed, & stamped M.V. on the shoulder. It is requested to give notice to the Moniteur. There will be a reward. February 8 [1809]. For another later occurrence, or perhaps a later iteration, see * Moniteur de la Louisiane, 29 December 1809: 10 Pasters Reward for each of the negro maroons below. HENRI, negro, of the Aoussa nation, height four feet five inches, stamped M. Vasur on the shoulder & the chest, having the big toe of one foot marked with a scar, & with lines near his mouth, following the custom of his country, having good teeth. CAFE or SCAPIN, of the Aoussa nation [sic], height five feet several inches, stamped M. V., having the little finger of one hand hook-shaped, & the joint of the little toe of one foot cut off. Notify the Moniteur. November 21 [1809].
31 May 1808, *Louisiana Gazette*
Run-Away Negroes. Brought to the subscriber on the 23d inst. a negro of the Mena [Mina] nation\(^{207}\) who calls himself **ALEXIS**, & says he belongs to a Mr. PREVOST near New Orleans, has on Oznaburgh trowsers, and blanket capot—Also, another of the name DICK, who says he was born in Providence, and is owned by a Mr. Labiche, of New-Orleans, the former speaks a little French, the latter English, French and Spanish, and is by trade a taylor. EDWARD D. TURNER, Judge of the Parish of Ascension. Point Houmas, May 25, 1808.

28 June 1808, *Louisiana Gazette*
Runaways! Brought to the Subscriber Two Negroes of the Congo nation; one [**MAN**] of whom says he belongs to a Monsieur HERANG, near Orleans; the other [**MAN**] to JACOB MILLER or Mr. DUPLENTEER. EDW. D. TURNER, Judge of Acadia. Point Houmas, June 18 [1808].

20 July 1808, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
10 Piasters Reward The Negro named **BIRAME**, of the Senegal nation, of the first cargo of Mr. Villechaise, about twenty years of age, with red skin, his face a little elongated, a little thin, stamped on the chest ROMAN, runaway from the residence of the said M. ROMAN, who will give the promised reward to whoever will bring him back to his residence, or will take him to jail, upon notifying, in this latter case, M. SOULIE. July 11, 1808.

3 November 1808, *Louisiana Gazette*
Ranaway, From my plantation, one an half leagues below town, on the opposite side of the river, A Negro Man, from Africa of the Mandingo tribe; now about six months in this country; stout and well made; walks with his toes turned out, for a black quite gracefully, somewhat scarred with the effects of Small Pox in his face—about 5 feet 8 inches high; speaks some English words imperfectly, but no french [sic]—since in this country, he had been named **PERO**. Any person who will give information of or secure the above Negro, shall be handsomely rewarded, on application to Mr. Silliman at the plantation, or to the subscriber at New-Orleans. SAMUEL PACKWOOD. September 9, 1808.

17 January 1809, *Louisiana Gazette*
A Runaway. In the gaol at Donaldson’s-Ville, county of Acadia, A Runaway Negro [**MAN**], of the Congo nation; had remarkably thick lips, and is aged about 21 or 22 years. Says he belongs to a Madam BRENSON of Bayou Sarah, and left there when the Cane was about a foot high. E. D. TURNER, Judge.

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\(^{207}\) i.e., Mina (Gbe-speaking, Ewe-Fon).
25 February 1809, Moniteur de la Louisiane

HENRY,—SCAPIN or COFFE; the first [Henry] of the Congo nation, & of a height of five feet, with the toe of one foot marked with a whitish scar, & stamped on the shoulder M.V.; the second [Scapin or Coffe]208 is Aoussa, height of five feet five to six inches, having lines on each cheek, the little toe of one foot removed, & stamped M.V. on the shoulder. It is requested to give notice to the Moniteur. There will be a reward. February 8 [1809].209

22 April 1809, Moniteur de la Louisiane

Runaway Slave. There left from the plantation of the undersigned, on March 29, Acadia County...[sic] young negro, named APOLLON, of Congo nation, five feet, three inches, twenty-two years, good figure, name of owner tattooed on chest, speaks French and English, attired in blanket coat and black Kerseymere trousers. It is assumed that he went to New Orleans. Honest reward to finder who will return him to M. Claude Treme, New Orleans or to the undersigned on his plantation: CHEVALIER MARLARCHER, Acadia County. April, 1809.

3 May 1809, Moniteur de la Louisiane

Runaway Slave. A rather attractive Congo negro, who says his name is JEAN LOUIS, is in the Jail of St. John the Baptist parish; a long time ago, he was denounced in this paper says that he belonged to M. Fowler of Acadia County, but he told me that he does not have any negro runaway. M. Cantrelle sent someone to identify him, thinking that he belonged to his son, who did not recognize him; if anyone is missing him, I request him to come and pick him up. After having been very well, he is at this moment sick, which obliges me, by humanity and by duty, to ease his captivity. Any person, in proving their ownership, & paying the costs of capture, transport & of the present notice, will be allowed to claim him. He says he is from the Congo. St. John the Baptist Parish, this April 28 1809. A. TROUARD.

15 July 1809, Moniteur de la Louisiane

Runaway Negress The Negress named SOPHIE, 18 to 20 years of age, of the Mina nation, with a rather attractive face, of medium height, has disappeared today in the early morning from the house of her master, MAURICE POPUTUS, a free man of color, Bourbon Street, North, No. 20. She should be properly dressed, having left the house with the old clothes which she wore the day before. Any persons who find her in the town or in the vicinity are requested to take her to

208 duplicative: for previous occurrence of running away, see Moniteur de la Louisiane, 9 April 1808.

209 For a later occurrence, or perhaps a later iteration, see Moniteur de la Louisiane, 29 December 1809: 10 Piasters Reward for each of the negro maroons below. HENRI, negro, of the Aoussa nation, height four feet five inches, stamped M. Vasur on the shoulder & the chest, having the big toe of one foot marked with a scar, & with lines near his mouth, following the custom of his country, having good teeth. CAFE or SCAPIN, of the Aoussa nation [sic], height five feet several inches, stamped M. V., having the little finger of one hand hook-shaped, & the joint of the little toe of one foot cut off. Notify the Moniteur. November 21 [1809].
her master, & those who find her outside are requested to take her to the nearest jail. In either case, there will be a reward. July 14 [1809].

23 August 1809, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Notice. St. John the Baptist Parish, August 8, 1809. There has been brought to me a young Congo negress who is rather fat; she says her name is ROSETTE, and that she got lost or was separated from her master, who was going up the river with a negro and her; but he was going by land, & the slaves were in a pirogue; not seeing their master they split up to find him. This negress was arrested in my District. Besides, she speaks very little French, appearing to speak the language of the negroes of St. Domingue,210 which could make one believe what she declared, that her master was one of these new arrivals.211 Any person having rights over her can pick her up, when he proves his ownership, & pays the costs of capture, transport, food & those of the present notice. A. TROUARD.

30 September 1809, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway Negro. Wednesday, the 20th of the present month, a new Negro named HERCULE ranaway; he was, at the time of his departure, wearing a shirt and pants of blue ginga; he is of a height of five feet three or four inches French measure, with a rather attractive face, & he has a small wart on his right shoulder. Any person who finds him is requested to give notice to the Moniteur, or to take him to one of the prisons of this County.

1 November 1809, Moniteur de la Louisiane
20 Piasters Reward The tenth of September, a negro named CESAR ranaway, of the Congo nation, speaking English & French, of a rather strong complexion, 24 years of age, height of 5 feet 5 to 6 inches, stamped on this chest with six letters, forming an illegible name. The said reward will be given to any person who takes him to jail, or who brings him back to WIDOW CHESNE, At the corner of Ursulines & Bourbon streets. October 20 [1809].

1 November 1809, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaway Slave. The Negro named CHARLEMAGNE departed this morning from the house of the undersigned; he is stamped on his left breast Laviliette, & on one shoulder, the mark of the ship on which he came, about forty five years of age, with a rather round face, large lips, having over all his body the marks of large spots of Guinea, with big and wide feet, thin and dry legs. Those who have knowledge are requested to give notice to his master the undersigned, residing at the house of M. Lebreton Dorgenoi on the bayou road. PIERRE BAHAU. October 18 [1809].

210 presumably refering to Haitian Creole [kweol].

211 In 1809, some 9,000 refugees from St. Domingue (and the Haitian Revolution), via Cuba, arrived in Louisiana, of whom one-third (3,226) were slaves; this emigration effectively doubled the population of New Orleans. See Paul F. Lachance, “The 1809 Immigration of Saint-Domingue Refugees to New Orleans: Reception, Integration and Impact,” Louisiana History 29, 2 (1988), pp.109-141.
5 November 1809, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Runaway in Jail. A new Negro named **HARRY**, of the Congo nation, about 24 to 28 years of age, height of five feet six inches, English measure, rather corpulent, with a large nose, pointed and well elevated, two teeth of the upper jaw filed to a point; he has on his shoulders the marks of his country, & a scar on one leg near the knee. The said negro says he belongs to M. LANDRY, a resident of Attaccapas. B. PUCHE. November 6 [sic] [1809].

31 January 1810, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
10 Piasters Reward There ranaway the 14th of this month, from the Viltz Suburb, the negro named **POMPEE**, of the Mina nation, height of about five feet, 26 years of age, dressed in a frock coat of brown [camelot], & pants of guinee & wearing, moreover, an old capot without a hood. Those who arrest him are requested to take him to jail, or to the undersigned owner in the said suburb. LAMBERT FIERE. January 25 [1810].

21 February 1810, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Runaway Slave. The Negress **CHARLOTTE**, 35 years of age, ordinary height, of the Congo Nation, speaking French, English and Spanish, having a dark black mark on each cheek, & a scar on her right leg, dressed in a [roupe] of blue wool, ranaway last Monday, January 29. A just reward will be given to those who bring her back to MARIE JEANNE BROSSARD, her mistress, Ursulines Street, near Rempart [sic], or who take her to jail. February 6 [1810].

21 March 1810, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
40 Dollars Reward For Four Runaway slaves, To Wit A Negro named **JIM**, speaking English, about 30 years of age, having two fingers of his right hand wounded. A negro woman named **HARRIET**, Canga born, about 33 years of age, speaks French, belonging formerly to Mrs. Delaure. She is very small. Two other negro wenches, born in Senegal, the first one named **MARIANNE** very tall and handsome; the other named **JUNON**, is very fat and of a middle stature, in the country since two years. Ten dollars for each will be paid on their been delivered to the jailer or to the subscriber, or half of that to the person giving sufficient information so as to lead to their place of abode. CHARLES GROSS. 19 Mrs. Faubourg Ste. Marie.

12 May 1810, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Runaways at the Jail. The Negro named **ANDRE**, of the Poulard Nation, having a riveted iron collar on his neck, 20 to 24 years of age, dressed in an old torn capot; he is said to belong to Mr. TROUARD, & was arrested in the cypress grove of M. Alpuente. May 9 [1810]. The Negro **JOHN**, height about five feet, 24 years of age, said to be of the Congo Nation, & to belong to Mr. KERRY, Irish, resident of Natchez, to whom he was sold by Mr. Gramond, arrested on the German Coast, St. Jacques Parish. May 9 [1810].
13 June 1810, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*
Runaway Negro. The 5th of this month there ranaway from the house of his master, Mr. ANTONIO GONZALES, at the corner of Douanne street, and the levee, a negro named RAPHAEL, cart driver, 28 to 30 years of age, very pock-marked, heigh about five feet, of the Mina nation, speaking Spanish, French & English. It is assumed that he is in the neighborhood of the town. Those who arrest him are requested to take him to his master, who will give a reward if it is demanded.

16 July 1810, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Slave in Maroonage. There ranaway from the house of his mistress the morning of the 13th of the present month the negro FIGARO of the Congo nation, about twenty-six years of age, five feet four inches in height, with a very black face, having a lot of beard, the small teeth excessively white. He is a stout type; he has small ears, a mark of his country on his temples, and a burn mark on one of his legs. He took with him the clothes that he had on at the time that he left, to wit: a shirt of ginga, a pantaloons and a [verreuse] of Russian material, stained with red paint. Whoever takes him back to the undersigned will receive a just reward. Mde. Wid. FAURIE. Royale Street No. 43. July 16 [1810].

