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## **"as good a joiner as any in Virginia" African-Americans in the Eighteenth-Century Building Trades An Introduction**

One of the greatest challenges facing historians of colonial America is the search for material evidence of African-American life. The objects used and created by the enslaved majority and the free minority have proved to be largely fragile, impermanent and often difficult to identify. Once discovered, they endow plantation journals and tax records with a heightened degree of eloquence and in themselves speak directly of individual hopes and trials. The metal button and bone fish-hook are especially important to the history museum striving to interpret the past in immediate and compelling ways. African-American material culture, however, was not limited to small, portable items, but embraced houses, outbuildings, bridges, roads--in short every man-made element of the colonial landscape. Sometimes such structures, like most moveable objects, have come to light only through archaeological investigation. Many others, particularly buildings, have remained clearly in view to this day. A walk along Williamsburg's Duke of Gloucester Street, or in any locality in which eighteenth-century architecture has survived, reveals the sites and, indeed, the products of African-American endeavor. This most extensive yet accessible artifact of African-American life includes not only living spaces and workplaces, but the tangible results of labor and creativity. It owes its existence to the significant numbers of slaves and free blacks employed in the building trades. This introduction considers those African-Americans who contributed to the building of eighteenth-century Virginia. All of the documentary references to specific individuals cited in the discussion may be found in the Sourcebook section of this volume. Immediately following the introduction is a selected bibliography of pertinent secondary works.



African-Americans worked in every facet of the colonial building process, from preparation of materials to decorative finishing, and in every capacity, from unskilled laborer to accomplished craftsman. With their fellow artisans among the indentured servants, convicts, apprentices and free individuals of European and Native American descent, they constituted one of the very largest occupational groups in the colonies. In eighteenth-century Virginia only agriculture claimed larger numbers of workers than the building trades in both the free and enslaved segments of the population. The Sourcebook references for Virginia, spanning the years 1717 to 1825, include some 302 African-American building tradesmen known by name. The carpenters outnumber all other tradesmen, accounting for 52% of the total, and when joined by the carpenter-joiners, carpenter-painters and other dual specialists they truly dominate at approximately 70%. A distant second place is held by the sawyers at roughly 21% of the total, and bricklayers and masons follow at about 5% and a little better than 2% respectively. Brickmakers, painters and millwrights make up the remaining 2% of the named craftsmen. These relative percentages hold true for both runaway slaves and those who remained; the small number of free black artisans identified are all carpenter-joiners. A comparable sample of white building trades craftsmen yields the same predominance of the carpenters and carpenter-joiners, amounting to about 72% of the total number. Second place belongs not to the sawyers, who are hardly represented at less than 1%, but to the bricklayers constituting about 16%. The painters follow and masons, millwrights, plasterers, carver-gilders and glaziers complete the total. The absence of many finishing trades among the African-American craftsmen is somewhat misleading, as carpenters and bricklayers, particularly in a plantation context, usually carried out the glazing of windows and plastering of rooms. Sawing, however, does seem to have been a building-related activity associated with African-Americans and, in general, those craftsmen proficient in more than one trade were quite often slaves.

**Craft Training.** Like their white counterparts, black workers in the building trades acquired their training in one of three ways. Some arrived in America with construction skills they had developed in their homelands. Their knowledge of building traditions utilizing wood and other botanical materials undoubtedly found ready application in the colonies and perhaps led to their further training along European lines. Such might have been the experience of Gruff and Bob, a carpenter and sawyer who ran away from their Prince George County owner in 1745. Both Africans, their familiarity with construction matters could have recommended them for on-the-job training, the route by which most enslaved building craftsmen learned their trades. Richard Henry Lee of Westmoreland County issued a set of tools "to Jubiter for him to learn the Carpenters trade with" in 1782 and presumably had in mind an experienced craftsman who would show the slave how to use them. Many slaves learned their trades from free white craftsmen hired either to instruct them or undertake a specific job with their assistance. The brickmaker Charles Hagen worked for George Washington for eight months in 1788 and one of the slaves who had helped him was moulding and firing his own bricks in 1789. Slaves owned by craftsmen also acquired various levels of training; Going was sold in 1795 by a Richmond bricklayer "with whom he sometime worked at that trade."

