

NOTES AND DOCUMENTS

Richard Wojtowicz

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

and

Billy G. Smith

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR RUNAWAY SLAVES, INDENTURED SERVANTS, AND APPRENTICES IN THE *PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE*, 1795–1796

Fugitives filled eighteenth-century America. Indians retreated westward to evade white invasion, European immigrants fled the Old World to begin their lives again, and impoverished Americans roamed from place to place in search of a livelihood.¹ At the same time, people with various skin colors tried desperately to escape their bondage in the New World. When these slaves, indentured servants, and apprentices made a break for freedom, they often encountered citizens willing to apprehend them for the rewards their masters offered. Benjamin Franklin recounted how he was questioned while eloping from his apprenticeship, and that he “was suspected to be some runaway servant, and in danger of being taken up on that suspicion.”² Blacks, mulattoes, Indians, and young whites could be challenged by any citizen, and if they were unable to produce papers certifying their freedom, then they were liable to incarceration until the authorities were satisfied about their status.³ If the threat of crime and physical violence contributes to the tensions and alienation in modern American cities, the level of suspicion and scrutiny among strangers in early America must have created similar problems for that society.

Newspaper advertisements offering rewards for the capture and

return of runaways provide a cache of information about their physical and personal characteristics and their probable means of escape. Naturally these records must be interpreted judiciously since the descriptions were reported by masters, some of whom may have been deceived by their workers or imagined their bound laborers as they wished them to be. Yet scholars have used such evidence profitably. Notably, Gerald R. Mullin relied on notices for escaped blacks to interpret slave culture and personality types in eighteenth-century Virginia; other historians have drawn composite portraits of fugitive slaves.⁴ All of these studies, however, have focused on the south, and few scholars have examined these sources for data on servants or apprentices.⁵

The *Pennsylvania Gazette*, Philadelphia's foremost newspaper during the eighteenth century, enjoyed wide circulation in the Mid-Atlantic area and the Upper South.⁶ Between its establishment in 1728 and the end of the century, the *Gazette* contained thousands of notices for runaways, most of whom fled masters who lived within the region. (One irony of the publication of these advertisements, of course, is that Ben Franklin, one of the newspaper's founders, had himself fled from his apprenticeship).

All of the advertisements for runaway slaves, servants, and apprentices as well as the notices by officials who held actual or potential fugitives in their custody which appeared in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* in 1795 or 1796 are reproduced below.⁷ Some advertisements were published several times; we included the repeated ones only in those few cases when they provided significant additional information. The date of publication appears at the top of the advertisement and the date of submission at its bottom. We have silently expanded some abbreviations and occasionally altered punctuation and spelling to make the text more comprehensible. Capitalized and italicized words remain as in the original.⁸

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR RUNAWAYS FROM *THE PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE*

January 7, 1795
Eight Dollars Reward

RAN AWAY from the subscriber, living in Pixton township, Dauphin county, about 6 miles from Harrisburg, on Friday, the 19th instant,⁹ a Negro BOY, named SAM, 17 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, well made, has very large feet, large featured, and thick lips,

much pitted with the small-pox; had on when he went away, a brown coloured hunting-shirt, under jacket with strings to it, and trowsers of the same, a pair of coarse tow¹⁰ trowsers, and a linen shirt. It is probable he will change his name and clothes. Whoever takes up said Negro, and secures him in any jail, so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges.

BENJAMIN DUNCAN

December 26, 1794

January 7, 1795

Eight Dollars Reward

RAN AWAY, on the night of the 28th of November last, from the house of James Martin, in the Falls township, Bucks county, state of Pennsylvania, an Apprentice BOY, named WILLIAM STARKEY, between 17 and 18 years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, a little stoop shouldered; and brown complexion; took with him, one dark brown full lined linsey¹¹ coat, one light coloured broadcloth ditto¹² and one green ditto, three under vests, one of which was spotted velvet, one brown linsey, and one green ditto and a pair of old leather breeches, with a patch on the right knee, a pair of footed woolen stockings, with old shoes and large plated buckles, and a white hat. Any person taking up and securing said Apprentice in gaol, or otherwise, so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above Reward, and all reasonable charges paid, by applying to the subscriber, in the township aforesaid.

JOHN HULME

December 15, 1794

January 7, 1795

Six Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber, Paper-Maker, in Lower-Merion township, Montgomery county, a German Servant MAN, named CONRAD HEIDI, about 22 years of age, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, has redish hair, tied behind, a freckled face, down look, and slim; had on when he went away, a blue cloth surtout¹³ coat, a blue cloth sailor's jacket, a grey cloth under jacket, a pair of black velvet, and a pair of corduroy breeches, and shoes tied with strings. Whoever takes up the said Servant, and secures him in any goal, so that his master may have him again, shall receive the above Reward, and reasonable charges, paid by

FREDERICK BICKING.

N. B.¹⁴ All masters of vessels, and others, are forbid to harbour or carry him off, at their peril.

January 7, 1795

Four Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, living in Stow creek township, Cumberland county, state of New-Jersey, on the 26th of November last, an Apprentice LAD, named DAVID STOGDIN, about 18 years of age, is streight built, well grown, has thick brown hair, which he sometimes wears tied behind; had on and took with him, a lead coloured thick cloth homespun coattee, almost new, very large in the sleeves, an out-side jacket of the same colour, much worn, a deep blue waistcoat, with two rows of metal buttons, one old lead coloured ditto, a new tow and linen shirt, one other ditto a little worn, a pair of redish coloured striped linsey trowsers, one pair of tow and linen ditto, one pair of woolen stockings, of a mixed blue and white colour, broken in the feet, neats leather¹⁵ shoes, with yellow metal buckles, a round small brim wool hat, almost new, a silk handkerchief, red, checked large with narrow stripes. Whoever takes up and secures said Apprentice, so that I get him again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by

DAVID AYARS.

December 6, 1794.

January 14, 1795

Eight Dollars Reward.

RUN-AWAY on Sunday, the 4th instant, an Apprentice BOY, named JOSEPH WHITE, by trade a Blacksmith, between 17 and 18 years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, of a dark complexion, with black streight hair; had on and took with him, a dark olive coloured cloth coat and vest, two pair of trowsers, the one fustian,¹⁶ the other milled linsey, a new, high crowned, wool hat, two pair of pale blue coloured stockings, two homespun linen shirts, almost new, and a pair of strong leather shoes with old buckles in them. Whoever takes up and brings home said Apprentice, or lodges him in jail in the States, shall be entitled to the above reward, and reasonable charges, paid by me,

WALTER LILLY, junr.

East-Caln, Chester county,

January 5, 1795.

January 14, 1795

Four Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber, on Thursday the 25th of Decem-

ber, living in Lower-Salford township, Montgomery county, a Negro MAN, named JOE, about 5 feet 5 inches high, was 23 years of age last May, walks lame, has a piece of his little finger cut off; had on and took with him, a new mixture linsey coat, and under jacket of the same, a striped jacket of linen, blue and white stripes, two pair of trowsers, a pair of yellow linsey, and a pair of striped cassimer, two pair of stockings, one pair of pale blue yarn, ribbed, the other black wollen yarn, a new pair of shoes, a new high crowned hat, bound with black tape. Whoever takes up said Negro, and secures him in any jail, so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by

JACOB REIFF, Senior.

January 8, 1795.

January 21, 1795

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living near Nottingham, on Patuxent river, Prince George's county, Maryland, a likely, active Mulatto slave, called HARRY, who since his departure has assumed the name of FLEET. He is about 22 or 23 years of age, and 5 feet 10 inches high; has grey eyes and sandy coloured hair, which he wears turned up before, and very short and straight behind. He appears confused when spoken to, but when closely examined, much embarrassed. His cloathing cannot be particularly described, as he has been gone ever since July. By a letter from him to his father, dated the 17th of Sept. last, it appears that he was then in Philadelphia, and he says he expected to sail for London in about two months. All masters of vessels are hereby cautioned against carrying off the said slave at their peril. Whoever takes him up, and secures him in goal, so that I get him again shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges for bringing him home.

MATHEW EVERSFIELD.

January 28, 1795

WAS committed to the gaol of Chester county, on the 13th of this instant, a negro man, who calls himself JOE JENKINS, and acknowledges to be a slave to MR. JAMES CLEGETT, of George-Town, state of Maryland, his master is hereby desired to come, pay the charges, and take him away, in 4 weeks from the date hereof, otherwise he will be discharged on paying his fees.

THOMAS TAYLOR, Gaoler.

Jan. 20, 1795.

February 25, 1795
Half a Dollar Reward.