24 July 1810, *Louisiana Gazette*
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the plantation lately the property of Wm. Brown, for following Negroes, to wit: The Negro GRAND JACK, from 30 to 35 years old, from 5 feet 4 inches to 5 feet 5 inches; a native of Bambara, speaking very bad English; he has on his face several notchings. The negro GRAND GEORGE, born in Philadelphia, speaking good English and a French, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high; the great toe of his right foot is deformed. B. CENAS. May [1810].

31 July 1810, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway from the plantation of the subscriber, on the 12th July instant, a negro wench named FINETTE, of the Congo nation, and came from Cuba to this place about two years ago, about 25 years old, a little below the ordinary stature, of a good constitution, 6 or 7 months gone with child [pregnant]. She carried with her all her clothes. She has no country marks whatsoever on her face. A generous reward will be given to any person who will lodge her in jail or bring her back to the plantation of MANUEL PEREZ. July 29 [1810].

20 August 1810, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway Negro at the Jail. A negro man named PIERRE, called petit CAPOT, of the Mandinga nation, from 40 to 45 years, 4 French feet 10 inches high, having some marks of his country on

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212 presumably a reference to the 1809 St. Domingue refugee emigration, which was via Cuba.
his face. He says he belongs to Mr. BONSEIGNEUR a planter at the English turn. B. PUCHE. August 20 [1810].

20 August 1810, Courrier de la Louisiana
Runaway Negro at the Jail. A negro named WILLIAM, mandinga [sic] by birth, pretty well looking, and of a dark complexion bearing on his breast a stamp of his native country, and wanting two teeth in the lower jaw. He wears a pantaloon and a capot of flannel, but very old and worn, an old coat of dark cloth, a handkerchief round his head, and has a bundle of very old clothes. He is about 26 years old 4 feet and 10 1/2 inches high; French measure. He don’t know the name of his master, and can’t give any information about his residence. He speaks neither French nor English. The said negro has been stopped by Mr. J. Morin, at two and half leagues below and on the other bank of the river, on the eighth instant. B. PUCHE. August 20 [1810].

20 August 1810, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway Negro confined in the jail. A negro named DIXON of the Ibo nation, speaking a little French, about 30 years old, five French feet two inches high, of a robust make. When taken up he wore a jacket of blue cloth and a black hat. The said negro was taken on board the ship Two Brothers Cap. Greinough, 21 leagues below the city, on his way to the northward. He says he belongs to an inhabitant lately from one of the northern states, now settled in Atakapas. B. PUCHE. August 20 [1810].

22 August 1810, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Runaways in Jail A new negro [MAN], of the Congo nation, about 20 to 25 years of age, height of five feet, dressed in pants of blue material, with a capot. He has not given any information about the residence of his master. April 2, 1810.

12 September 1810, Courrier de la Louisiane
Negro in Jail. A Negro named GEORGE, of the Congo nation, says he belongs to Mr. JOHAS, about 26 or 28 years old, 4 feet 8 or 10 inches high, wears an old green cloth jacket and yellow nankeen pantaloons. September 12 [1810].

17 October 1810, Moniteur de la Louisiane
Negro Runaways. There ranaway from the residence of JOSEPH DUPART, Monday morning, the 8th of this month, two Negroses hereafter designated JACQUES, Congo, 28 to 30 years of age, height of about five feet two inches, bearded, very black, & with an attractive face; PAUL, Congo, 23 to 24 years of age, height of about five feet six inches, without a beard, very black, & with an attractive face, having on his chest the marks of his country; they took with them their clothes. Those who have knowledge of them, are requested to take them to the nearest jail, or to the house of their owner, if they are not arrested very far from their residence, located at Detour, five leagues below the town, & on the other bank. October 10 [1810].
8 December 1810, Courrier de la Louisiane
10 Piasters Reward. There ranaway from the house of his master, M. COTTERET, the negro named BOBBE, of the Ibo nation, 26 to 28 years of age, height about five feet, speaking English, French & Spanish, having on the right side of his mouth several spots; the said negro had been sold by the estate of M. Chay.—The said reward will be given to whoever takes him to his master, or upon giving news by which the said master can take him into his possession. Captains of ships are warned, if they take him aboard, they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. December 7 [1810].

31 December 1810, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway from the plantation of Messrs. BONNE and MOURLOT, lately belonging to Mr. DeCruys, a Negro Congo named SMITH, 24 or 26 years old, five feet 4 or 5 inches high, speaking French and English broken, stout, very black, blubber lips, bearing some country marks on his breast and branded on the shoulders. He was dressed when he run away with a great coat, pantaloons of coarse blue cloth and red flannel shirt. A liberal reward will be given to any person who will bring him to his master or commit him to jail. Captains of vessels are requested not to take him on board under penalties incurred by law. December 26 [1810].

31 December 1810, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway Negro Committed to the Jail—A new negro [MAN] Congo from twenty to 25 years old, five feet high dressed with a pantaloons of course [sic] blue cloth, great-coat, and blanket. He can’t give any information relative to his master. B. PUCHE. December 28 [1810].

21 January 1811, Courrier de la Louisiane
Run-Away Slave in Jail. A Negro-woman named FRANCOISE, Congo by birth, speaking a little French, dressed with a petticoat of red flannel, a blanket great-coat and having round her head a red-handkerchief. She declares herself to be the property of an inhabitant of the upper coast, whose name she cannot tell. January 21st [1811].

29 July 1811, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway from the plantation of the subscriber, on the 12th July instant, a negro wench named FINETTE, of the Congo nation, and came from Cuba to this place about two years ago, about 25 years old, a little below the ordinary stature, of a good constitution, 6 or 7 months gone with child. She carried with her all her clothes. She has no country marks whatsoever [sic] on her face.

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213 The fact that he was described as a ‘new negro’ presumably means either that he was taken to Louisiana in the 1809 St.-Domingue emigration (via Cuba) or from an illegal transatlantic shipment smuggled into the state.

214 Presumably a reference to the 1809 St. Domingue refugee emigration, which was via Cuba.
A generous reward will be given to any person who will lodge her in jail or bring her back to the plantation of MANUEL PEREZ. July 29 [1811].

21 August 1811, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway in Jail. Was brought to the jail on the 16th inst. a negro man named SCIPION, about twenty-five years of age, four feet eight inches high, English measure, of the Congo nation, speaks nothing but English and cannot tell the name of his master. BLAS PUCHE. August 21 [1811].

26 August 1811, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway on the 21st August instant from the subscriber, living in Orleans street, a negro man named HENRY, of the Senegal nation, five feet 2 or 3 inches high, French measure, very black, handsome face, speaks French and English, about 22 years of age, branded Cuvillier. A reward will be given to any person lodging him in jail, or bringing him back to IMBERT. August 26 [1811].

16 September 1811, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaways in Jail. A Negro named JOHN, of the Poular nation, 20 or 22 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, very black, thick lips and red eyes; he is clothed with a shirt and pantaloon of coarse linen, a blue cloth waist coat and an old blanket coat; speaks a little French and English; says he belongs to an American planter, named Mr. GOUSE, living between the Balize and Plaquemine. BLAS PUCHE. September 16 [1811].

27 September 1811, Courrier de la Louisiane
Negro in Jail. A negro named FRANK, of the Ebo nation, about 30 years old, 5 feet high (French measure) [sic] having the teeth of the lower jaw filed, and marks on the stomach occasioned by flogging; he says he is free, and that he came to this country from New-York about 2 years and an half ago, in a vessel commanded by one Mr. Collins; said negro speaks English only. B. PUCHE. September 23 [1811].

21 October 1811, Courrier de la Louisiane
Ranaway from the subscriber on Friday morning the 4th instant, the negro wench named LOUISE, of the Ibo nation, aged 22 years, of the ordinary height and slender, having some country marks on her face. She ordinarily wears a blue and white striped peticoat [sic], a colored handkerchief on her neck and another on her head. She was in the habit of going to Gravier’s fields. A generous reward will be given to any person who will bring her to the undersigned

215 i.e., Fulbe [Fulani, Fula]; the language is called Fufulde or Poulard.

216 In the French version, his name is given as “FRACK” [sic].
living in the faubourg Marigny, or lodge her in prison. All persons are forewarned against
harboring her, as they will be prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the law. AV. LAMARLERE.
October 18, 1811.

28 October 1811, Courrier de la Louisiane
Ten Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the Orange Grove plantation about the 28th ult. a negro boy
named GLASCOW, supposed to be twenty years old, about 5 feet high, thickset, and very black
colour, of the Congo nation, speaks English pretty well (no French) dressed when he went
away in a check shirt and white pantaloons. Whoever will apprehend said runaway and deliver
him to the city jailer, or the subscriber, shall be entitled to the above reward. BENJ. MORGAN.
October 23 [1811].

6 November 1811, Courrier de la Louisiane
Forty Dollars Reward, Will be given to any person who will bring back to the subscriber the
negro wench called JULIE, belonging to the creditors of D. BARRAN, she is a native of
Senegal, tall, slender, her lips extremely thick, flat nose, and her face a little marked with the
small pox. It is six months since she ranaway, and according to some indications, it is believed
that she is wandering about on the German Coast, living alternately on the different plantations.
DQUE. ROUQUETTE, One of the syndics of the creditors of D. Barron. November 1 [1811].

6 November 1811, Courrier de la Louisiane
Fifty Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the subscriber’s brick yard on the night of the 3rd instant,
two negro men, to wit: PHILIP of the Congo nation, aged about 25 years, thick set, black
complexion, a large head, very thick prominent lips, speaks English and French, and stutters a
good deal when speaking, about 5 feet high, French measure. JACK, also a Congo, about 5 feet
3 inches high, French measure and about 21 years old, a handsome well made negro, reddish
complexion, his two front upper teeth-filed [sic]. They were both dressed alike when they went
away, in blue round jackets and trowsers, but took with them sundry other articles of clothing.
Whoever will apprehend said negroes and deliver them to the subscriber, shall be entitled to
above reward. BENJ. MORGAN. November 6 [1811].

6 November 1811, Courrier de la Louisiane
Ten Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the plantation of DENIS DE LA RONDE, a negro fellow
named HANDY [HENRY], native of Africa, having been three or four years in the States, & in
this territory about three months only, he was bought of Mr. Barran. He had on when he went
off, a pair of blue cottonade pantaloons, a white shirt and a new blanket coat. He has several
country marks on his face. The above reward will be given to any person bringing him back to
his master, or lodging him in prison. November 1 [1811].

217 Published English text. Cf. the French variant: Courrier de la Louisiane, 6 November 1811: Dix piastes
de Récompense. Parti maron de l’habitation de Mr. Denis de la Ronde, le nègre nommé HENRY, ne en Afrique,
ayant passé trois ou quatre ans au Nord Amerique, et dans la Colonie depuis trois mois soulement; il a été vendu par
25 July 1812, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway Negress. There left as a maroon from the house of the undersigned about two months ago, the negress named JULIENNE, of the Congo nation, about twenty years of age, belonging to M. ARNAUD BEAUVASIS, resident of Point Coupee. She is a little pocked very black, with good teeth, speaking French & English, of an attractive height. N.B. Ships’ captains are invited to not take her on board. A reward of ten piasters will be paid to whoever takes her to the house of the undersigned. JEAN BAPTISTE LABATUT. July 22 [1812].

13 January 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway Negro in Jail. Brought to the Jail of this City, a negro named GEORGE BILL, five feet two inches (French measure,) [sic] high, belonging to Mr. DANES WILLIAM of Savannah, from whom he ran away eleven years ago. Said negro is aged twenty five years or thereabouts and has stripes on his face; he pretends himself free. P. PUCHE, Jailer. Sept. 25 [1812].

13 January 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway Negro in Jail. A young negro named PACA, of the Senegal nation, four feet 3 inches high, (French measure;) [sic] aged eleven years, or thereabouts, was brought to the jail. Said boy says he belongs to Mr. ROBIN, from whom he ran away about a week ago. B. PUCHE, Jailer. Oct. 19 [1812].

13 January 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Negro in the jail of the Parish of Ascension. An African negro [MAN], knowing neither his own name nor the name of his master, he speaks neither English or French has been put into the jail of this parish. The owner of the said slave is requested to prove the tittle [sic] of property to said slave pay the expenses and take him out. W.H. MEARS. December 30 [1812].