Ran away from the subscriber, living in Bridgeton, West-Jersey, an Apprentice LAD, named EZRA WESTCOT, about 14 years of age, has worked some time at the taylor's trade, is small of his age, and has a mole on his right cheek, near his mouth; had on, when he went away, a brown cloth coat and trowsers, a spotted swanskin¹⁷ vest, wool hat, muslin¹⁸ shirt, and some other cloaths. Whoever takes up said apprentice, and secures him, so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, but no charges paid by

ZACHARIAH LAWRENCE.

February 16, 1795.

N. B. All persons are forewarned against harbouring said Boy.

February 25, 1795
Half a Cent Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, on the 16th instant, a certain indented Apprentice, named JOHN CLERK; he is about 16 years of age; had on when he went away, a bottle green coloured cloth coat, a velvet waistcoat, a pair of cloth overalls, and a roram hat,¹⁹ all nearly new; he is very much given to drinking, has, lately, been often observed groggy in the store, and consequently so rude as to throw his shoes through the windows; he was corrected for taking money out of the drawer and getting drunk on Sundays, at an infamous cake and beer-house, after which he absconded. Any person who will bring him back to his master, shall have the above reward but no charges; for although he has activity to be useful, his habits are such as to render him unsafe to be trusted where goods are easily embezzled.

JOHN M'CLELLEN.

Princeton, New-Jersey,
Feb. 17, 1795.

March 4, 1795
Six pence Reward.

Ran away on the 9th instant from the subscriber, living in East-Bradford township, Chester county, a Servant GIRL, named RACHAEL REECE, had two years and seven months to serve; she is very talkative, bold, and fond of the men; had on and took with her, a chip hat with a broad striped green, blue and yellow ribbon, three shifts,

four short gowns, of different kinds, a yard and a half of striped linen, to make up into a short gown, 4 stockings, two of which were blue, and the other white, and a pair of good leather shoes. Whoever brings her home to her master shall receive the above reward.

JOSEPH GEST.

February 27.

March 11, 1795

WE the subscribers became bound, by an obligation, about the latter end of the year 1791, in a certain penalty, to deliver up a certain Mulatto, or Black MAN, named WILLIAM LEWIS, if he should be proved a slave; and as the Black Man hath, for the most part, resided since the security was given, in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and no one having appeared to claim him: Therefore these are to give public Notice, that if he hath a master, or owner, he is desired to come within 30 days after the date hereof, and prove property, according to law, otherwise we shall hold ourselves free from the said obligation.

WILLIAM TINSLEY,
JOSEPH PENNOCK.

West-Marlborough, Chester
county, Feb. 20, 1795.

March 11, 1795

Five Pounds Reward.

Ran away on Sunday, the 1st instant, from the subscriber, an apprentice boy named JONATHAN PAUL, by trade a blacksmith, between 19 and 20 years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, stoop shouldered, brownish hair, and commonly wears it tied behind, grey eyes, pug nose, surly look, subject to very sore shins, has been lately cured, which may be easily seen, very heavy walk, took with him one dark blue cloth coatee, one short light coating jacket, with sleeves, two under vests, one of which was olive corduroy, the other Washington's rib, olive coloured, with metal buttons on each, three pair trowsers, one pair coating almost new, one ditto olive fustian, one ditto striped cotton, two pair grey woolen ribbed stockings, two pair shoes, one pair almost new, three shirts two coarse, and one fine, one calf-skin apron, almost new.—Whoever takes up and brings home said apprentice, or lodges him in jail in the states, shall be entitled to the above reward and reasonable charges by

CHRISTOPHER HERGESHEIMER.

Germantown, Feb. 9.

March 18, 1795

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY on Sunday, the 15th instant, from the subscriber, living in Lower Merriion township, Montgomery county, a Negro LAD, about 16 years of age, and goes by the name of CALEB BROWN, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, has a round face, and somewhat of a down look, a mark near one of his temples, speaks coarse, and leans forward in his walk; had on when he went away, a blue sailor jacket lined with white flannel, a linsey under jacket, striped brown linsey trowsers, Russia sheeting shirt, two pair of stockings, one pair blue, the other brown, calfskin shoes, and an old wool hat. Whoever secures said Negro in any gaol, so that his master gets him again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, paid by

FREDERICK BICKING.

March 15, 1795.

N. B. All masters of vessels, and others, are forbid to harbour or carry him off at their peril.

April 1, 1795

Twelve Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, living in Moreland township, Philadelphia county, on Sunday, the 22nd instant, an apprentice LAD, named *George Bamford*, between 18 and 19 years of age, was bred a farmer; light brown hair, pale countenance, slim made, wears his [hair] tied, grey eyes, slim legs, knock-kneed, and drinks to excess; had on and took with him, a roram hat, striped green cloth coattee, striped velvet vest, thick-set breeches, ribbed stockings, all new, two pair of shoes, a fulled linsey lead coloured coattee, linsey vest and trowsers, striped red and blue, one shift ruffled at the bosom, one flax and tow ditto, both new, two ditto of flax, much worn, muslin neckcloth, a new wallet, marked J. S. with whiter thread. Any person apprehending said Apprentice, and securing him in any jail, so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges.

All masters of vessels, and others, are forewarned, not to harbour or carry off said Apprentice.

JACOB SHEARER.

March 25, 1795.

April 22, 1795

Four Dollars Reward.

RAN away on the 24th of March last, an apprentice boy, named Daniel Creely, about 16 or 17 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, slim made, strait brownish hair, sometimes wears it tied; had on, and took with him, an old shirt, greyish cloth under jacket, a lightish lincey coattee, old buckskin breeches, a pair of striped corduroy ditto, pale blue yarn stockings, and half worn shoes, with plated buckles, also two felt hats, one nearly new. Whoever takes up and secures said apprentice, so as his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, paid by the subscriber, in Newtown, Bucks county, state of Pennsylvania.

STEPHEN TWINING.

N. B. The said apprentice took with him a likely young dog, of a greyish colour, belonging to his master.

April 4, 1795.

April 22, 1795

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY, on the 12th instant, from the subscriber, living in Upper Dublin township, Montgomery county, an Apprentice LAD, named MATTHEW BARNHILL, between 18 and 19 years of age, better than 5 feet high, remarkably thick set, fair hair, tied, very coarse featured, with large nose and eye-brows, has a scar on the right cheek down to the chin, his left great toe apt to be sore with the nail, his beard appears as if he might be more than thirty years of age, has very hairy legs: Had on, when he went away, a high crown castor hat,²⁰ broadcloth mixt coloured coattee, very much worn, with plated sugar-loaf buttons, spotted velveret²¹ vest, new cut and ribbed velvet breeches, with sugar-loaf but-tons, and silver knee-buckles, grey yarn stockings which have been soaled, half worn neats leather shoes, with double chaped plated buckles, and a fine homespun linen shirt; he had two neckcloths, one white, the other black, is a shoemaker by trade, has two years and seven months to serve; he may loiter about and try to get work, as he had not much money. It is supposed he will make toward Pittsburgh, as his mother lives there with her son-in-law,—Finnemore. Whoever takes up said Apprentice, and secures him in any gaol so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home to his master, paid by

HENRY TIMANUS.

N. B. All masters of vessels and others, are forbid to harbour, conceal, or carry off said Apprentice at their peril.

April 16, 1795.

April 29, 1795

Eight Dollars Reward.

RAN away, in the evening of the 30th of March, from the subscriber, an apprentice boy, named Joseph Couch, about eighteen years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, slender built, dark eyes, brown hair, sometimes wears it tied; had on, and took with him, two upper short jackets, made of home spun thick cloth, lead coloured, one of them new, double breasted, with large white metal buttons on, and three large buttons to each sleeve, the other single breasted, pretty much worn, two home spun waistcoats, of the same cloth, single breasted, one of them nearly new, one new roram hat, another wool hat, half worn, and sundry other cloaths, which cannot be described. Whoever secures the said boy in any goal, so his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges paid if brought home by

JOSHUA THOMPSON.

Salem, New-Jersey, April 10th, 1795.

N. B. All masters of vessels and others are forbid to harbour, employ or take said apprentice away, at their peril.

April 29, 1795

Four Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, in Oxford township, Chester county, in the night of the 24th of March last, an apprentice lad, named John Ferguson, about 19 years of age; had on, and took with him, a cloth coat, fulled lincey jacket and overalls, and a pair of nankeen²² overalls, good shoes and stockings, and a good hat. Whoever takes up and secures said apprentice, so as his master may get him again, shall have the above reward and reasonable charges, paid by

Alexander Russel.

April 3.