Mr. Baron. Il est vêtu d’un pantalon de Cotonnade bleu, d’une chemise blanche d’un capot de couverte neuf. Il porte sur la figure quelques marques de son pays. La susdite récompense sera donnée à ceux qui le ranièneront à son maître ou le metront à la geôle. 1er Novembre [1811].

218 For later occurrence, see *Courrier de la Louisiane*, 7 April 1813: Runaway Slaves. A negro fellow named JOHN, about 47 years old, 5 feet, and 3 inches high, French measure, a creole from Charleston, one of his toes being curtailed, and declaring that he belongs to Mr. Loyd Borther a planter of Natchez. Another negro fellow named GEORGE BILL, about 25 years old, five feet two inches high, (French measure,) [sic] bearing scars on his face and pretending to be free. The said negroes have escaped from my hospital, where they had been sent from the jail to be cured. A liberal reward will be given to any person stopping the said negroes and bringing them back to the subscriber or lodging them into one of the jails of the state. LAFFERANDERIE, a physician. N.B. All captains or any other persons concealing or harbouring the said negroes on board, will be prosecuted according to the law. April 8 [sic] [1813].
22 January 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Ten Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the subscriber, a Congo negro [MAN] aged 28 years, 5 feet 5 inches high, French measure. He will be easily known, as he has the fourth toe of each foot shorter than usually, and raising on the third. He had on when he absconded an old grey jacket, and blue cotonnade pantaloons. F. BAZILE. F. Bazile, Esq., Justice of the Peace has begun again the duties of his office since the 7th inst. His office is always kept at the suburb St. Mary on the levee in Mr. LeBranche’s house. Jan. 28 [sic] [1813].

25 January 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway Negro in Jail. A Negro named, BAPTISTE, of the Banbara [Bambara] nation, aged 40 or 45 years 4 feet, 11 inches high, (French measure) [sic] having the stripes of his country on his face. Said slave wears Russian pantaloons, a brown linnen shirt, a white-cloth waist-coat without sleeves, and a blanket coat. He says he belongs to Mr. ZENON FRAIRER, living up the river. B. PUCHE, Jailor. January 25 [1813].

10 February 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway Negro in Jail. A negro named CEZAR of the congo [sic] nation aged about 40 years, 5 feet high (French measure) [sic], has on a red flannel shirt, & an old olive colored velvet pantaloons, and an old blanket coat, says he belongs to Mr. BINEAU, below and on the other side of the river. The said negro has the name of his master stamped on his breast. BLAS PUCHE, Jailer February 10 [1813].

10 March 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway from the house of Mr. STABLE, in Royal Street between Dumaine and St. Phillipe, at the house of Mde. Dupre, a negro wench of the Congo nation, named ADELE, aged about 35 years, 4 feet 8 inches high, dressed with a white blanquet coat, speaks very little French and English. A handsome reward will be given to whomsoever will deliver the said slave to the proprietor. The captains of vessels are forwarned of harboring slave under the penalty of law. March 8 [1813].

12 March 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway Negroes. Runaway from the subscriber’s in the night of the 10th inst. the negroes named TOM, and JACK. Tom is of the Congo nation a fine negro 24 or 26 years of age, with scars on his forehead, speaking principally English, and speaking also pretty well French, 5 feet 6 inches high. Jack, born in the United States, speaking English only 5 feet high (French measure) [sic] very fat having a very large face and rotten teeth. Tom had on a red flannel shirt, a grey cloth pantaloone and round about jacket. Jack had on a brown linnen shirt, a grey cloth jacket and two pantaloons whereof one of the same stuff as the jacket and the other of cotonade. A reward of five dollars shall be given for each of the said slaves, to any person lodging them in jail or bring them back to the subscriber. RARON Junr. March 12 [1813].
24 March 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
In the jail of the parish of Iberville, a runaway negro slave, calling himself SAM, 5 feet 1-2 inches, (French measure) [sic] high, aged 25 or 30 years, Senegal nation, says he belongs to Mr. ALEXANDER LABRANCHE, near New Orleans. March 2d, 1813. D.D. BROWN. March 22 [1813].

7 May 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway Slave. Runaway from Mdme. RAMOS on the 30th April, a negro wench aged about 18 years old, a Congo by birth, and named ZOE. She is a milk retailer, about 4 feet 6 inches high, French measure, small feet, looking well, and dressed with a cotton shirt and coat of a white bottom, interspersed with red flowers. She had a handkerchief round her head, and speaks only French with some volubility. Masters of vessels and every other person are forwarned against harbouring her under the penalties incurred by law. A liberal reward to any person bringing her back to her mistress. MADAM VINCT. RAMOS. May 7 [1813].

19 May 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
In Jail at the Parish of Iberville. An African negro [MAN], 4 feet 10 inches high (French measure) [sic], speaks French, English and a little Spanish, very much marked with the small pox; says he belongs to Ms. ARNAUD MARTIGUE of Point Coupee, it is about two years since he ran away from his master. DANIEL D. BROWN, Sheriff. May 17 [1813].

5 July 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway Negro in Jail. A new negro named BAPTISTE, of the Congo nation, aged about 25 to 28 years, 4 feet and half high (French measure,) [sic] having the marks of his nation on his forehead, temple, breast and belly. He says he belongs to Mr. PIERRE a sugar planter up the coast. The said negro had on when he went away an old blanket capot and a pair of cottonade pantaloons. July 2 [1813].

15 October 1813, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Notice.—Ranaway from the subscriber since the 1st of October instant, a Congo negro named PAUL from 22 to 23 years of age, five feet 2 or 3 inches high; he had on a nankeen pantaloons, and a white shirt. The said slave speaks nothing but French, and has several marks of lashes; he is crooked legged. A handsome reward will be given to whomever shall bring him back to the

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219 This designation, in mid-1813, suggests smuggling or illegal slave-trade shipments to Louisiana.

220 For variation see also *Moniteur de la Louisiane*, 17 July 1813: Maroon in Jail. A brute [new] negro, named BAPTISTE, of the Congo Nation, about 25 to 28 years of age, height of four feet & a half French measure, having the marks of his country in front [on the forehead], on his temples, his stomach & on his belly; he is said to belong to Mr. PIERRE, resident up-river & a sugar maker. The said negro is dressed in an old capot, & an old cotton trowsers. B. PUCHE, Jailer. July 2 [1813].
undersigned. Masters of vessels are forbidden harbouring the said negro. F. GAUDY, Royal street. October 8 [1813].

27 October 1813, Courrier de la Louisiane
Fifty Dollars Reward Will be paid to whomever shall stop or give sufficient information to stop the negro named MARTIN of the Congo nation, runaway about 15 months since. He has lost one of his foreteeth and his other teeth are filed after his country’s fashion; he speaks badly French; his height is 5 feet 2 inches. He is supposed to be some where up the river. The undersigned also offers 10 dollars for the taking of each of the following slaves, runaway from his plantation: LINDOR, a mulatto, a cartman, well-known in this city, and JACQUES, a Bambara negro having stripes in his face, speaking bad French and English, of the height of about 5 feet, having lost several of his front teeth. He used to belong to Mr. Roger, a coaster. FELIX FORSTALL. November 8 [sic] [1813].

1 November 1813, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway Negro in Jail. Was brought to the police jail on the 6th Sept. last, a negro named LINDOR of the Congo nation, of the height of five feet French measure, having several marks of the small pox about his face, and one of his upper teeth filed sharp. The said negro when he entered the jail had on a coarse linen shirt and pantaloons, and pretended to belong to Mr. Manuel Landry, a planter at Baton Rouge, from whom he had ran away. N. GIROD, Mayor. November 1 [1813].

19 January 1816 Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway Negroes kept in Jail. The negro CLARK, of the Congo nation, having some marks of his country on his forehead, aged about 20 years, a round face, four feet nine inches (Amer. measure) [sic] high, speaking very bad English, and in the habit of answering in Congo the questions laid to him. Said negro says he belongs to a Mr. WILLIAM or FRANK, whose residence he was not able to indicate. New Orleans, Nov. 14, 1815. JQUES. LAMOTHE, Jailor. Nov. 15 [1815].

26 January 1816, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway Slaves. Ran away from the plantation of Mr. CHEVALIER MALARCHER in the county of Acadia, two negroes of the Congo nation, named PIRAME and BUMA; the latter has some marks of his country on the breast; both are of a middling size. A handsome reward will be given by the owner on his plantation, or by the subscribers in town. DEBUYS & LONGER. Jan. 26 [1816].
14 March 1816, *La Ami des Lois* [LA]
German Coast, parish of St. Charles. Brought to the prison of this parish, a black woman of the Mandinga nation, named MINA; says she belongs to a quarteron [quadroon] of St. Domingo named ADELE, living in Dauphine street New Orleans.

29 March 1816, *La Ami des Lois* [LA]
Runaway Slave. Ran away on the 27th instant, from Mr. Dreaux’s lot, an African of the Tangier nation, named JEAN BAPTISTE, a handsome fellow, about 22 years of age, and 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high. He was employed at the Arsenal, and had on at the time white pantaloons, broad stripe affraicca roundabout, white cotton shirt, a pair of coarse shoes, and a new hat. A liberal reward will be paid for securing said slave in jail, or conducting him to the subscriber in St. Philip street near the levee. LOISBAU. 29 march [sic] [1816].

17 April 1816, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway Slaves. Ran away from Madame widow VILLECHAISE’s house, on Saturday last the 13th instant, the negro wench named LISSETTE, about five feet one inch high, creole of this country, speaking a little English, of a very dark complexion, and a handsome face. Said wench lately belonged to Mad. Roger, and is well known in this city. Ran away also, about two months since, a negro named SENEGAL, of the Senegal nation, 5 feet 2 inches high, of a reddish complexion, more like a griffe than a negro. He always belonged to Mr. Villechaise. It is not believed that the said boy speaks English. A handsome reward will be given to any person who may stop said slaves and bring them back to their mistress in Maine, near the corner of Royal street. Masters of vessels and others are forbidden harboring said slaves, under pain of being prosecuted with all the rigor of the law. april [sic] 17 [1816].

22 April 1816, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway Slaves. Ran away on the 16th of March from the subscriber’s plantation at Plaquemine, 7 leagues below Baton Rouge, the following slaves: The negro named JEOT, English born, aged 37 years, reddish complexion. LEVEILLE, a creole negro, aged 28 years, had his right arm broken, which makes it shorter than the left. LOUIS, an English mulatto, aged thirty years, broad shouldered, but slender in the lower part of his body. MICHEL, a creole negro, aged 18 years, has a flat nose, thick nostrils, and large teeth. The said four slaves speak English and French. FS. MARIONOT. Ran away also, on the 24th February, from the subscriber, suburb of St. Mary, a negro named EOLE, of the Congo nation, aged 32 years, four feet eight inches high, rather stout, has a large face and several wrinkles on the forehead, thin legs stamped on the shoulder MV, speaks English and French. A handsome reward will be given to whomever shall lodge in jail the above slaves, ordering them back to their masters. Masters of vessels and others are forbidden harboring said slaves, under the penalties prescribed by law. MONTAGNAC, jun. april [sic] 22 [1816].

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221 Unidentified African ethnicity, likely a reference to “Nar” (Sahelian Berber)?
26 April 1816, Courrier de la Louisiane
Ran away on Friday last, a Congo negro named SAM, 22 or 23 years of age, bears the marks of his nation on his face, is about five feet five inches high; had on when he went away, a long black coat and pantaloons; has been seen in the suburb St. Mary. Whoever will apprehend said slave to that the subscribers get him, shall receive Twenty Dollars Reward. DESHON & WOODWARD. All persons are forwarned from aiding or harboring said slave. april [sic] 24 [1816].

22 May 1816, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway Slaves in Jail. The negro JOHN, of the Congo nation, aged about 32 years, strong built, has large & lively eyes, found face, and a part of the right ear cut off, of the height of 4 feet 11 1-2 inches, English measure. Said slave says he belongs to Mr. CHEVALIER MALARCHER, residing in Cantrelle’s parish from whence he ran away about two months ago. The negro JACK, of the Congo nation, about 30 years of age, of a weak constitution, a thin long face, has the end of the right ear split, and a wart on the right arm, four feet and eleven inches high, English measure. He says he belongs to the same master, from whom he ran away about two years since. New Orleans, May 21, 1816. JQUES. LAMOTHE, Jailor. may [sic] 22 [1816].

3 June 1816, Courrier de la Louisiane
Parish of St. Charles, County of German Coast, May 28, 1816. Was brought to the jail of this parish on the 22d inst., a Hibo negro wench,222 about 40 years of age, going by the name of ZILIA, and pretends to belong to Mr. JEAN BAPTISTE, living in the street of the jail, to whom she was sold by a colored woman named Jenny Descombes. She has marks of her country on the breast, and is stamped Dulca on the right breast. BAZILE, judge. may [sic] 29 [1816].

17 June 1816, Courrier de la Louisiane
50 Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber on the 24th April, a negro man named JOSEPH, alias LENDOR; his statue [sic] is rather short, of a bad countenance, somewhat pock marked, and has a down cast look; speaks French and English, and is of the Congo tribe; he was purchased of Mr. Charles Morin, bayou La Fourche. It is supposed that he has proceeded up the river as an hand on board a barge. I will give the above reward to the apprehender if taken without this state, or Twenty Dollars if within the state—together with all reasonable expences if lodged in the city jail. WM. BRAND. June 12 [1816].

14 August 1816, Courrier de la Louisiane
Entered at the jail of this parish, the two slaves hereafter named: JOHN, a black, born at Pensacola, about 22 years of age; escaped from the New-Orleans prison, having a chain and fetters on the ankle; says he belongs to Mr. PIERRE LACOSTE, planter, two leagues below New-Orleans. The black man named PETER, of the Mandingo nation, speaks English only; has

222 i.e., Igbo.
on a blue cloth coatee and pantaloons, and says he belongs to Mr. MORGAN, who has gone to the north and left him with Mr Prars, planter, at the English Turn. Parish of St. John the Baptist, July 26, 1816. P. MONTEGUT, Sheriff.

21 October 1816, Courrier de la Louisiane
50 Dollars Reward. Ranaway from my plantation about a week ago, two negroes, to wit: one named MANUEL, of the Congo nation bought from Mr. Delery’s estate, of the height of 5 feet 2 inches, having a handsome face, a very dark complexion; the other named AZOR, formerly belonging to Dn. Pedro Willamil, (ranaway on the 13th) [sic] of the height of five feet 3 inches having a reddish complexion. A reward to twenty five dollars for each of the said slaves, shall be paid to whomever shall lodge them or either of them in jail. Masters of vessels and others are forbidden harboring the said slaves under the penalties prescribed by law. oct [sic] 16 [1816].

LUCIEN LABRANCHE.

25 November 1816, Courrier de la Louisiane
St. Charles’s Parish, November 4th, 1816. Was brought to the jail of this parish, on the 9th of October last, a negro named JEAN BAPTISTE or BLAISE of the Congo nation, but in the country from his childhood, speaking English and French. He says he formerly belonged to Doctr. Bredou, who sold him to a Spaniard named DOMINGO TROUIS, living four leagues in the interior of La Fourche. Said negro is about 5 feet 3 inches high and of a handsome countenance; and will be delivered to the owner on paying the expences he has occasioned. FRANCISCO ROSSA, Jailor. nov. 20 [1816].

30 December 1816, Courrier de la Louisiane
Twenty Dollars Reward. Ranaway on the 20th inst. a negro named JOE, aged twenty-five years, of the Congo Nation, having large features, deaf and speaking with much difficulty, or rather speaking hardly any. The above reward shall be paid to whomever shall lodge him in jail or bring him back to his mistress. V. E. FOURAGE.

11 April 1817, Courrier de la Louisiane
Ranaway from the subscriber in the night of from the 8th to the 9th instant, the negro wench named SOPHIE, aged from 24 to 25 years, of the Congo nation, small and slender.—She took along with her, her three daughters named CLARISSE, ATHALIE, and ARMANTINE, the one aged 7, the other 5 and the third 3 years and a half. There is no doubt but the negro Zephir belonging to Mr. Bore, who has some connexion with said wench, is her accomplice in the escape. Persons acquainted with the place where said wench hides herself, are requested to cause her to be stopped and brought to jail with her three daughters. GME. PLANTEY. April 11 [1817].
14 April 1817, Courrier de la Louisiane
Sixty Dollars Reward Will be given for apprehending the three following Negroes, absconded on the night of the 9th inst. TONEY, a likely fellow, about 21 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, or thereabouts, a native of Tombigbee, and lately belonged to Colonel Walton. ISSAC, a Virginia negro, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, 25 years of age, a very robust constitution. SANDY, a stout fellow, about 38 years of age, of the middle size, an African, and lately brought from Kentucky to this place, with a small defect in his right ankle. Masters of vessels, & particularly those of the Bayou St. John, are cautioned not to harbour or carry off any of the above Slaves at their peril. JAMES HOPKINS. march [sic] 31 [1817].

16 April 1817, Courrier de la Louisiane
Fifty Dollars Reward. Ranaway about ten days since the negro TOM, of the height [sic] of about five feet eight inches, French measure, speaking English, and a little French. He is of the Hibo nation, and was employed in digging Carondelet Canal; he belonged to the estate of DANIEL CLARKE. Also, the negro BRICE, of a middling size and very stout, of a dark complexion, speaking English. He did also belong to Daniel Clarke’s estate & was also employed in digging the Canal; he is stamped on the breast with the subscriber’s name. The above reward will be paid for both, or twenty five dollars for either, to whoever shall lodge said slaves in any of the jails of this state. DUSCEAU DE LA CROIX. april 18 [sic] [1817].

21 April 1817, Courrier de la Louisiane
Ranaway from the subscriber’s plantation, on the 9th instant, the negro wench named MARIANNE, about 27 years of age, having the marks of her country on her face; she carried away her son, a mulatto boy of about 7 years.---- She was dressed with a blue cotonade gown, and her son with a brown great coat. Masters of vessels are forwarned against harboring said slaves under the penalty of the law. JUMONVIL DE VILLERS. april 21 [1817].

8 November 1817, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway Slaves. Ran Away from the Plantation of Mad. Widow ROMAN, on the 22d ult. [Oct. 1817] a Negro named LORAN (or LAURENT) [sic] of the Mandinga tribe, aged twenty-five years, having a dark complexion, large eyes, long teeth, and speaks French. He is branded on the breast I. ROMAN. He formerly belonged to the late Mr. Villechaise. Also ran away from the same Plantation, on the third of September last, another Negro named MICHAEL: (sometimes going by the name of JEAN) [sic] he says he was born in Ouatchita, and speaks English and a little French; He is eighteen years of age, has a dark complexion, fine teeth, fine eyes, a lengthy face, a square breast, a short neck, broad shoulders, large and flat feet. He is five feet four or five inches high, and he was brought down from the Arkansas by a Mr. Frederick Nortrep, who sold him in New-Orleans. A reward of twenty-five dollars will be paid for each of the said Slaves, on their being brought back to the said Plantation, or lodging them in a secure place where their master may get them back. Masters of vessels and others are earnestly forwarned against

223 Note the phonetic spelling of Igbo, as heard no doubt.
harboring the said Slaves, otherwise they shall be prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the law. The Editor of the Mississippi Republican of Natchez is requested to insert the above Four Times in his paper, and to forward his account to the Editor of the Courier, who will settle it. Oct. 17 [1817].  

14 November 1817, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway slaves detained in the police jail of New Orleans. The negro SIMON, born in Virginia, aged 28 or thereabouts, strong built, having a likely face, large eyes, a very flat nose, and having the little toe of his right foot cut off. He is 5 feet 4 inches high, (american measure) [sic] and says he belongs to madam Widow JORY, residing 4 miles above Natchez, from whence he says he ran away a month ago. The negro JACK, born in Africa, aged [26] or 28 years, disabled by a disorder with which he is afflicted, and having a turn in the left eye. He is 5 feet 5 inches high, and says he belongs to Mr. Francois Serpenting, a trader with Natchitochez [sic]. J. LAMOTHE.  

nov. 14 [1817].

15 April 1818, Courrier de la Louisiane
Detained in the Police Jail of N.-Orleans. The Griffe R. JOHNSON, born in New-York, aged about thirty years, of a strong make, a full and likely face, very little beard, having on his back some marks of the whip, and besides on the right leg a scar occasioned, as he says, by a horse kick. He is 5 feet 6 inches high, and pretends himself free, but has nothing to shew his freedom. The Mulatto J. MARTIN, or J. PIERRE, born in Curacoa, aged about twenty-two years, of a weak constitution, a thin and lengthy face, having a number of marks about him, as for instance, scars and burns, and besides having had the right arm broken, which fracture, he says, was occasioned by a fall he had when on board a privateer. He is 5 feet 4 inches high, and pretends himself free, but is unable to prove it. The negro wench FANNY, born in Africa, aged 40 to 45 years, of a very weak constitution, thin and lengthy face, having a seton on the nape. She is 5 feet 4 inches high, and says she belongs to a free negro named TAYLOR, and living in New-Orleans. J. LAMOTHE, Jailor. march 23 [1818].

17 April 1818, Courrier de la Louisiane
Fifty Dollars Reward. Ranaway about two and a half months since, from the subscriber’s plantation in the parish of Plaquemines, the negro named AUGUSTIN, alias CONGO, a creole

224 Referenced advertisement is not in Documenting Runaway Slaves Project, Mississippi Collection (2013).

225 The typo “aged 36 or 28 years” is corrected in the French version: “âgé de 26 à 28 ans à peu près”.

226 In colonial Louisiana the term grif generally meant the progeny of a ‘Negro’ (black) and an Indian; Hall, Africans in Colonial Louisiana, pp.118, 262. In the nineteenth century, “griff” came to mean the child of a ‘Negro’ (black) and a ‘mulatto’ (mixed-race), as in the definitional statement by the Louisiana Supreme Court in 1910.

227 “seton”: a boil or carbuncle, with discharge.
[sic] aged about 40 years, he is tall and stout built, has a very thick beard, and generally wears it long, and whiskers; he is always rather badly dressed, and is addicted to drinking. He was seen not long since in the sub-St. Mary. The negro wench, JEANNE, wife of the above negro, aged about 40 years, also a creole, small, thin, and of a timid countenance. They both did belong to Messrs. Maxent, and are supposed to be somewhere about this city. The above reward, to wit: 30 dollars for the negro and 20 dollars for the negro wench will be paid to whomever will deliver them to their owner. J. M. VINOT. April 17 [1818].

27 May 1818, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
40 Dollars Reward. Ranaway on Saturday morning last, the following slaves: One negro woman MARY, aged about 29 years, a native of Africa, about 4 feet 8 inches high has large mouth, lips and generally speaks fast but not distinctly when spoken to. The likely negro boy ANTOINE, the son of Mary a creole of this place, about 4 feet high, has a large mouth and lips, flat nose, very expressive eyes, a little scar on the face near the eyes, and some marks of burning on the shoulder, speaks tolerably good English, and is a very smart servant. The mother and son have been the property of Mr. JAS. JOHNSON, merchant of this city, with whom they were brought up. The above reward will be paid to any person who will apprehend and lodge them in jail, or 20 dollars for either of them. May 27 [1818].

19 June 1818, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Detained in the Police Jail of N.-Orleans. The mulatto Fco [Free colored] GONZALEZ, born in St Jago de Cuba (as he says.) [sic], aged about 30 years of a strong constitution for his age, having a thin and very long face, having several cuts on the arms, also a few small scars on his face. He is 5 feet 6 inches high (English measure,) [sic] and pretends himself free, but has no papers to prove his freedom. The negro THOM, born in New-York, aged 35 years or thereabouts, of a feeble constitution, having a very thin and long face, and very little beard, some scars on his arms, and one of his shoulders higher than the other, which renders him crooked backed. He is 4 feet 10 and 1-2 inches high (English measure) [sic] and says he belongs to Mr. McLAIN of this city, from whom he ran away about two weeks since. The negro JOHN, born in Africa, aged from 30 to 35, strong and stout for his age, having a lengthy face, very little beard, some scars about his arms, and a cut on the right leg. He is 5 feet 5 inches and 1-2 high, and says he belongs to Madame BEAUMONT, living in the suburb Marigny. New-Orleans, June 17, 1818. J. LAMOTHE, Jailer.