May 6, 1795

WAS committed to the goal of Chester county, some time ago, a Negro Man, who calls himself Sam. Roach, acknowledges to be a slave to Benjamin Duncan, of Dauphin county, near Harrisburgh. His Master is hereby desired to come, pay charges and take him away, in four weeks from the date hereof, otherwise he will be discharged, on paying his fees.

THOMAS TAYLOR, Goaler.

April 30, 1795.

May 20, 1795

Four Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, living in the town of Salem, on Saturday evening last, an Apprentice LAD, named *Nathan Long*, about 18 years of age, has black hair, which he commonly wears tied; had on and took with him, one fur and one felt hat, a jean coat, lapelled, and one light coating coattee, one fine and two coarse shirts, one pair blue cloth and two pair nankeen trowsers, and good shoes and stockings. Whoever will take up said Apprentice, and secure him in any gaol, so that his Master may get him again, shall receive the above reward and reasonable charges, paid by

JACOB HUFTY.

Salem, New-Jersey, May 7, 1795.

June 10, 1795

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, in Chester, on the night of the 2d of June, instant, an Irish servant LAD, named JOHN BOYLE, about 15 or 16 year of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, stout built, rocks and stoops a little in his walk, round fair face and ruddy complexion, dark short curly hair, and when spoken to appears bashful or diffident; had on and took with him, three shirts, one of which was check, the others white, one forest cloth coat turned, of a brown and yellow mixed colour, lapelled, one short brown sailor jacket, lined with white flannels, one pair of old brown trowsers of the same cloth, one ditto old jean, one ditto new striped ticking,²³ one white waistcoat, one old blue surtout coat, a pretty good hat lined with white linen, with some other articles not easy to describe, among which is a piece of coarse napped cloth, the same as his jacket. Whoever will secure the above described Lad, shall receive the above reward. Should the said *John Boyle* incline to return, he shall be received as kindly as ever, and all former faults forgiven. Masters and owners of vessels are requested to attend to the above.

WM. R. ATLEE.

Chester, June 4.

June 10, 1795

Four Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, living in the township of Lower Alloway's creek, county of Salem, state of New-Jersey, on Monday morning last, a servant MAN, named ABNER CARTWRIGHT, about 23 years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, long light hair,

which he wears tied; had on when he went away, one striped nankeen coat, a spotted cotton jacket, a pair of stockings, half worn boots, a half worn roram hat, and what is very remarkable, he has lost his right ear. Whoever takes up said Runaway, and secures him in any gaol, so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by me,

JOHN BRIGGS.

June 3, 1795.

June 24, 1795

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, on the 29th of April last, an Apprentice BOY, named JAMES DUNBAR, about 18 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, down look, long dark hair, tied behind; had on and took with him a grey coloured short coat, with metal buttons, light coloured overalls, made of coating, one spotted velvet jacket, one ditto broad stripes, white and black, one ditto printed cotton, of a light colour, a round castor hat, a pair of neats leather shoes with buckles. Whoever takes up said Apprentice, and secures him in any gaol in this state, or the adjacent states, and will give information thereof to *Michael Roberts*, No. 92, Market-street, Philadelphia, or the subscriber, in Trenton, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges.

JONATHAN DOAN.

May 18, 1795.

July 1, 1795

Six-pence Reward.

RAN-AWAY on the 14th instant, from the subscriber, living in Horsham township, Montgomery county, a Servant GIRL, named ELIZABETH LIVINGSTON; had on a linsey petticoat and gown. Whoever takes up the said Servant, shall have the above reward, and no charges.

PHEBE JONES.

JUNE 26, 1795.

July 8, 1795

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, on the 19th ultimo,²⁴ an indented Servant LAD, named JOHN CONNELL, lately from Cork, in

Ireland, about 19 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, tolerably well set, brown hair, hazle eyes, his forehead and top of his head remarkably high, and of a parabolic form, speaks in the Irish dialect, and can converse in the Irish tongue, served some time to the cork making business before he came to America, in which, it is probable, he may endeavour to get encouragement: had on, when he went off, a shirt of white homespun linen, ticklenburg²⁵ trowsers, a lead coloured vest, round black hat, and a pair of heavy shoes tied with strings. Whoever secures said Servant in any gaol, so that his master gets him again, shall receive the above Reward. Masters of vessels, and others, are requested to attend to the above, and not to harbour or take him off at their peril.

JAMES HUNTER,

No. 37, North Second-street.

Philadelphia, July 4, 1795.

July 8, 1795

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, living in Pennsborough township, Chester county, on the night of the 28th instant, an Apprentice LAD to the shoemaking business, named JAMES MAXWELL, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, well set, between 19 and 20 years of age, has a coarse dark complexion, long dark brown hair, which he commonly wore tied or quieued; had on and took with him, a new dark striped nankeen coat, stamp cotton waistcoat, red striped trowsers, a pair of striped linen ditto, a pair coloured tow ditto, 3 shirts, one of which was new, one roram and one wool hat, new shoes with pla-ted buckles. Whoever secures the said Apprentice, so that his master may get him again, shall have the above Reward, and if brought home, reasonable charges paid by

JAMES PASSMORE.

June 28, 1795.

N. B. The said Maxwell went off in company with a Lad of the name of Isaiah Hollingsworth, about 16 years of age, and it is supposed they will continue together.

August 26, 1795

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, on the night of the 10th instant, an indented Servant LAD, named JOHN JOHNSTON, a native of Ireland, about 17 years of age, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, short red hair, sandy complexion, grey eyes, pitted with the smallpox; had on and took with him, an old felt hat, old jacket without sleeves, toilinet²⁶ stripe, with the back part of country made linen, striped also, with a remarka-

ble piece up the middle, two shirts, one new tow linen, the trowsers, both coloured dark olive. Whoever secures said Servant in the gaol of this county, shall have SEVEN DOLLARS Reward, and reasonable expences if brought home, paid by

JOHN MENOUGH, Junior.

New-London Cross Roads, Chester county,

August 17, 1795.

N. B. It is supposed the above servant is gone toward Carlisle, as he has relations in that place; he is ill provided for travelling, it is hoped the different ferries will be careful to examine such, &c.

September 2, 1795

Eight Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY, on the 24th instant, from the subscriber, living in Northampton township, Bucks county, a Negro MAN upwards of 40 years of age, goes by the name of BRAM, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, leans forward in his walk, loves spirits, and is fond of a violin, one of which he took with him; had on when he went away, a light coloured cloth short coat, a striped pattern under jacket, a fine shirt, and a tow linen ditto, two pair of trowsers, one pair of black and white striped cotton, the other pair tow linen, a pair of black and white speckled cotton stockings, and a pair of light coloured worsted²⁷ ditto, coarse leather shoes, and an old fine hat. Whoever secures said Negro in any gaol, so that his master gets him again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, paid by

HUGH EDAMS.

N. B. All masters of vessels, and others, are forbid to harbour or carry him away.

August 26, 1795.

September 2, 1795

Forty Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, living in Oxford township, Chester county, state of Pennsylvania, the beginning of last October, a Negro MAN, named JOE, about 24 years of age, near 6 feet high, of a tawney colour, much given to drink, playing on the fiddle, dancing and frolicking and his disposition is such, that it is expected he will continue so to do; it is thought unnecessary to describe his cloathing, being so long gone, it is supposed he has exchanged them with some of his associates; he has a large scar on his head, a little above his forehead, also a large scar on one of his feet, at the root of the great toe. Said fellow has a

brother, named Abel Gibbens, who has worked in and about Philadelphia for some years, who is a freeman. I intended to set said slave free at a reasonable period, and still mean the same, it case he returns, or is brought to me. The above reward will be given to any person securing said fellow in any gaol, so that I get him again, and reasonable charges if brought home.

ANDREW LOWREY.

August 24, 1795.

N. B. All masters of vessels, and others, are forbid harbouring or carrying him off, at their peril.

September 16, 1795

Six Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY, on the 7th instant, from the subscriber, an Irish servant LAD, calls himself AUTHUR O'NEIL, is stout and well built, about 16 years old, and 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, fair complexion, short black hair lately cut square behind, has a scar on the side of his face near his eye, and has a heavy clumsy walk; had on an old high-crown'd wool hat, blue jacket, black home-made linsey under jacket, dyed tow trowsers, with a hole in the legs, old shoes with strings, and a leather apron tanned with allum. Who-ever takes up said servant, and secures him in any gaol in this state, and gives me information thereof, shall receive the above reward, paid by me, living in Kennet township near Kennet Square, Chester county.

WILLIAM MANSELL.

September 14th, 1795.

September 16, 1795

Eight Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Salem county, New-Jersey, about three miles from the town of Salem, on the 13th instant, an indented servant lad, named JOHN TEST, about 14 years of age, slim made and tall, with black hair; had on, and took with him, two hats, part worn, and a thick coat, with sundry other cloaths. Whoever secures said boy in any gaol of this state, or in the gaol of Philadelphia, so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above reward.

JOSIAH MILLER,

N. B. All masters of vessels and others are forewarned, at their peril, from taking off or harbouring said boy.

September 14th 1795.

September 30, 1795
Forty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber last night, two Negroe men. One named PETER, about twenty-eight years of age, five feet four or five inches high. He took with him one dark brown homespun worsted coat, white cashmer waistcoat, jean olive coloured breeches, one fine and two coarse shirts, two light brown cloth coattees, one sagathy olive coloured coattee, one pair of old calfskin shoes, one pair of new shoes hob-nailed, two pair of stockings, one pair of large plated buckles, a new white hat, and one black hat. He is remarkably clear from swearing.

The other named POMPEY, about twenty-four years of age, five feet eight inches high, knock-kneed, and remarkably small legs. He took with him one clouded nankeen coat, fancy pattern'd jean striped waistcoat, nankeen trowsers, a homespun sagathy coatee olive coloured, a homespun striped cloth coat half worn, one pair of cotton stockings, one pair of yarn ditto, one fine shirt, two coarse ditto, two pair of linen trowsers, two pair of hob-nailed shoes, a new black hat and an old hat, besides a variety of other cloaths not mentioned. Said POMPEY is very fond of strong drink, and when in liquor is very quarrelsome.

Whoever secures said run-aways in any gaol, so that the subscriber may get them again, shall receive the above reward, or twenty dollars for either of them paid by

JOSEPH ELLIS.

Gloucester county, New-Jersey,
September 23d, 1795.

October 7, 1795

RAN-AWAY on the 10th of last May, a young Negro MAN, who had 5 years and six months to serve, is short and thick, and has a down look, named CUFF, though he has changed his name at other times, and it is probable he may do so again; had on, when he went away, a white coattee and red waistcoat, olive coloured trowsers half worn, felt hat, and skipskin shoes. All masters of families are forbid to conceal, harbour or hire him, if they do they shall pay 3 quarters of a dollar per day, as I have to pay that to them I hire, and masters of vessels are forbid to hire or carry him away. Let every one act the honest part, and see a certificate of freedom before they employ a Negro. Whoever takes up said Runaway, and secures him in the gaol of Philadelphia, shall have EIGHT DOLLARS REWARD and reasonable charges paid, by

REBECCA SANDHAM.

October 14, 1795

Eight Dollars Reward.

RAN-away from the subscriber, living in Fairfield township, Cumberland county, West New-Jersey, on the 15th of September last, an indented servant lad, between 17 and 18 years of age, had on, when he went away, one pair of striped homespun trowsers, a shirt and a wool hat; he is a well set lad, and has lost the fore finger of his left hand, at the second joint. Whoever takes said lad, and secures him, so that the subscriber may get him again, shall have the above reward.

PHILIP WESCOTT.

October 14.

October 14, 1795

Eight Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber, on or about the 2d day of August, an apprentice boy, named PETTIT BRITTIN, about 20 years of age, five feet nine or ten inches high, light complexion, his dress can't be described, as he took all his cloaths with him. Whoever takes him up, and brings him to me shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges paid, by

JOHN GORDON,

No. 23, North Third-street, Philadelphia.

N. B. His parents live near Morristown, East-Jersey, and it is thought he is gone that way.

October 21, 1795

Forty Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, living at the head of Bohemia, Cecil county, Maryland, on the 9th of August last, a Negroe man, named NED about forty years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, of a yellowish complexion, forward and impertinent; had on a coarse tow linen shirt and trowsers, a high crown'd felt hat, and old corduroy or thickset waistcoat, a greyish mix'd cloth coat, and carries a large cane with a brass head carved, and wears a belt round his waist, on account of the rim of his belly being broke. The above Negroe worked with Jesse Holt and Samuel Torrance, in Horsham Township, Montgomery county, near Mrs. Ball's tavern these six weeks past, and calls himself *Jack*; it is likely he will leave that neighbourhood and change his name again, as he was pursued in that neighbourhood on Thursday last, by one of his young masters, who got all his clothes except the above mentioned.

Whoever takes up the said Negroe, and secures him in Philadelphia gaol, shall have THIRTY DOLLARS, or if brought home, the above reward and reasonable charges, paid by

ABIGAIL RYLAND.

October 19.

October 21, 1795
Six Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Allen-town, East New-Jersey, an apprentice lad, named John W. Jackson, by trade a weaver, about 17 years of age, of fair complexion, light strait hair, and blue eyes; had on, when he went away, a light bearskin coat, homespun linen jacket and trowsers, and a wool hat. Whoever takes up said lad, and brings him to his master, shall have the above reward and reasonable charges, paid by

JAMES COLVIN.

June 26, 1795.

N. B. It is supposed he is lurking about Queen-street, as his parents live there. All persons are forbid to harbour him at their peril.

October 21, 1795
Twenty-five Dollars Reward.

RAN away from Millstone, on Saturday, the 3d instant, a Negrhe lad, named NED, about 5 feet 7 inches high, well set, tolerable black, smooth skin, a small scar over one of his eyes, if attacked closely is apt to stammer in his answers, about 19 years old; had on, when he went away, a short blue lappell'd coat with metal buttons, a browh short cloth jacket, and tow shirt and trowsers. Also ran away with the above Negroe, from the subscriber, in Trenton, a Negroe man, named DICK, about 28 years old, 5 feet 5 inches high, tolerable black smooth skin, has a bunch of bushy hair behind, and had his fore-top lately cut off; has scars on his back, having been several times flogg'd at the whipping-post; if attacked closely will stammer in his answers; had on, and took with him, an old fur hat, with a remarkable high crown and narrow brim, a blue surtout, and homespun trowsers. Whoever apprehends the above Negroes, and delivers them to ABRAHAM HUNT, at Trenton, or HENRY DISBROW, at Millstone, Somerset county, New-Jersey, shall be entitled to the above reward, and all reasonable charges, or in proportion for either of them.

N. B. From information, it is evident that said Negroes, have crossed the Delaware into Bucks county, Pennsylvania.

October 12th, 1795.

October 28, 1795

ONE DOLLAR REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Waterford township, Gloucester county, state of New-Jersey, on Thursday the 8th day of October, an apprentice boy, named Elijah Toy, about nineteen years and ten months old, about five feet nine inches high; had on a suit of fustian clothes and a felt hat. Whoever takes up said run-away, and brings him home, shall receive the above reward.

ISAAC FISH.

November 11, 1795

Four Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Upper-Penn's Neck, Salem county, a Lad, about 18 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high; had on and took with him an old brown coat, of superfine cloth, an old fustian ditto, a good fur hat, a pair of shoes with hobnails, and sundry other articles of cloathing unknown. Whoever takes up said run-away, and secures him in any gaol, so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, and all reasonable charges paid.

HENRY STYNER.

November 10, 1795.

December 9, 1795

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, at Milstone, Sommerset county, in the State of New-Jersey, on the 3d day of October, a Negro LAD, named NED, 19 years old, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, smooth skin, tolerably black, with a small scar over one of his eyes, has likewise a small one on his upper lip; if attacked closely will stammer in his answer, and speaks quick; had on when he went away, a short lappelled blue coattee, with large metal buttons, a brown cloth jacket and trowsers; it is thought he will change his apparel; he went away with a Negro man belonging to Abraham Hunt, of Trenton, who since has been taken, and says he parted with the aforesaid Negro near Buckingham, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. Any person taking up and securing the said Negro in any gaol, so that his master may get him again, shall have, by applying to *Lewis Bender*, inkeeper, at the sign of the Black Horse north Second-street, Philadelphia, the sum of *Twenty Dollars*, with reasonable charges, or the above reward if brought home to the subscriber at Millstone.

HENRY DISBRON.

December 4, 1795.

December 9, 1795

Six Cents Reward.

RAN away, on the 24th of September last, from the subscriber, near Swedesborough, Woolwich township, Gloucester county, an apprentice lad, named William Elliott, about five feet ten inches high, stout built, long black hair, and very talkative, had on, and took with him, a clouded green coat, light coloured surtout, with metal buttons, and high crown hat. Any person securing said run-away, so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, but no charges, paid by

SAMUEL OGDEN.

January 6, 1796

Twenty-four Dollars Reward.