14 August 1818, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Fifty Dollars Reward. Strayed from the plantation of Dr. FLOOD, on Saturday the 18th inst. an African boy named QUASSY, about nine years old and 3 feet 8 1-2 inches high, F. M. [French Measure] having a mark on each of his cheek bones. Any person will receive the above reward for delivering the said boy at the Sheriff’s office. G. W. MORGAN, Sheriff. July 22 [1818].
19 August 1818, Courrier de la Louisiane
Detained in the Jail of St. James’s Parish, A negro, named JACQUES, of the Congo nation, speaking English and a little French, aged about 27 or 28 years, 5 feet 5 inches high, French measure, and having brands on the two sides of his breast, representing nearly a fleur de lis. He had on brown linen shirt and pantaloons, and a black hat; he says he belongs to Mr. BENJAMIN MORGAN of New Orleans. [B]rought to jail on the 7th of August, 1818. aug. 19 [1818].

26 August 1818, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway Slaves detained in the Police Jail of New Orleans. Was stopped and brought to said jail the negro JNO EDWARD, born in New-York, (as he says) [sic] aged about 18 years, rather stout for his age, having a plain face and no beard, large and lively eyes; he has a small scar in the corner of the right eye and another on the eye brow on the same side, also on his hands a few small cuts, and the small finger of the left hand crooked; on the lower part of his right leg he has several marks, which appear to have been occasioned by a shot; his feet are remarkably flat, broad and long; he is 5 feet 5 inches high, (American measure) [sic] and says he is free, but has no documents to prove his freedom. The negro wench FRANCOISE, born in Africa, aged about 28 or 30 years, stout for her age, having a lengthy face, two scars, one on the left cheek and the other on the right side of the upper lip, also one of the toes on her left foot cut. She is 5 feet 1 inch high, (American measure) [sic] and says she belongs to mad. MARIANNE, residing in the suburb of St. Mary. New-Orleans, August 25, 1818. JQUES LAMOTHE, jailor. aug. 26 [1818].

31 August 1818, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway Slave, Runaway from the subscriber since the 25th ult. the negro wench named LAURETTE of the Congo nation, but having been brought in the country when very young, & purchased about 9 months since from Mr. Wm. Renaud. Said wench is of a middling size, strong and stout, has a full face, big eyes, and has some marks of her country on the forehead. She had on a blue striped India gown, and a blue checked hdkf. [handkerchief] on her head. A reasonable reward will be paid to whomever will bring said wench back to her master or lodge her in the jail of this city. J. VASSANT, Retailer, Corner of Toulouse and Chartre st. aug. 31 [1818].

18 September 1818, Courrier de la Louisiane
25 Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the plantation of Messrs. I. K. & A. H. SMITH, German Coast, some time since, a negro man named LABIN, of the Congo nation, (commonly called MASAMBA) about 30 years of age, 5 feet high, very black, good countenance, and very low voice—it is probable the above negro is lurking about the city and fauxbourgs. The above reward will be given for his apprehension and securing him in jail, or brought to the above plantation.

6 November 1818, Courrier de la Louisiane
Entered the jail of St. James’s parish, A negro named FORTUNE, of the Congo nation, speaking French, dark complexion, aged about 25 or 26 years, 5 feet 4 inches (F. mea.) [sic] high, having some marks of his country on his face, and says he belongs to Mr. BOUTÉ, the son, a planter at
Attakapas. He entered the jail on the 11th of Oct. 1818. [Also] A negro named JEAN of the Congo nation, speaking French, dark complexion, 5 feet 1 inch (French measure) [sic] high; had on coarse linnen pantaloons and a white woollen shirt. He says he belongs to Mr. GEORGE SELLIER a spaniard living in the bayou Lafourche; and entered the jail on the 22th [sic] of October 1818. CERISAY, Sheriff.

11 November 1818, Courrier de la Louisiane
Sixty Dollars Reward. A Negro wench, named CELESTE, creole of St. Domingo, aged 27 or 28 years, middle sized, dark complexion, small eyes, thick and sharp lips, fine teeth, & in the habit of chewing snuff, branded as a mina [sic] on one of her temples.228 She formerly belonged to Barb Morina f. W. C. [sic]229 and used to hawk goods between New-Orleans and Baton-Rouge. She speaks French and a little Spanish. Masters of vessels and others are forbidden harboring her under the penalties of the laws. ZELLE BAUDRY, Esplenade St. Suburb Marigny.

27 January 1819, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway Slave. Ranaway from the subscriber the negro wench named FANNY, of the Congo nation, aged 28 to 30 years, of a middling size, having small hands and feet, and marks of her country on her forehead. She has one of the teeth of the upper jaw longer than the others. She had on a cottonade gown. That wench did formerly belong to Mr. BeanJue, the Tailor. A reasonable reward will be paid to whomever will bring her back to the subscriber, in the suburb of St. Mary, or lodge her in jail. AUGUSTE VALE. jan 27 [1819].

3 March 1819, Courrier de la Louisiane
Fifteen Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the subscriber’s plantation, on the other bank of the river opposite the English turn, on the 6th of February, the negro named PHILIPPE, of the Baaga nation,230 one of the slaves sold at the sale lately made by the Sheriff. He is 4 feet 9 or 10 inches high, 25 or 26 years of age, and has several marks of his country about his face. He speaks very little French, his eyes sprightly and his gait easy. He holds himself very straight. He had a blue cottonade pantaloon, a blue cloth jacket, and a woollen blanket coat burnt in the back part of it. He always wears a handkerchief round his head. The above reward will be paid to whomever will bring him back to the subscriber on his plantation, or lodge him in jail. JEAN PUCHE. march 3 [1819].

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228 i.e., Mina (Ewe-Fon).
229 i.e., free Woman of Color.
230 i.e., Mande southern rivers region (Sierra Leone/Liberia).
3 May 1819, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Runaway Slaves detained in the Jail of the Parish of St. James. 1. A sambo named ETIENNE, a creole of Pointe Coupee, aged about 26 or 28 years, 5 feet 6 inches (english measure) [sic] high, of a strong constitution, says he belongs to Mr. ROBIS, a sugar planter in the lower part of Terreaux Boeuf. His first master was Mr. Lacou, the son, an inhabitant of Pointe Coupee. Entered the jail January 4, 1817. 2. An American negro named GEORGE speaking nothing but english [sic], of a reddish complexion, aged about 26 years, 6 feet 2 inches french measure high, of a strong constitution, and says he belongs to Mr. GEORGE BULLY of Charleville country—Entered the jail March 25, 1818. 3. A negro named PAUL, of the Congo nation, aged about 30 years, 5 feet three inches french measure high, having on his body a great deal of marks occasioned by the whip. He had on two blanket-coats, one new and the other worn out, and an old pair of pantaloons. He says he belongs to Mr. DUTRESSE living in the suburb La Course, above the city of N. Orleans, and did formerly belong to Mr. Bringier—Entered the jail March 29th 1819. 4. An American negro named JOHN, speaking nothing but english [sic], aged aged [sic] about 20 years, five feet 2 inches french measure high. He had on a brown jacket with a red collar and white woollen pantaloon. He says he belongs to General HAMPTON, a sugar planter of the Parish of Ascension—Entered the jail April 9, 1819. 5. An American negro named HENRY, speaking nothing but english [sic], aged 26 years, 5 feet 2 inches french measure high, had on a cloth jacket and pantaloons and an old shirt; says he belongs to General HAMPTON, a sugar planter of the Parish of Ascension. CERISAY, Sheriff. may 3 [1819].

21 May 1819, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Ten Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the subscriber on the 15th inst. the negro named JEAN, of the Mandinga nation, aged 26 years, speaking English and French, and having a scar on the left side of his mouth. The above reward shall be paid to whomever shall bring said slave to the subscriber, or lodge him in jail. Masters of vessels are forbidden harbouring said slave under the penalties of the law. B. DUMAIME. may 19 [1819].

31 December 1819, *Courrier de la Louisiane*
Entered the jail of St. James’s parish on the 16th of December 1819, A Negro of the Congo nation going by the name of POMPEY, and says he belongs to F. LIVINGSTON; he is about 5 feet 2 inches French measure high, and of dark complexion, and had on two blanket coats, a pair of linen pantaloons. He says he runaway from the city where he was selling goods. CERISAY, Sheriff. dec. 31 [1819].

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231 In general, the term “sambo” meant the child of a mulatto (one-half white) and a ‘Negro’ (black), that is, one who was one-quarter white; Winthrop D. Jordan, *White Over Black: American Attitudes Toward the Negro 1550-1812* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1968), p.175 n84.

232 See also later variant, 15 March 1820, *Courrier de la Louisiane*: Entered the Jail of St. James Parish. A Negro of the Congo nation speaking French, and says his name is POMPEY, and he belongs to Mr. LIVINGSTON of New Orleans; said negro is about 55 years old, 5 feet 2 inches French measure, dark complexion had on an old woollen blanket coat and a pair of coarse linen pantaloons. He says he runaway from the city, where he was employed in selling goods about the streets.
19 January 1820, *Courrier de la Louisiane*

Notice. Was taken up and delivered to the Sheriff of the parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, on the 28th instant, two negro men, viz. PETER aged about 39 years 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, English measure, stout made, of a yellowish complexion, and says he belongs to Mr. DAVID MELTON of the State of Tennessee, that he ran away from the said Melton’s boat about three months ago descending the Mississippi, had on when taken, a blanket capot, and an old pair of linen overhauls.—JOHN aged about thirty years an African born, and says he belongs to Mr. WILLIAM PETERSON of the state of Kentucky, that he ran away from the said Peterson’s boat descending the Mississippi about four months ago, had on when taken a blanket capot, and an old pair of cotton overhauls. Avoyelles Dec. 31, 1819. ROBT. DAUGHTY, Depy. Sheriff, P.A. 

4 February 1820, *Courrier de la Louisiane*

Ten Dollars Reward. Ranaway from Mr. FRANÇOIS DUFRÈNE’s plantation in the parish of St. John the Baptist, county of German Coast, a negro man named JEAN LOUIS, of Haoussa tribe, aged about fifty years, about 5 feet 4 inches French measure high, dark complexion, red eyes, thick lips, having a scar on his head, another on the nose, and a third one on the ankle. He had on at the time he absconded a pair of cottonade trowsers, a black flushing roundabout, a blanket capot, and several other clothes which he carried wrapped up in an handkerchief. He is supposed to have gone to New-Orleans, where he is know to have many acquaintances among the negroes of his nation. The above reward will be paid to whomever will bring him back to his master’s plantation or lodge him in jail. feb. 4 [1820].

15 March 1820, *Courrier de la Louisiane*

Entered the Jail of St. James Parish. A Negro of the Congo nation speaking French, and says his name is POMPEY,233 and he belongs to Mr. LIVINGSTON of New Orleans; said negro is about 55 years old, 5 feet 2 inches French measure high, dark complexion had on an old woollen blanket coat and a pair of coarse linnen pantaloons. He says he ranaway from the city, where he was employed in selling goods about the streets. 2d. A negro born in Africa, speaking English, and says his name is CHARLES, and he belongs to Mr. JOHN WILLIAMS, a sugar planter of Bonnet Carré. He is about 50 years old, 5 feet 7 inches French measure high. He had on a blanket coat, a pair of grey cloth pantaloons, and a woollen coat. 3d. An American negro speaking nothing but English, and says his name is HAMPTON, and he belongs to Mr. POLITE, a retailer on the levee of Faubourg St. Mary. He is about 25 or 26 years old, 5 feet 6 inches French measure high, has a likely countenance and no beard. He had a white shirt, a pair of blue cottonade pantaloons, and olive colored bear skin roundabout, shoes and an old blanket coat. 4. An American negro, speaking English, says his name is CHARLES, and he belongs to Mr. SONIAT DUFROSSAT, a planter, 4 leagues below Bonnet Carré, said fellow is about 35 feet high [sic], of the height of 5 feet 7 inches, French measure high, dark complexion, having brands on

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233 duplicative: see 31 December 1819, *Courrier de la Louisiane*. 
his breast. He had on a red Flannel shirt, a pair of green cloth pantaloons, a woollen cap and a black hat. CERISAY, Sheriff. St. James’ Parish, Feb. 6, 1820.