RAN-away, last night, from the subscriber, in Concord township, Delaware county, two apprentices to the paper-making manufactory, one named HUGH GLENN, near 20 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, has light hair, fresh coloured, and slender made; had on, when he absconded, a London brown coattee, thickset jacket, spotted flannel under jacket, light cloth trowsers, and a half worn wool hat, and took with him a clouded nankeen coat and plain nankeen pantaloons. The other named THOMAS CARNY, 5 feet 7 inches high, dark complexion, black hair, and has lost one of the joints of his fore finger on the left hand; had on a London brown coattee, thickset jacket, light cloth trowsers, and a half worn wool hat, and took with him a clouded nankeen coat and trowsers. Whoever takes up and secures said apprentices, so that their master may get them again, shall have the above reward, or *Twelve Dollars*, and reasonable charges, for either of them.

MARK WILCOX.

Dec. 26, 1795.

January 13, 1796

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, on the 19th of December last, an apprentice lad, named *Alexander Weldon*, aged 19 years, about 5 feet 8 inches high. Whoever secures said apprentice in any gaol, so that I may get him, shall receive a reward of *six pence halfpenny*, and if brought home reasonable charges will be paid by

JAMES COLEMAN.

Bristol Island, Bucks county,
January 7th, 1796.

March 2, 1796

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, in Oxford township, Chester county, on the 13th day of this month, a Negro man, named ALE, he is a stout well set fellow, 24 years of age, about 5 feet 9 inches high, well acquainted with all kind of country work; Had on when he went away, a short coat and trowsers of grey coating, the trowsers tied with red tape, striped cotton jacket, blue stockings, shoes tied with thongs, an old high crown'd felt hat. The above reward will be paid on my receiving said Negro, and reasonable charges if broght home.

WILLIAM PINKERTON.

Oxford, Feb. 22, 1796.

March 16, 1796

Fifty Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, at Three Mile Run, near New-Brunswick, Somerset county, New-Jersey, in July 1794, a MULATTO NEGRRO MAN, named PETER, about 5 feet 6 inches high, 30 years old, slim built, narrow face and sharp chin, is very talkative, and has large glaring eyes, he has been owned by the following persons in Somerset county, viz. first by Mr. Beekman, of Griggstown, next by Squire Hoogland, afterwards by Captain Baird, both of the same place; he was afterwards owned by Mr. Brokaw, at Ricefield, from whom the subscriber purchased him. Any person taking up said Negro, securing him in gaol, and giving information to his master, shall have Forty Dollars, and if sent home, shall be intitled to the above reward of Fifty Dollars.

REM GARRITSEN.

March 7, 1796.

N. B. The above Negro was seen in Philadelphia in January last, and is supposed to be lurking thereabouts.

March 16, 1796

WAS committed to my custody, on the first day of February, 1796, a certain NEGRO MAN, who has went by different names, viz. MOSES WHITE, alias, DICK HATBAND, but says he is free, and was born of free parents in the county of Sommerset, state of Maryland, but says he left Maryland about four years since, and lived with Thomas Beason, butcher, near Wilmington, Brandywine, state of Delaware: he is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, very black, and about 26 years of age. His

master, if he has any, is requested to come and take him away, otherwise he will be sold in three weeks from this date, for his expences, by

JOHN BURY, Jailer.

Lancaster, March 8, 1796.

March 16, 1796

Six Cents Reward.

RAN away on the 22d instant, an apprentice boy, named Hubberd Baker, about nineteen years of age, about six feet high, of yellow com-plexion;—had on when he went away, a linsey coat, westcoat and overalls—a checked woollen shirt; it is not known what other cloaths he took with him. Whoever takes up said apprentice and delivers him to his master, or lodges him in any goal, so that his master can have him again, shall receive the above reward, but no charges paid by

PHILIP JACKSON.

Kingston, Luzerne county, Feb. 25, 1796.

March 23, 1796

EIGHT Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, an indented servant boy, named James Hand, has dark bushy hair, about 16 years of age: Had on, and took with him, a jean coattee, mixt cloth coattee, waistcoat and trowsers of the same, good felt hat and good shoes, besides other clothes. Whoever takes up said boy and brings him home, or secures him in any gaol, so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges, paid by

JOHN WARE.

Baken's neck, Cumberland county, West New-Jersey,
March 14, 1796.

March 23, 1796

EIGHT Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, an indented servant boy, named Evans Scott, about 17 years of age, slender made, strait hair, sometimes wears it tied: Had on, and took with him, a snuff coloured coat, a mixed nankeen coattee, a pair of thick cloth trowsers, two pair of woollen stockings, two pair of shoes, three linen shirts, a half-worn fur hat, besides other clothes. Whoever takes up said boy, and brings him home, or confines him in any goal, so as his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, paid by

SMITH BOWEN.

BRIDGETOWN, MARCH 14, 1796.

APRIL 6, 1796

COMMITTED to the gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia, a Negro man, who says his name is NED, and the same person who was advertised on the 19th October, 1796, by Abigal Ryland of Cecil county, in the state of Maryland. His owner is desired to pay charges and take him away, as he will be dealt with according to law.
Philadelphia Gaol, April 1, 1796.

April 6, 1796

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away last night from their respective masters in this city, the three following indented German servants: 1. Christian Henry Malchowff, aged about 26 years, sandy hair, fair complexion, about 5 feet 9 inches high, rather slight built, shrill voice, very much addicted to pleasure, and a great gambler. He had with him an excellent dark brown mixed superfine cloth coat, a lead coloured short waisted cloth coat, and other articles of dress, and generally looks neat and makes a good appearance, a tailor by trade. 2. John Henry Matthias, aged about 28 years, a very great sloven, fond of smoaking, and very lazy, about 5 feet 10 inches high, boney and stout made, stoops, in-kneed and very clumsy in his manner, pockmarked, has lost a fore tooth, light, almost sandy hair, which he wears very full at the sides, and twisted and turned up behind; had on a blue superfine cloth coat with yellow buttons, a green twilled old silk waistcoat, fustian breeches with white buttons, on which are engraved a Griffin crest, a round hat almost new, shoes with ribbons, and blue ribbed stockings, by trade a hair-dresser. 3. Henry Daniel Matthias, brother of the last mentioned servant, aged 24 years, light hair, inclining to sandy, which he wears tied and remarkably bushy, ruddy complexion, blue eyes, in both which he has a remarkable cast, good teeth; he is about 5 feet 8 inches high, slender made, in-kneed, rather clean in his dress; had on a dark coloured surtout coat, buttons of the same, lead coloured corduroy breeches, a pair of fancy striped cotton stockings, and shoes tied with ribbons, very long quartered, round hat half worn. As these servants were treated with great kindness by their masters, it becomes the duty of every man to prevent their making off. The two last having very little craft about them, their desertion is imputed to the artifice of the first who has proved himself to be a very worthless, designing and ungrateful character. Whoever will apprehend the said three run away servants, and confine them in any prison, shall receive Twenty Dollars Reward or a proportion of that sum for each—by applying to the Printers hereof.

Philadelphia, March 28, 1796.

April 13, 1796

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the employ of the subscriber, living near Wilmington, on the 28th of December, 1795, a Negro man, named PETER, the property of Elisha Price, Esq; of Chester, who had bound himself and heirs to liberate him, on condition of his serving him faithfully four years from the 1st of October last. Said Peter is 39 or 40 years of age, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, square and well built, a little bow-legged, a smooth tongued artful fellow, a noted liar, a great villain, and fond of liquor. He will probably change his name and endeavour to pass for a freeman. He had on when he went away, a new homespun cloth coattee and trowsers of a light colour, an old velvet jacket, and new strong shoes with strings. He understands farming and driving a team, can play on a fiddle, and took one with him belonging to his fellow-servant, and money belonging to another of his comrades. Said fellow has been a run away almost ever since he was 20 years of age; he has lived in New-Jersey, where he changed his name to Jeffery Homes; has been a voyage or two to sea; has lived in Philadelphia, in Bucks county, and almost every part of Chester county. In September last, he lived with Mr. John Crozer, in Delaware county, where he says he has an Indian wife; but as he has children by four black women, to all of whom he says he is lawfully married, it is not known to which (if to either of them) he will apply to conceal him. Said Peter had leave of absence for four days at the time he ran away, with a permit to pass and repass to and from Delaware county, to see his acquaintance there, and to deliver a letter to his master, Elisha Price, Esq; and to return on the 28th of December, 1795, but he has not delivered the letter, nor been seen in Chester since.

Whoever takes up and secures said fellow in any jail, so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above reward, and if brought home, all reasonable charges paid by Elisha Price, Esq; in Chester, or by the subscriber, on his farm, near Wilmington.

PETER JAQUETT.

Long-Hook, January 6, 1796.

N. B. All persons are hereby forbid to employ or harbour said negro.

April 13, 1796

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN-away from the subscribers this day, a servant man, named *William Williams*, about six feet two inches high, very boney, walks stooping, about thirty-two years of age; had on when he went away, an old large brim round crowned hat, half cocked, an old light coloured

cloth coat and trowsers, light plush vest, strings in his shoes, and is an indented servant to Richard Gibbs; likewise an indented servant man, named *Thomas Brown*, supposed to be about thirty years of age, straight short black hair, dark eyes, much pitted with the small pox, about five feet seven inches high, roman nose; had on when he ran-away, an old light brown sailor's jacket, new linen trowsers, good shoes with strings, square crowned fur hat, and is indented to Samuel Nicholson. Whoever takes up said servants, and secures them in any goal, so that their masters may have them again, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges paid, or ten dollars for either.

RICHARD GIBBS, SAMUEL NICHOLSON.

Salem county, West New-Jersey,
April 3, 1796.

April 20, 1796

RAN-away from the subscriber, living in Bensalem township, Bucks county, in the state of Pennsylvania, on the 12th instant, a negro slave, named *ISHMEAL*, well set, about five feet eight inches high, very sensible, and of a genteel behaviour, something of a scholar, about thirty-eight years of age, his sight somewhat bad, a blemish in one eye, if not both, but scarcely perceivable, the little finger on his right hand lays flat, the others on the same hand somewhat stiff, with a cut near his elbow, which left a scar; he is subject to drink; had on, when he went away, a led coloured full linsey coattee, trowsers of the same, a waistcoat near the same, with striped back, a new surtout coat near the same colour, a light cloth coat and waistcoat of the same, one brown coat, two pair of blue woolen footed stockings, much darned, one good fur hat, and one felt ditto. Said fellow plays well on the fiddle. Any person securing said negro in any goal, so that his master may have him again, shall receive four dollars reward, and reasonable charges.

NATHANIEL VANSANT.

April 20, 1796

RAN away from the subscriber, in Hopewell township, county of Cumberland, and state of Pennsylvania, on the 9th instant, an indented servant boy, named *William Watson*, about fifteen years of age, of a fair complexion, and short hair; had on, and took with him, two coats, the one long, the other short, jacket and overalls, all of thick cloth filled with grey wool, two shirts, one new, the other old, good shoes, and two pair of stockings, a new pocket bible, and an ink-stand. The same boy got hurt

in his left elbow when at school, and can hardly comb his own head with said hands. Whoever takes up said boy, and lodges him in any gaol out of this state, shall receive Twenty Dollars, and if in the state, Eight Dollars, with reasonable charges, paid by

ARCHIBALD MUSTARD.

March 11th, 1796.

May 18, 1796

WAS committed to my custody, on the 11th instant, a Negro man, on suspicion of being a run-away, who calls himself JACK WILSON, and says his master's name is John Hopkins, and lives in Mountholly. Said Negro is about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, wears his hair tied, and of a yellow complexion. His master, if any he has, is requested to come, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be sold out for the expences, as the law directs, in two weeks from the date of this advertisement, by

CLEMENT ACTON, Sheriff of Salem county, New-Jersey.

May 11, 1796.

May 18, 1796

Six Dollars Reward.

RAN-away from the subscriber, on the 8th of this instant, May, living within two and a half miles of West-Chester, an apprentice lad, named FRANCIS COX, between sixteen and seventeen years of age; had on, and took with him, three shirts, two pair trowsers, one pair pieced at the bottom, two sleeveless jackets, one of striped linen, the other linsey, his outside garment a blue coatee, the body a deep blue, and the sleeves a pale blue twilled cloth, an half worn wool hat, and good shoes with strings. He has a remarkable scar over his eyebrow, has a down look, speaks thick, lisps in his speech, and has dark brown hair. Whoever secures him in any gaol in this state, or delivers him to his master, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by

DANIEL FITZPATRICK.

May 25, 1796

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN-away, on the 9th instant, an indented servant lad, named CHARLES ROBESON, about 18 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high,

brown hair tied sometimes, is much pitted with the small pox, speaks generally English; had on and took with him, one green linsey coat, a striped pattern jacket, a good felt hat, four home spun shirts, two pair linsey trowsers, one pair yellow and white striped linen ditto, and one pair tow ditto. Whoever takes up said servant, and secures him in any gaol of this or the adjacent states, and will give information thereof to Mr. DANIEL VANDERSLICE, No. 89, Callowhill-street, Philadelphia, or to the subscriber, in New Providence township, Montgomery county, shall receive the above reward.

PETER CUSTER.

May 20, 1796.

May 25, 1796

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY last evening, from the subscriber, an indented German servant, aged about 32 years, named JOHANNES GUNEN, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, has grey eyes, a fresh coloured face, short dark brown hair, he speaks little English, though talkative, if indulged, he says he can speak French, and understands it well, low Dutch is his native tongue; he took with him a variety of clothes, is a farmer brought up, says he was in the French army some time, and then set sail to America from Amsterdam; it is supposed he wears a short white homespun coat, a cocked hat flopped down before, corduroy ribbed breeches, and white jacket. Whoever secures said servant in any gaol, so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, paid by the subscriber, in the township of Tredryffrin, county of Chester, and state of Pennsylvania.

WATER LEEVE.

May 23d, 1796.

May 25, 1796

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN-away last evening, from the subscriber, an indented servant German man, aged about 23 years, 5 feet 6 inches high, named CONRAD FREYBERGER, has grey eyes, a light sallow complexion, his hair, which he wears short, is light coloured and straight; he speaks but little English, though talkative, if indulged, in his own language, or in low Dutch, which he speaks very well; he took with him a variety of clothes, is a baker by trade, and says he came from the Duke of Wertemberg's dominions. Whoever secures said servant in any gaol, so

that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, paid by the subscriber, in the township of Upper-Merion, county of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania.

ISAAC MOORE.

May 23, 1796.

June 15, 1796

RAN away, on the 24th instant, from the subscriber, living in Frankford, 5 miles from Philadelphia, an apprentice boy, named CLEMENT SMITH, by trade a mason; about 18 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, of a fair complexion, short bushy hair, and is pitted with the small-pox; had on, when he went away, a pair of striped homespun trowsers and a homespun shirt, a striped under jacket, and an old drab coloured coattee much worn, and took with him two pair of new shoes, and a pair of yellow Nankeen trowsers; he talks both English and German, but is no scholar in either. Whoever takes up and secures the said apprentice, so that his master may get him back again, shall have TEN DOLLARS reward, and reasonable charges, if brought home, paid by DANIEL THOMAS, in Frankford.
Frankford, May 31, 1796.

June 15, 1796

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away, on the evening of Sunday, the 12th of June, instant, a Dutch servant man, named HENRICUS BECKER, but calls himself HENRY, about 24 or 25 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 6 inches high, has a down look, black curly hair, his upper lip very black, and not much beard; he speaks low, and I think does not hear well; had on, and took with him, one pair of pumps, one pair of soaled shoes, one pair of brown cotton stockings, nankeen coloured jacket and breeches much faded, a muslin handkerchief, which he generally wears tied behind, a blue cloth coat lined with dark blue shaloon,²⁸ with large brass or metal buttons with small knobs on them, a new shirt, and a rorum hat; he also took with him a Dutch Roman prayer book, and an English and Dutch grammar. He calls himself a butcher, but can do very little at the business. Whoever secures said runaway within 150 miles shall have the above reward, if 200 miles Thirty Dollars, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by

GEORGE G. WOELPPER.

Philadelphia, June 14, 1796.

June 15, 1796

WAS committed to the gaol of Chester county on the 8th of June, a Negro man, who calls himself Aaron Anderson, and acknowledges he is a slave to Mr. Sidney George, in Middle Neck, in Cecil county, in the state of Maryland. His master is hereby requested to come, pay charges, and take him away, in eight weeks from the date hereof, otherwise he will be discharged at that time, by paying his fees.

BENJAMIN MILLER, Gaoler,

West-Chester, June 6, 1796.

June 15, 1796

WAS committed to the gaol of Chester county, on the 28th day of May, a Negro boy, who calls himself John Aaron, and acknowledges he is a servant to Mr. John Ross, of Germantown, Philadelphia county. His master is hereby requested to come, pay charges and take him away, in four weeks from the date hereof, otherwise he will be discharged at that time, by paying his fees.

BENJAMIN MILLER, Gaoler,

West-Chester, June 6, 1796.