24 March 1820, Courrier de la Louisiane
Ranaway Slave detained at St. James’ Parish, March 20, 1820. A Negro named CELESTIN, of the Congo nation, speaking French, aged 20 to 21 years, 5 feet 2 inches high, (american measure) [sic] without beard, dark complexion, had an old shirt and cottonade pantaloons. He sometimes says he belongs to Mr. DECOUR, at other times to Mr. CHEVEAU and to Mr. LOUIS BEAUREGARD, planters of this state. CERISAY, Sheriff. march 24 [1820].

6 November 1820, Courrier de la Louisiane
Runaway Slave in the Police Jail. The negro JOHN of the Mina tribe, aged from 22 to 23 years, of a middling constitution, small face, and having but little beard. He has his front teeth projecting, and has lost two of them; he has a mark on the left temple, and a scar on his head, occasioned, as he says, by a stroke from an axe. Said negro is 5 feet 3 1-2 inches French measure in heighth, and says he belongs to Mr. FIRMAIN CUEDRY, living two leagues below Baton Rouge. He says he ran away about two weeks since. D’QUE. BELAUME, Jailer. nov. 6 [1820].

15 November 1820, Courrier de la Louisiane
Entered the Jail of St. James’s Parish. 1. A Mulatto named FRANCISCO FERNANDO, a creole of Carthagena, on the [Spanish] Main, aged about 40 years, 5 feet 3 inches high, French measure, of an ugly countenance, having much beard. Says he is free by birth, but has not title to prove it. 2. A negro, born on the coast of Africa, speaking English only, named CHARLES; says he belongs to Mr. JOHN WILLIAMS, a planter, above New Orleans, aged about 38 or 40 years, of the height of 5 feet 5 inches French measure, dark complexion, slim make, and having a quantity of marks of the whip on his back, these marks appeared to be recent when he entered the jail. He had on an old white linen shirt and pantaloons. 3. A negro, who says his name is JACQUES, and he belongs to Mr. WILLIAM CUINE, of Baton Rouge. He speaks a little English and French, and belongs to the Congo nation. He has an iron ring around each of his feet, and several marks of the whip about his back. 4. A negro named PIRAMY, of the Congo nation, speaking nothing but English and says he belongs to Mr. ELESY, living opposite Baton Rouge, [sic] He is about 30 years of age, of the height of 5 feet French measure, and had on an old blanket coat, and an old shirt and dantaloons [sic]. He has a dark complexion and his constitution is slender. CERISAY, Sheriff. St. James Parish, Nov. 4, 1820. nov. 8 [1820].

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234 See also variation: 29 May 1820, Courrier de la Louisiane: Detained in the Jail of St. James’ Parish, A Negro of the Congo nation, calling himself CELESTIN, and pretending sometimes to belong to Mr. DECOIR, at other times to Mr. CHEVEAU, a planter, above La Fourche, at other times to Mr. LOUIS BEAUREGARD. He is 20 or 21 years old, five feet two inches high American measure, dark complexion, and weak constitution. He had on when he entered the jail an old pair of coarse linen pantaloons, and a red striped cottonade jacket. CERISAY, Sheriff. Parish of St. James, May 10, 1820. may 29 [1820].

235 Apparently not the same “Charles” as in 15 March 1820, Courrier de la Louisiane, above.
18 September 1830, *The Natchez* [MS]
Runaway In Jail. Was committed to the Jail of Adams county, by S. Postlethwaite, Esq. on the 4th day of September 1830, a negro man who calls himself **JOHN**, and says he belongs to CHARLES SLEDDEN, of Lawrence county, Mississippi. Said negro is about 28 years of age, 5 feet 4 1 2 or 5 inches high; had on when committed, coarse linen shirt and pantaloons—said negro talks broken like an African. The owner of the above described negro is requested to comply with the law and take him out of Jail. W. W. CALMES, Jailor. Sept. 10, 1830.

4 April 1832, *Arkansas Gazette*
$150 Reward Was Stolen, On or about the 1st of June last, from my plantation, near Rankin, Yazoo county, Mississippi, an African Negro Man, by the name of **JOE**—5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, rather slender made, black complexion, about 23 years of age, speaks very broken English, quick spoken, fond of spirits, went off in company with two other Africans, by the name of **SAM** and **JOHN**. Sam is very large, upwards of six feet high, speaks tolerably good English, though broad and harsh, about 30 years of age. John is about 25 years of age, near the size of Joe, with some scars of his native marks, does not speak any English to be understood. They say they are brothers. They were brought to Mobile and sold out by the Custom-House Officer, and brought here. Sam and John belong to a man by the name of ROBUCK, of this county. I will give Fifty Dollars for the delivery of Joe in any jail in this State, and all reasonable expenses paid, provided I get him again, and One Hundred Dollars for the thief. Any information form any gentlemen, by letter or otherwise, will be thankfully received by WILEY DAVIS Rankin, Miss. Dec. 29, 1831.

3 August 1832, *The Natchez* [MS]
Was committed to the jail of Adams county by C. Griffin, esq. on the 1st day of July 1832, a negro man calling himself **JOSEPH**, and says he belongs to Mr. – [sic] CLARK, of New Orleans, he is about 21 years of age, 5 feet high and of very dark complexion, stout made, had on linnen [sic] pantaloons cotton shirt, and blue striped roundabout, has an African dialect although he speaks intelligibly the english [sic]. The owner of the above described negro is requested to comply with the law and take him out of Jail. W. W. CALMES, jailor. Natchez. Aug. 3, 1832.

26 October 1832, *The Natchez* [MS]
Was committed to the Jail of Adams county, on the 9th day of October, 1832, by F. Wood, Esq. a negro man who, in the first instance, called himself **ISHAM**, and said he belonged to Stephen Kennedy, of Adams county, but now says he belongs to AMOS ALEXANDER, of said county. He is 5 feet 5 inches high, and about 40 years of age, of yellowish complexion, somewhat knock kneed, and speaks considerably in the African dialect; had on a blue cloth coatee, about half worn, and linen pantaloons. The owner of said negro is requested to comply with the law, and take him out of Jail. W. W. CALMES, Jailor. Oct. 26, 1832.
11 January 1833, *The Natchez Courier* [MS]

Was committed to the Jail of Adams County, as a runaway, by C. Griffin, Esq. on the 30th December 1832, a negro man calling himself **James Ran**, who says he is free, and formerly lived in the Arkansas Territory, he is 5 feet 5 inches high, and about 45 years of age of robust person of yellowish complexion prominent and read [sic] eyes, speaks rather the African or St. Domingo dialect; he had on when committed a casonett [sic] roundabout, cotton shirt and a pair of coperas colored cotton corded pantaloons. The owner of the above described negro is requested to comply with the law and take him out of Jail. W. W. Calmes, Jailer. Jan. 11, 1833.

18 September 1834, *The Vicksburg Register* [MS]

Committed to the Jail of Warren County on Wednesday the 17th Sept. 1834, by Jas. Cornell, justice of the peace for said county, a negro man, who calls himself **Philadelphia**, says that he belongs to Steam Boat Missourian, and that he was left where sail boat wooded [sic], on the 16th, on her way to New Orleans, below Warrenton. Said boy is five feet ten inches high, has lost one fore tooth, from the upper jaw; had on when taken a gunsey [sic] net shirt, with some stripes, also woolen trowsers [sic], speaks broken English, supposed to be an African by berth [sic]. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs. Martin Anding, Jailer. Vicksburg. Sept. 18, 1834.

12 February 1835, *The Vicksburg Register* [MS]

70 Dollars Reward. Ranaway from my plantation, Point Dexter, Mi. 7 Negroes—four of whom left on Monday night, 26th January, the other three left on Sunday night, the 1st of February, inst. I am strongly inclined to believe that the first four who absconded, left on board of a Flat Boat, which had been lying at my landing, and proceeded down the river. Their descriptions are as follow:—BEN, or Toomer,236 as he may call himself, is a very stout, thick set black fellow, about 25 or 28 years of age, marked considerably in the face by the small pox; he has on a straw hat, painted black, and probably his dress was Welsh Plains Pantaloons, a coattee of Kentucky janes, and a blanket coat. BILLY is a stout built young fellow, of black complexion, say 21 or 23 years old, had on the same kind of pantaloons that Ben wore, and probably a roundabout of the same goods. TOBY is a dark and very ugly negro fellow, very thick set, and stout in his make, looks and speaks like an African; clothing supposed to be the same as Billy’s, his age is about 40 or 45 years. VIOLET, a woman of dark complexion, rather slender in her form, and displaying a great deal of affectation [sic] when she is talking. Both Violet and Billy were unwell when they left. The clothing of Violet is not recollected, further than a gray colored cloth or casinett cloak

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236 See also *The Vicksburg Register*, 19 March 1835: Negroes in Jail. Committed to the jail of Warren county on the 17th day of March, 1835, by R. J. McGinty, a justice of the peace in and for said county, a negro boy who calls himself BEN TOOMER, and says he belongs to John Turnbull of Lake Washington. He is about 28 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high. The owner of said boy is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him out of jail, or he will be dealt with as the law directs. Martin Anding, Jailer. Vicksburg. March 18, 1835.
with a hood to it. She had about ten yards of Welsh Plains, to make up into a dress, which she
may have taken with her. The description of the three who left on Sunday night, 1\textsuperscript{st} of February
inst. are as follows: HERCULES,\textsuperscript{237} a very large and stout fellow, 28 or 30 years old rather of a
copper color, wears very long hair, which is inclined to be straight, and is bushy on his head, his
clothing is supposed to be like Ben’s—of Welsh Plains, and a blanket coat. JACOB,\textsuperscript{238} another
copper colored fellow, not very stout in his make, but smart active boy, quick when spoken to,
either to reply or to move; speaks fast; he is about 30 or 35 years of age, clothing supposed to be
as above described. CYRUS is a fellow of 25 or 30 years of age, rather of stout stature, dark
complexion, had on pantaloons as above described, and a dark colored cloak or coat.\textsuperscript{239} All of
the above negroes have been brought from South Carolina, as any one may tell from their
manner of talking. Cyrus, Toby, Billy, and Violet have not been more than two months from
Charleston; the others have been in the State about a year. They may all give the name of Coffin
as their master’s name, or Toomer, or Birch, as those are the names of the persons from whom
they were bought in Carolina. I have no doubt but they are endeavoring to make their way to
New Orleans, and would be glad to get from thence back to Charleston, S.C. in order to prevent
which, I particularly forwarn [sic] the masters of all steam boats, or vessels of any or every kind,
not to render facilities, in any shape or form to any of the above described Negroes. The three
last negroes who absconded on Sunday night, stole a very fine skiff from my landing, branded on
the stern, Liberty, having to it a trace chain, which I think was locked to the skiff. I will give the
above reward for the apprehension and safe delivery to me, at Point Dexter, six miles from
Princeton, Washington county, Mississippi, for the aforementioned Negroes, or ten dollars for
any one of them. JOHN TURNBULL, JR. Point Dexter, Mi. Feb. 4, 1835.

\textsuperscript{237} See also The Vicksburg Register, 19 March 1835: Negroes in Jail. Committed to the jail of Warren
county on the 17th day of March, 1835, by R. J. McGinty, a justice of the peace in and for said county, a negro boy
who calls himself HERCULES, and says he belongs to John Turnbull of Lake Washington. He is about 32 years of
age, of a yellowish complexion, 5 feet 11 inches high. The owner of said boy is requested to come forward, prove
property, pay charges and take him out of jail, or he will be dealt with as the law directs. MARTIN ANDING, Jailer.
Vicksburg. March 18, 1835.

\textsuperscript{238} See also The Vicksburg Register, 19 March 1835: Negroes in Jail. Committed to the jail of Warren
county on the 17th day of March, 1835, by R. J. McGinty, a justice of the peace in and for said county, a negro boy
who calls himself JACOB, and says he belongs to John Turnbull of Lake Washington. He is about 40 years of age,
black complexion, 5 feet 4 \(\frac{1}{2}\) inches high. The owner of said boy is requested to come forward, prove property, pay
charges and take him out of jail, or he will be dealt with as the law directs. MARTIN ANDING, Jailer. Vicksburg.
March 18, 1835.

\textsuperscript{239} See also The Vicksburg Register, 19 March 1835]: Negroes in Jail. Committed to the jail of Warren
county on the 17th day of March, 1835, by R. J. McGinty, a justice of the peace in and for said county, a negro boy
who calls himself CYRUS, and says he belongs to John Turnbull of Lake Washington. He is about 30 years of age,
black complexion, 5 feet 8 inches high. The owner of said boy is requested to come forward, prove property, pay
charges and take him out of jail, or he will be dealt with as the law directs. MARTIN ANDING, Jailer. Vicksburg,
March 18, 1835.
6 August 1835, *The Vicksburg Register* [MS]

$50 Reward. Ranaway from the subscriber living on Deer Creek in Washington county, a negro man named YORK, age[d] about 40 years, round faced and black. York is a native of Africa, and talks badly. His scars or marks, if any, are not recollected. Also, at the same time, a mulatto boy named NEP. The latter boy is aged about 16 years, and limps in walking, on account of a defect in his right leg. These negroes have absconded on account of being threatened with a criminal prosecution by B. Hashberger. The above reward will be given for their delivery to me, or for their apprehension and confinement so that I get them—or $25 for the apprehension and confinement of either of them. EMILY CHANEY. Aug. 6, 1835.

21 August 1835, *The Mississippian*

Notice. Was committed to the Jail in Canton on the 28th June, a negro man, who calls himself THOMAS, an African by birth, and speaks broken, says he belongs to WILLIAM WILEY, who lives in Sumter County South Carolina. Said negro is 5 feet 6 inches high, 45 years old, 3 scars above his left eye.240 Also, A [sic] black man, his wife, and three children, says his name is BENJ. MATTHEWS, [sic] He is 5 feet 8 inches high, forty years old, his left thumb has been bitten off. His wife CLARISSA, is of a yellow complexion, 5 feet 3 inches high, 30 years old. His first child is MARY JANE, yellow complexion [sic], about 15 years old, very likely; his second, JULY [JULIA] ANN, dark complexioned, about 9 years old; his third, LOUISA, dark complexioned, 6 years old. They were committed on the 28th June, and say they belong to James Bolison, who lives in Claiborne county.241 Also, on the 4th July, a black girl who calls herself ABY, And says she belongs to Hampton Turner, who lives in Yazoo county, 35 years old, 5 feet 4 inches high.242 Also, On the 28th June, a mulatto boy who calls himself JACK, 18 years old, 5 feet 2 inches high; says he belongs to Thomas Sims, who lives near Clinton.243 Also, On the 24th May, a mulatto boy who calls himself DICK, 20 years old, 5 feet 7 inches high, the little finger

240 See also *Port Gibson Correspondent*, 1 August 1835: A List Of Runaways. Confined in the jails of the following counties of this State—Madison County: THOMAS, 45 yrs 5 ft 6 in, 3 scars over his left eye, an African by birth speaks broken, to WILLIAM WILLEY, living in Sumpter co. South Carolina. Miss. [sic].

241 See also *Port Gibson Correspondent*, 1 August 1835: A List Of Runaways. Confined in the jails of the following counties of this State—Madison County: BENJ MATTHEWS, his wife and three children, he is 5 ft 6 in, 40 yrs, his thumb has been bitten off, CLARISSA his wife is of yellow complexion 30 yrs 5 ft 3 in, MARY JANE his first child, yel [sic] com, about 15 yrs very likely, JULIA ANN, his second, 9 yrs old dark, LOUISA, his third, 6 yrs dark com, say they belong to James Bolison, who lives in Claiborne county, Miss.

242 See also *Port Gibson Correspondent*, 1 August 1835: A List Of Runaways. Confined in the jails of the following counties of this State—Madison County: ABY, 35 yrs 5 ft 4 in, black—to Hampton who lives in Yazoo county, Miss.

243 See also *Port Gibson Correspondent*, 1 August 1835: A List Of Runaways. Confined in the jails of the following counties of this State—Madison County: JACK, 18 yrs 5 ft 2 in, to Thos. Sims who lives near Clinton, Miss.
off his left hand; says he belongs to William Ulms, who lives in Adams county.\textsuperscript{244} A. C. ASHERMAN, Jailor. July 17, 1835.

22 October 1835, \textit{The Vicksburg Register} [MS]
Ranaway from the plantation of James Surgette, the following negroes, \textit{viz}:—RANDAL, about 27 years of age, yellow complexion, heavy set, and has had one ear cropped. BOB, about 21 or 22 years of age, slim built, yellow complexion and has lost one eye. CATO, about 18 or 20 years of age, black, and heavy set. BUSH, about 40 years of age, black, heavy set, and is an African. Sept. 25, 1835.

12 January 1836, \textit{The Mississippian}
Was Committed, To the jail of Simpson county, on the 20th of December last, a negro man named FULTON, he is an African fellow, speaks very broken, a great many of his words cannot be understood; says he was decoyed off on Saturday the 26th of December last, by a white man, was carried nearly all day, he broke and left the thief and travelled in search of home until Monday, at which time he was apprehended in Smith county, and sent to the jail of Simpson county, Mi; says he belongs to M. M. Kinnion; cannot understand from his language where he lives, had on when committed a blanket over coat, striped domestic roundabout, white Marseilles vest, bald headed, some scars about his neck, about 5 feet high, 45 or 50 years of age, had a pass dated the 25th December, until Sunday night signed M.M. Kinnion. The owner is requested to comply with the law and take him out of jail. JAMES M. DAMPEER, Sheriff
BY GREEN FENN. Jan. 1, 1836.

11 June 1836, \textit{Port Gibson Correspondent} [MS]
Committed To the jail of Claiborne County, as a runaway, by W. M. Randolph, Esq. a Justice of the peace on the 14th inst. a negro boy about 45 years old, an african [sic] \textit{MAN} and cannot make himself understood in the English: he is very Black complected [sic] and has lost all of his toes off [sic] of his right foot. It cannot be certain from the boy either his name or to whom he belongs. The owner of said boy is requested to comply with the law upon the subject of runaways. R. J. BLAND, Shff. June 9, 1836.

22 February 1837, \textit{The Vicksburg Register} [MS]
Committed to the jail of Warren county, on the 22d day of January, 1837, by William Everette \textit{sic}, Justice of the Peace, as a runaway, a negro man, who says his name is BOBB, and that he belongs to JOHN RUTLEDGE near Georgetown, South Carolina, who brought him from there to N. Orleans, from whom he escaped in a steamboat and was brought to this jail by the officers of the steam boat Tempest, who stated that they found him on board between Natchez and

\textsuperscript{244} See also \textit{Port Gibson Correspondent}, 1 August 1835: A List Of Runaways. Confined in the jails of the following counties of this State—Madison County: DICK, 20 yrs. 5 ft 7 in little finger off his left hand, to Wm. Ulms, who lives in Yazoo co. Miss.
Vicksburg. Said negro Bobb is 30 or 35 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, broad face, high, receding forehead, speaks very much like an African, his language being broken. Hand on when committed, dark colored lindsey clothes. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.
WM. EVERETT, Jailor. Feb. 8, 1837.

8 June 1837, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]
Fifty Dollars Reward. Ran away from my plantation on Oyster Creek, two negro men: one by the name of **GUMBY**, about five feet ten inches high, and has a remarkably wild look.\(^{245}\) TOM is about six feet one or two inches high, black; and had on when they left, blue cotton clothes and red caps. I will give the above reward if delivered at my house on Oyster Creek, near Brazoria.
EDWIN WALLER. June 8, 1837.\(^{246}\)

22 July 1837, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]
One Hundred Dollars Reward. Runaway from the subscriber in March last, two African Negro men [**MAN**] [**MAN**], about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, aged from twenty to twenty-five years, one not so large as the other, both of middle size. Any person delivering the said negroes to Edward Waller living on Oyster Creek, near Brazoria, shall be paid the above reward. EDWARD WALLER. July 22, 1837.

4 October 1837, *Matagorda Bulletin* [TX]
$200 Reward. I will give the above Reward for the delivery to me of two African Negroes, named **GUMBY**,\(^{247}\) and **ZOW**, who absconded from my plantation, Oyster Creek, county of Brazoria, some time since. The above slaves are about 30 years of age—one about 5 feet 10 inches, the other 5 feet 8 inches—the largest has a broad face, the other a very wild look.
EDWIN WALLER. September 27, 1837.\(^{248}\)

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\(^{245}\) Gumby was African. See 4 October 1837, *Matagorda Bulletin* [TX]; 200 Reward. I will give the above Reward for the delivery to me of two Africa Negroes, named **GUMBY**, and **ZOW**, who absconded from my plantation, Oyster Creek, county of Brazoria, some time since. The above slaves are about 30 years of age—one about 5 feet 10 inches, the other 5 feet 8 inches—the largest has a broad face, the other a very wild look. EDWIN WALLER. September 27, 1837.


\(^{247}\) duplicative; see above.

\(^{248}\) For other iterations, see 16 Dec. 1837, *Telegraph and Texas Register*; 19 May 1838, *Telegraph and Texas Register*; 30 May 1838, *Telegraph and Texas Register*; 24 Nov. 1838, *Telegraph and Texas Register*; 14 June 1838, *Matagorda Bulletin*. For a later occurrence of running away, see 29 Sept. 1840, *Brazos Courier* [TX]; $300 (Texas money) [sic] Reward. Ran away from the plantation of the subscriber on Oyster Creek, in Brazoria county, some time in August last an African negro man named **ZOW**. He is about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high—has lost one of his front teeth—and stoops a little when walking. He was apprehended at Mrs. Allen’s near San Felippe [sic] about two weeks ago, but made his escape. He is supposed to have gone westward. I will pay the above reward to
2 August 1837, *The Vicksburg Register* [MS]
$50 Reward. Ranaway from the subscriber’s plantation about the 1st May, one negro man named **PETER**, 35 or 36 years old, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, very black, rather light and active; he is an African and speaks so very broken that it is difficult to understand him, has some scars on his face and a great many on his back, he is subject to Hernia, and if taken up will probably pretend not to know his master’s name. Also, one very bright mulatto girl, about 16 years old, blue eyes, skin so fair as to freckle a little, hair straight or nearly so, blink or squint eyed, and very near sighted, very coarse featured, hand and feet large and ugly. The girl was purchased lately near Madisonville, Madison county, by Mr. Andrew McLean, and will probably try to get back there, her name is **JENNY**. The above reward will be given for their apprehension and confinement so I can get them, or the half for either; and any information concerning them will be thankfully received at Grenada, Tallabusha [sic] county Miss. or Carroll county, Miss.

5 August 1837, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]
Runaway, From me three months ago, an African negro man named **ARCH**; he is bout 25 years of age, a tall slim fellow, very black, some scars on his forehead, also some small scars on each side of his cheek, and a long foot; he has been taken up five or six times, since he ran off from me, and made his escape every time; he has broke irons off twice since he left me; he is a great rascal, and has as much sense as an American negro; he speaks but little English.249 I will pay any man a liberal reward who will take up said negro, have him ironed and delivered, or secured so that I get him. My brother, P. D. McNeel had an African negro man that ran off in company with Arch when he left me first; his name is **IONA**, about 28 years of age, scarred on the face and on each side of his cheeks, and very much cut and scarred round his neck: he ran off last year, and was taken in Robertson’s colony. I have no doubt he is somewhere in that section now; he has never been seen since he left; he is a very smart, sensible negro, and will make his escape unless securely ironed. A liberal reward will be paid for one or both of them, if delivered to me at my plantation, eight miles below Brazoria, or secured so the negroes can be got. In case they are taken up, I do not want them put to work. LEANDER H. McNEEL. Gulf prairie, July 24, 1837.

any one who will deliver said negro to my plantation, or if lodged in any jail in the Republic so that I get him again.
EDWIN WALLER. Oyster Creek, Sept 29, 1840; and for copy in a different newspaper, see 10 Oct. 1840, *Texas Sentinel*.