June 22, 1796

Eight Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, in Falls township, Bucks county, on the 12th instant, an indented Negro boy, named JEREMIAH PETER JULIS, 17 years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, streight made, and large fore teeth; had on, and took with him, a good wool hat, two shirts, two pair of trowsers, one of which striped, a dark overjacket, two coloured under ditto, a pair of new shoes with double leather strings, and an old pair newly mended and hob-nailed. Whoever takes up said apprentice, and lodges him in gaol so that his master gets him again, shall receive the above reward.

MOSES COMFORT.

Sixth month, 14th, 1796.

July 13, 1796

Fourteen Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 25th instant, an apprentice to the joiners business, a lad 19 years of age, named ASA PIATT, about 5 feet 6 inches high, sandy complexion, thick set, knockkneed, and squints a little with one eye, had on and took with him, two coats, one of superfine mixed cloth, the other a bottle green, four under jackets, of

different kinds, two pair of overalls; two pair of stockings, and two pair of shoes. Whoever takes up said lad, and secures him in any gaol or workhouse, so that his master may get him again shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, if brought home, paid by

JOHN GREEN.

Easton, Northampton county,
June 30, 1796.

July 13, 1796

Sixteen Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Norrington township, Montgomery county, an apprentice boy, named Henry Roosin, about five feet seven inches high, a little marked with the small pox, and has light coloured hair; nineteen years of age; he took with him a dark blue coat, with large buttons, one yellow stripped nankeen coattee, buff cassimer jacket, one pair of thicksett and one pair of tow trowsers, and a pair of coarse shoes, lately soaled. Whoever secures said apprentice, so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, and all reasonable charges, paid by

LEONARD VANFOSSSEN.

June 30th, 1796.

July 20, 1796

Three Pounds Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Chester township, Burlington county, New-Jersey, on Delaware, about 10 miles above Philadelphia, on the 9th instant, an apprentice lad, named *Benjamin Mucklewain*, about 19 years of age, and about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, he is slender made, round shouldered, light complexion, somewhat freckled, long thin visage, short strait hair, has a down look, and an impediment in his speech; had on, when he went away, a light brown lindsey coattee, with wooden buttons, olive fustian under jacket and trowsers, all new, a low crowned black felt hat, bound black grained neat's leather shoes, with plain steel buckles, brown homespun shirt, took with him a dirty tow frock, with some things tied up in it, unknown what. Whoever will take up said apprentice, and bring him to his master, or secure him in any gaol within 50 miles of Philadelphia, so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges paid by

CALEB ATKINSON.

N. B. As he has expressed an inclination for the sea, all Masters of

vessels are therefore forbid to carry him off, at their peril; but if any person should incline to take him, his indenture may be purchased.
Cinnaminsink, 7th mo. 13th, 1796.

July 27, 1796

Five Cents Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 26th of May last, an apprentice lad, named JACOB CHOOPER; had on, when he went away, an Infantry hat and coat, and took with him other cloathing; he is of dark complexion, and 20 years of age. Whoever takes up said apprentice, shall have the above reward, and no charges, paid by

GEORGE SELLERS.

July 27, 1796

Eight Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber in the township of Mannington, county of Salem, and state of New-Jersey, on seventh day night last, an indented servant man, named PAUL RAIRDON, a native of Ireland, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, some pitted with the smallpox, sandyish hair and fair complexion; had on, and took with him, a swanskin sailor jacket, homespun shirt and trowsers, and felt hat; a woman went with him, said to be his wife, who has a very mean appearance. Whoever takes up said run-away, and delivers him to the subscriber, or secures him in any gaol, so that he may get him again, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges, paid by

ZADOCH STREET.

Mannington, July 18th, 1796.

August 10, 1796

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY yesterday morning from the subscriber, living at Haddonfield, in Gloucester county, state of New-Jersey, an indented black lad, named MARK NOER, nearly seventeen years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches high, has a remarkable long head, and large hands and feet; had on, and carried away with him, a roram hat, an old beaver hat, two coattees, one of them olive fustian, the other blue forest cloth, white and black cross-barr'd waistcoat, olive fustian trowsers, black grain neats leather shoes, tied with strings, and other cloathing. Whoever takes up said lad, and secures him in Gloucester gaol, at Woodberry, so that the

subscriber may have an opportunity to dispose of him, shall be entitled to the above reward.

JOHN EST. HOPKINS.

8th month 8th, 1796.

August 10, 1796

ONE CENT REWARD.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, on the 3d of July, an apprentice boy to the blacksmith business, named JOHN ADAMS, about eighteen years old, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, sandy hair; had on, when he went away, a drab coloured coattee, striped muslin jacket, and nankeen trowsers. Whoever takes up said run-away, and will bring him home, so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, but no charges, paid by

WILLIAM HANSELL.

DARBY, AUG. 6, 1796.

August 17, 1796

Five Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Abington township, on the 8th of August, instant, a servant boy, named Lewis Evans, between seventeen and eighteen years of age, 5 feet eight inches high, light hair, and tied, smooth face, and a scar under one of his eyes; had on, and took with him, a second hand beaver hat, mixt grey coat, striped cotton jacket, the stripe runs cross ways, dyed homespun tow trowsers, a pair of new calf skin shoes. Whoever takes up said servant, and delivers him to the subscriber, shall receive the above reward, paid by

THOMAS LEEDOM,

On the plantation of Robert Fletcher.

August 24, 1796

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscribers, on Staten-Island, on the 13th instant, three NEGRO MEN, one named SAM, belonging to John Journey, thirty-five years old, about five feet ten inches high, middling slim built yellowish complexion, one of his front teeth broke, stoops, and plays on the fiddle.

NEEN, about twenty-one years old, near six feet high, slim and straight, very black, wears his hair tied, big ankles, and clumsy footed.

WILL, belonging to Barnet Parlee, about twenty-two years old, five feet seven inches high, stout built, yellow complexion, a large scar on his

forehead and on one of his cheeks, some impediment in his speech, and occasionally wears his hair tied. Their dress would be difficult to describe, as they took changes with them. Whoever takes up said Negroes, and returns them to the subscribers, near the Old Blazing Star, or secures them in any gaol, and gives information that they may be had, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges, or ten dollars, with charges, for each of them.

JOHN JOURNEY, ALBERT JOURNEY, BARNET PARLEE.
August 15th, 1796.

September 7, 1796

Sixty Dollars Reward.

RAN away yesterday in the forenoon from the subscriber, living in Strasburg township, Lancaster county, in the state of Pennsylvania, the following indented servants, viz.

John Flaugh, born in Saxony, about 27 years of age, of a low stature, stout built, has black hair, and is of a tolerable fair complexion, had on, when he went away, a good hat, a red home made coating jacket, corduroy breeches, white stockings, and a new pair of shoes, tied with thongs, and is a Mason by trade.

Christian Nagle, born in Prussia, about 25 years of age, a little taller than Flaugh; has straight sandy hair, of a fair complexion, and a Taylor by trade, had on, when he went away, a brown home made cloth coat, a pair of bottle green corduroy trowsers and jacket, a good pair of shoes, and a wool hat, almost new, and speaks broken English.

Conrad Dratz, a Hessian, about 24 years of age, is tall and strong built, has black curled hair, which he wears sometimes tied; had on, when he went away, a brown home made cloth coat, almost new, a red home made cloth jacket, a pair of bottle green corduroy trowsers, a good pair of shoes, and a good wool hat, speaks very little English. Whoever takes up the said servants, and secures them in any gaol, so that their master may have them again, shall receive the above reward, or twenty dollars for any or either of them, besides reasonable charges, paid by

MICHAEL WITHERS.

September 7th, 1796.

September 7, 1796

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, the 27th of this instant, an indented servant man, named JACOB PHASKEL, about 18 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, tolerably well set, long black hair, tied with a black thick set

ribbon, dark eyes and eye brows, his forehead bold, his visage long, and his face full of small red pimples. He took with him a square crown castor hat, about half worn, two tow and flax shirts, and four pair of trowsers, one pair of new nankeen trowsers, that tied at the ancles, with a rip in the upper part of the thigh, and vest of the same, a buff colour, one pair of striped lye coloured flag trowsers, a scarlet vest with fustian back, two waistcoats, and a clouded nankeen and a fustian coat, a pair of old shoes newly patched and soaled, and had remarkable long great toes. Whoever secures said servant in any gaol or brings him home to his said master, shall have the above reward, and all reasonable charges, paid by

MOSES QUINBY.

Amwell township, Hunterdon county,
New-Jersey, 9 mo. 6th, 1796.

September 14, 1796

WAS committed to the gaol of Chester county, on the 29th of August, a negro man, who calls himself ABRAHAM, and acknowledges he is a slave to Mr. JOHN M'CLEARY, of Cecil county, in the state of Maryland. His master is hereby requested to come, pay charges, and take him away, in six weeks from the above date, otherwise he will be discharged at that time, by paying his fees.

BENJAMIN MILLER, Gaoler.

West-Chester, August 31st, 1796.

September 14, 1796

WAS committed to the gaol of Chester county, on the 1st of September, a negro man, who calls himself DANIEL, and acknowledges he is a slave to Mr. RICHARD HEATH, in the state of Maryland. His master is hereby requested to come, pay charges, and take him away, in six weeks from the above date, otherwise he will be discharged at that time, by paying his fees.

BENJAMIN MILLER, Gaoler.

West-Chester, September 3, 1796.

September 21, 1796

Eight Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, living in Waterford township, Gloucester county, state of New-Jersey, a mulatto man, named BOB, about 27 years old, and about 5 feet 6 inches high; had on, when he went away, a fustian suit, a castor hat, neats leather shoes tied with buckskin

strings; he had a scar on his chin. I forewarn all Captains harbouring him. Whoever secures him in gaol, shall receive the above reward.

ISAAC FISH.

September 4th, 1796.

September 28, 1796

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN away, on the 22d of the 6th month last, from the subscriber, living in West-Nottingham, Cecil county, in the state of Maryland, JEREMIAH FAGAN, better than eighteen years of age, light grey eyes, fair skin, and freckled, about five feet eight or nine inches high, short curly dark brown hair, pretty talkative, and apt to swear, when angry, this country born; had on and took with him, a drab coloured coat, with large metal buttons, a short coat, ditto with wooden buttons, both lined with blue and brown lindsey, one fine shirt, two coarse, ditto, fustian jacket and trowsers, olive colour, one pair of copers and one pair dyed trowsers, two wool hats, one new, coarse leather shoes, with large carved buckles, he is fond of driving a team. Whoever takes up said servant, and secures him in any gaol, so that his master may have him again, shall be entitled to the above reward, and if brought home, reasonable charges, paid by

WILLIAM HAINES.

Sept. 27th, 1796.

October 12, 1796

Six Cents Reward.

RAN-AWAY, on the 9th instant, from the subscriber, living in Woolwich township, Gloucester county, state of New-Jersey, an apprentice boy, named WILLIAM RICHARDS, seventeen years of age, five feet eight or nine inches high, very cross-eyed. Whoever takes up said apprentice, and brings him to his master, shall have the above reward, but no charges.

DANIEL MELFORD.

N. B. All persons are forbid harbouring him at their peril.

October 12th, 1796.

November 9, 1796

Two Dollars Reward.

RAN-away from the subscriber on Saturday last, an apprentice, named *Thomas Nixon*, he is a fair countenanced lad, about 17 years of age; had on when he went away, a blue cloth coat, fustian trowsers, a

round hat, &c. and carried with his several articles of cloathing which cannot well be described. The above reward will be paid for bringing him to his master, or giving information so as he may be had.

JOHN M'CLELLEN.

N. B. All masters of vessels are forwarned not to carry him off, and all persons not to trust him on my account.

Frankfort, November 7th.

November 30, 1796

Six Cents Reward.

RAN-AWAY on the 29th ultimo, from the subscriber, living in Goshen township, Chester county, an apprentice lad, named WILLIAM CINSER, about 17 years of age, a short thick set fellow, round visage, short brown hair; had on a hunting shirt, cloth jacket and tow trowsers, when he went away.

Whoever takes up the said apprentice, and brings him home, shall be entitled to the above reward, but no charges.

SAMUEL GARRET, junr.

Nov. 30.

December 7, 1796

Six Cents Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 21st of September, a bound girl, named Sarah Newton, about seven years of age, fair complexion, black hair and dark eyes; had on a striped cotton short gown and brown petticoat, when she went away. Whoever takes up said girl, and brings her to me, at No. 143, North Front-street, shall receive the above reward, but no charges.

JOHN PATTERSON.

PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 7, 1796.

December 14, 1796

Seven Cents Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, on the 20th of November, an apprentice boy, by trade a Miller, named JOHN TANNER, between 19 and 20 years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, light hair; had on, when he went away, a new coat, jacket and trowsers, all of clouded nankeen, and took with him a light coloured broad-cloth coat, a striped jean jacket, and mixed red and blue broad-cloth jacket, two pair of trowsers, one striped purple and yellow, the other fulled lindsey, three shirts, one fine, a fur hat, bound with velvet, two pair of yarn stockings,

and a pair of new shoes, and other cloaths. Whoever takes up said apprentice, and will bring him home, so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward, but no charges paid, by

BENJAMIN CHAPMAN.

WRIGHTSTOWN, NOV. 28, 1796.

NOTES

1. On the wandering poor in early America, see Douglas Lamar Jones, "The Strolling Poor: Transiency in Eighteenth-Century Massachusetts," *Journal of Social History*, 8 (Spring, 1975), 28-54; Gary B. Nash, "Urban Wealth and Poverty in Pre-Revolutionary America," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, VI (Spring, 1976), 545-584; Allan Kulikoff, "The Progress of Inequality in Revolutionary Boston," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd ser., XXVIII (July, 1971), 375-412. Descriptions of the predicaments of some of these individuals are available in Billy G. Smith and Cynthia Shelton, "The Daily Occurrence Docket of the Philadelphia Almshouse: Selected Entries, 1800-1804," *Pennsylvania History*, 52 (July, 1985), 183-205.
2. L. Jesse Lemisch, ed., *Benjamin Franklin: The Autobiography and Other Writings* (N.Y., 1961), 37.
3. See the notices below by officials who had picked up individuals who they believed to be runaways. Similar cases appear in Philadelphia's Vagrancy Dockets, 1790-1797, Philadelphia City Archives, City Hall Annex.
4. Mullin, *Flight and Rebellion: Slave Resistance in Eighteenth-Century Virginia* (London, 1972); Lorenzo J. Greene, "The New England Negro as Seen in Advertisements for Runaway Slaves," *Journal of Negro History*, 29 (April, 1944), 125-146; Daniel E. Meaders, "South Carolina Fugitives as Viewed through Local Colonial Newspapers with Emphasis on Runaway Notices 1732-1801," *Journal of Negro History*, 60 (April, 1975), 288-319.
5. Sharon Salinger used a few advertisements for escaped indentured servants in "Colonial Labor in Transition: The Decline of Indentured Servitude in Late Eighteenth Century Philadelphia," 22 (Spring, 1981), 165-191.
6. The title of the newspaper, originally *The Universal instructor in all arts and sciences; and Pennsylvania Gazette*, was changed to *The Pennsylvania Gazette* when Franklin assumed its ownership in 1729. The newspaper's name changed several more times during the next nine decades of its existence, but always maintained *Pennsylvania Gazette* as part of its title.
7. All issues of the weekly newspaper are extant for these two years except for the few weeks after Dec. 14, 1796.
8. If the entire advertisement were italicized, we printed it in an unitalicized form.
9. Instant: of the current calendar month.
10. Tow: coarse broken flax or hemp fiber prepared for spinning.
11. Linsey or Linsey-wolsey: coarse woolen stuff first made at Linsey, in Suffolk, England, and very popular in the America.
12. Ditto: the same as the aforesaid.
13. Surtout: an outer covering or garment.
14. N. B.: *nota bene*; take notice.

15. Neats leather: made from the hide of a bovine animal.
16. Fustian: a type of cloth originally manufactured at Fusht on the Nile; it contained a warp of linen thread and a woof of thick cotton.
17. Swanskin: a fleecy cloth like Canton flannel used especially for linings.
18. Muslin: generally a delicately woven cotton fabric.
19. Roram hat: made of a woolen cloth with a fur face.
20. Castor hat: originally either made of beaver's fur or intended to imitate such. By the 18th century it was often made of rabbit's fur.
21. Volveret: a variety of fustian with a velvet surface.
22. Nankeen: an imported yellow cotton cloth manufactured in Nankin, China.
23. Ticking: either a case or covering containing feathers, flocks, or the like to form a mattress or pillow, or the strong hard linen or cotton material used for making such cases.
24. Ultimo: in or of the month before the present one.
25. Ticklenburg(s): a kind of coarse linen cloth.
26. Toilinet: a kind of fine woolen cloth.
27. Worsted: a woolen fabric or stuff made from well twisted yarn spun of long-staple wool combed to lay the fibers parallel; first made at Worstead in England.
28. Shaloon or Shalloons: a woolen fabric made in Chalons, France.