249 For a later occurrence of running away, see 4 Sept. 1839, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]: Runaway From me, three weeks ago, an African negro man, named **ARCH**, he is thirty years or upwards, old, tall and spare built, quite black, with some scars on his forehead, and at each corners of his eyes; he had an iron on one leg when he left me; he is a notorious runaway, and has spent half of his time in the woods since I owned him; he is aiming for the Mexicans: he has been caught twice since he runaway, and made his escape both times, the last time he was taken at the Colorado river; he has changed his name. I will pay liberally for said negro, if delivered to me at my plantation, 8 miles below Brazoria, or secured so I can get him; it is useless for any person to attempt to bring him to me or keep him, without him ironed heavily; if he is taken, it is my request that the iron he had on when he left shall not be taken off under any circumstances. LEANDER H. M’NUT [sic]. Brazoria, August 26 [1839].
9 September 1837, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]
Runaway From the subscriber on the 28th of last month, a dark mulatto boy, named BEN, about twenty-five years of age; took with him a rifle, a small holster pistol and a good supply of half worn cloathing; he will no doubt endeavor to pass for a free man. Also JESSE, an African born negro about 50 years of age, well set and very black, they left together; a liberal reward will be given for their delivery to me on Galveston Bay, six miles below Cedar bayou. WM. RICHARDSON. Houston, September 7th, 1837.

4 October 1837, *The Vicksburg Register* [MS]
List of Runaways in Jail. Saline co., Ark. SAMPSON, black, 40 yrs, African, singular near right temple [sic], 6 ft, Nathan Barnett.

14 April 1838, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]
Notice. Came to the plantation of the subscriber about the 16th of March last, a Negro Boy, (supposed to an African, as his language cannot be understood,) [sic] about 5 feet ten inches high, spare make, skin very black, about twenty-five years of age, calls his name SACKEY, does not know his master’s name, and is not able to tell where he came from, he is not marked in the face as Africans usually are, and cannot talk with other Africans. The owner is requested to come forward, pay charges and take him away. HENRY JAMES. Fort Bend county, april [sic] 9 [1838].

19 January 1839, *Piney Woods Planter* [MS]
Runaway in Jail. Was committed to the Jail of Amite county, Mi., on the 14th inst., by John Walker, Esq., an African negro, by the name of TOM. Tom says he belongs to a Mr. JOHN LORANT, living on Bayou Plaquemine, La., near Franklin. Tom is about 35 years old five feet nine inches high, had on a drab pea jacket and kersey pants, and wool hat—he says he has been runaway about 6 weeks. The owner of said boy is requested to come forward and comply with the law and take said boy out of jail. A. VAN NORMAN, Jailor. Jan. 19, 1839.

13 March 1839, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]
Notice is hereby given that I have in my possession, as Sheriff of Victoria county, three African negro men, supposed to be runaways. They are of the following description. The first calling himself BARKER, is about 39 or 40 years old, five feet 3 inches high. The second calling himself DOO,\(^{250}\) is about 29 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, round full face, and spryly

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\(^{250}\) Cf. 6 April 1839, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]: Runaway Negros—Runaway from the plantation of P. D. McNEEL and R. MILLS, in the county of Brazoria, early in January, three African men. SANCO, about 30 years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, small eyes inclined to discharge matter from their corners, fine marks running down the cheeks, and high bold forehead. DOO, black; about 30 years old, stout built and not much disposed to talk. LUTHER or LUFA, black; about 28 years old, large and stout built, very thick lips. These negroes can talk but little English. They were taken near Victoria and delivered to the sheriff and made their escape from him about the 14th March. It is requested to have them well secured if taken, and if convenient delivered to the
countenance; he would be taken for American-raised if he could speak the language. The last
calling himself **LUFFER** [LUTHER aka LUFFA], is about 28 years old, 5 feet 8 inches high,
 thick projecting lips, his teeth in front do not close but leave a gap above and below. The last
named have not the usual Affrican [sic] marks on their faces. These negroes understand so little
of the language that they are unable to communicated relative to their owners. The owners are
requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take them away. MALCOLM A.
JOHNSON. Victoria, 9 Feb. 1839.

20 March 1839, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]
$1000 Reward, will be given for any information concerning the following negroes, viz.—
VIOLET, about 25 years of age, cross eyed, quick spoken; PETER, the husband of Violet, about
38 years of age, one tooth out before; SYRUS about 25 years of age, an African; JACOB, about
21 years of age, African, his teeth have been much injured by salivation; and JANE, about forty
years of age. The above named negroes were taken from Mobile to New Orleans by A. L.
Shackleford, Presley C. Richardson and Alfred Gibson, and a part of them there sold, and the
other on the Coast. Said negroes have been run to Texas since they were sold and from the best
information that I have, Peter and Violet are in the neighborhood of the City of Houston, Texas.
Any certain information concerning any of them would doubtless enable me to secure them all.
H. VAUGHAN. (Red-Lander) [sic]. Feb 16, [1839].

6 April 1839, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]
Runaway Negroes—Runaway from the plantation of P. D. McNEEL and R. MILLS, in the
county of Brazoria, early in January, three African men. SANCO, about 30 years old, 5 feet 8 or
9 inches high, small eyes inclined to discharge matter from their corners, fine marks running
down the cheeks, and high bold forehead. DOO,251 black; about 30 years old, stout built and not
much disposed to talk. LUTHER or LUFA,252 black; about 28 years old, large and stout built,
very thick lips. These negroes can talk but little English. They were taken near Victoria and
delivered to the sheriff and made their escape from him about the 14th March. It is requested to
have them well secured if taken, and if convenient delivered to the subscriber at Brazoria. A
handsome compensation will be made for their delivery or safe custody. R. MILLS. Brazoria,
April [sic] 3 [1839].253

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251 duplicative; see above.

252 duplicative; see above.

253 See identical copies in the following: 14 Aug. 1839, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]; 2 July
1840, *The Morning Star* [TX].
23 December 1840, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]

Notice. Taken Up by the Bidais Indians, and brought to my house, on the 8th of December, 1840, two Negroes, Africans, a man and a woman; supposed to be between 20 and 25 years of age: they appear to be very well satisfied. The owner can have them on application by proving them, and paying their expenses. I will not be accountable for them. The man says his name is **FRANK**, and the woman **AMANDA**. They speak very few words of English, and either cannot or will not tell to whom they belong. **ISAIAK DONOHO.** Austin County. dec [sic] 23 [1840].

23 August 1843, *Telegraph and Texas Register* [Houston]

Taken Up, and committed to the Jail of Fort Bend County, by C. P. Heermans, Jr., on the 4th day of August, 1843, a runaway negro boy [**BOY**], about 16 or 17 years old, slim and spare made, black complexion, an African or Creole French Negro. He had a shot pouch and butcher knife, and small bay horse when taken. The owner is requeste to come forward, prove his property and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs. **H. M. THUMPSEN, Sh’ff, F B C. Richmond, Fort Bend County, August 14th, 1843.**

3 February 1844, *The National Vindicator* (Washington, TX)

$25 Reward. Runaway from the subscriber, living on New Years Creek, Washington county, on the night of the 23d inst, a negro man named **TITUS**, aged twenty-six years, very black color, about five feet eight or nine inches high, he is of African descent, speaks very broken, has lost some of his front teeth; had on when he left a jeans frock coat and kersey pants. Any person apprehending said boy and delivering him to the subscriber, or lodging him in some safe jail and giving information of the same, shall receive the above reward. **T. J. ALLCORN.** Washington [TX], Jan 27, 1844.

31 October 1850, *The Texian Advocate* [Austin]

A Runaway Negro Was committed to the jail of Victoria county on the 28th inst. Said negro is quite black, is about 5 feet 7 inches high, about 40 years old, light made, has small hands, is narrow across the forehead, nose tolerable flat, and wears small whiskers. He says his name is **JIM**, and that he worked with a man whom he calls Capitan MANWELL; but will not say when it was or where Manwell lives. Said man appears to be an African negro, and speaks a few words of Spanish and Congo, so mixed that it is difficult to understand what he says. He was arrested on the 25th inst. by Mr. Richard Heath of Lavaca county, near the lower line of that county, and was committed to the jail of this county for safe keeping. The owner of said negro is therefore requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away. **GEO. W. WRIGHT, V. c. Victoria, Oct. 29, 1850.**

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**254** Their presence in east-central Texas in 1840, and subsequent African runaways in the region, suggests either illegal smuggling of enslaved Africans to the Republic of Texas, or purchases of new Africans from Caribbean islands such as Cuba, where the transatlantic slave trade was still effectively legal.

**255** See also identical notice, in 18 January 1851, *Texas State Gazette*. 
10 December 1853, Texas Republican
Ran Away! From the subscriber at Greenwood, Caddo parish, Louisiana, on the 20th day of June, A.D. 1853, a negro man [MAN], aged about 33 years, of black complexion, and about five feet six or seven inches high. Said boy is an African, and speaks quite broken. I purchased said boy from O. E. Roberts, sheriff of Upshur county, Texas. He has been owned by different persons in Western Texas. A liberal reward will be given for the apprehension and delivery of the boy to me at Greenwood, La., or his confinement in jail, so that I get him. The State Gazette, at Austin, Texas, will please copy for three months and forward its account to this office for payment. DAVID J. HOOKS. Marshall, Dec. 5, 1853.256

11 February 1854, The Texas State Times
The State of Texas, Matagorda County. I, George Boyer, Sheriff of the county aforesaid, hereby certify that on the 6th day of December, A.D. 1853, George Buckhart, Deputy Sheriff of said county, apprehended the following negro slave as a runaway, and on the 21st day of December, 1853, said runaway slave was, by Claiborn Hill, Esq., a Justice of the Peace for said county, committed to my custody for safe keeping until called for or otherwise disposed of by due course of law, which runaway slave is described as follows, to-wit: He is an African (Congo) of black color, about 5 feet 8 ½ inches high, says he is 30 years old, his right foot is injured, (he says cut with an axe,) [sic] the middle toe having been rendered shorter by the wound; he has lost three upper front teeth; he says that his African name was YOUR, but that his now called SAM: that his first owner in Texas was Mr. Mills of Matagorda county; that he has been sold five or six times in Texas, but that he now belongs to SAMUEL HOOK, Esq., of Shreveport, Louisiana. When taken, by his appearance, he has been out some time. His owner is hereby notified to pay charges, and take said slave away, or after the expiration of six months from his publication, I shall proceed to dispose of him according to law. GEORGE BOYER, Sheriff M. c. Dec. 21, 1853.

11 Feb. 1854, The Gonzales Enquirer [Gonzales, TX]
Runaway Negro. There was committed to my custody by Thomas J. Pilgrim, Justice of the Peace of Gonzalez County, on the 6th day of February, A.D. 1854, a negro man of the following description, to-wit: He is about five feet nine or ten inches high, of copper color, has the African mark on his face, speaks French very well—his English is very broken—his age is between forty-five and fifty—he says his name is MATHIEU, and that he belongs to a gentleman by the name of WM. HAM, who lives on Red River. His owner is hereby required to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law prescribes. W. L. BARROW, Sheriff G. C. Gonzales, February 11, 1854.

256 See also nearly identical notice, in 3 January 1854, Texas State Gazette.
8 August 1857, *Texas State Gazette* [Austin]
Ranaway From the subscriber, an African Negro boy, named **SAM**, about 38 years old and about 5 feet 6 inches high; speaks English tolerably well; stoops a little when he walks; stout and healthy. I will pay the usual reward for the boy delivered to Geo. Hancock, at Austin, or any where that I can get him; or delivered to me at my residence at Peach Point, Brazoria county.

**STEPHEN S. PERRY.** Gulf Prairie, Brazoria Co. Austin, August 8, 1857.257

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257 See also variation, 29 Aug. 1857, *Texas Ranger*: Runaway From the plantation of the undersigned, in Brazoria County, an African Negro named **SAM**. He speaks English tolerably well, is about 38 years old, and about 5 feet 6 inches in height; he is stout and healthy and stoops a little when he walks. He was purchased from Mr. T. C. Thompson, in Burleson, county, [sic] who resides a few miles west of Caldwell. I will pay the usual reward if delivered where I can get him, or delivered to me at Peach Point, Brazoria county. **STEPHEN S. PERRY.** August 8, 1857.