The carpenter-joiner Charles Harding reported in 1772 that he had learned to paint from his former master in Nansemond County. Harding may have been intentionally taught, or he may have acquired his new skill through his own powers of observation and aptitude. Whether bound or free, many African-Americans developed their facility with saw, chisel or trowel by simply watching or assisting a family member, neighbor, master or hired craftsman at work. Especially after mid-century and on the larger plantations, trained slaves taught others. Quite often the aspiring craftsman was the son or other relation of his teacher. Writing about the carpenter Tony in 1770,

Landon Carter noted that "his boy has now been going on 3 years his apprentice." John Hemings had been trained by the free white carpenters employed by Thomas Jefferson. He, in turn, instructed his own nephews in carpentry and, incidentally, left behind not only physical, but written evidence of his exceptional craftsmanship in the letters he wrote to Jefferson.

The third and least common type of craft instruction was the formal apprenticeship. The contractual agreement between craftsman and neophyte proved just as rigorous and effective as on-the-job training and, moreover, was defined in detail and legally binding. The same conventions that applied to whites governed apprenticeships for African-Americans with the omission of literacy instruction for slaves. The slaveowner who could or would not provide training on his own properties sometimes opted to bind out a potential tradesman for a set number of years. In return for an apprentice's labor, a craftsman offered not only instruction, but housing, food and clothing. Though the owner temporarily lost one member of his labor force, he profited ultimately on the return of a skilled worker. Free blacks also entered apprenticeships, bound usually by family members or themselves just like free whites. Unlike enslaved African-American apprentices, John Whitlock Spurlock of York County bound himself in 1753 to learn not only a trade, but to read and write and receive the customarily promised "freedom dues." The free apprentice, whether white or black, could also complain to a county court when his master failed to honor the terms of their agreement. Just so did Richard Limehouse obtain his release, as well as court costs and a suit of clothes, from the York County carpenter John Jones in 1752. There is evidence that some slave owners terminated apprenticeships before the contracted time had elapsed in their impatience to capitalize on the slaves' enhanced abilities. George and Stepney, apprenticed to the Williamsburg carpenter Matthew Tuell, were apparently "inveigle[d] ... away" by their Yorktown owner in 1772, when he judged their training to be sufficiently advanced for his purposes.

Training for both free and enslaved African-Americans in the various building trades sometimes began when they were as young as seven to ten years old. At each of two farms belonging to William Byrd III, one of the full-fledged carpenters was yet a boy in age. Formally bound apprentices seem to have embarked on their education as teenagers. Among slaves, the taking up of a craft might occur at even more advanced ages, possibly through individual initiative or as a kind of "promotion" granted by an owner. Mention should be made of a small number of African-Americans who, like the sawyer Sam Howell of Cumberland County, were "bound for 31 years according to the [free] condition of [their] mother[s]." In 1766, the twenty-three year old Howell had eight years to wait before his release from indentured servitude, though he possessed a skill which might sustain him in freedom. It should also be noted that just as free white women appear to have been barred from the building trades, so too were their free and enslaved African-American sisters. Some slave women worked at the periphery of construction, clearing vegetation from building sites, repairing the simpler types of fencing or whitewashing outbuildings. No doubt they and many white women carried out other tasks in the realms of carpentry or bricklaying, but their actual training in any of the building crafts has yet to be proved.

The premature return of the apprentices George and Stepney to the domain of their owner illustrates not only the economic needs of a particular individual, but the defining characteristic of the colonial Chesapeake--a chronic shortage of labor. By the later decades of the seventeenth-century, large farms and plantations had begun to emerge, modest urban areas to develop and agriculture to diversify. These trends continued into the next century and demands for labor, especially skilled labor, intensified accordingly. In the seventeenth century some African-Americans could be found among the carpenters and coopers so essential to tobacco cultivation. The overwhelming majority, however, labored in the fields as indentured servants or, increasingly, as slaves, while white tradesmen performed the more skilled tasks. In the

eighteenth century the addition of grains and other crops to the agricultural repertoire, expanding settlement and ever-rising material expectations created more skilled work than the existing labor force could handle. By the second quarter of the century the purposeful training of slaves as craftsmen had been well established. As slaveowners increased the size of their labor forces they found craft instruction for some individuals economically feasible. At the same time there emerged enhanced opportunities for free blacks and a general employment of African-Americans in a far wider range of occupations. As Hugh Jones reported in 1724, "their Work is to take Care of the Stock, plant Corn, Tobacco, Fruits, &c. ... [but] several of them are taught to be Sawyers, Carpenters, Smiths, Coopers, &c. and though for the most Part they be none of the aptest or nicest; yet they ... will perform tolerably well." The versatility exhibited by a typical plantation carpenter and the deft workmanship he and his fellow craftsmen often imparted to barn and courthouse alike challenges Jones's assessment. As the century progressed, it became clear that African-Americans engaged in building could be exceptionally able and the products of their labor very nice indeed.

**A Diversity of Work.** Regardless of their ancestry, members of the colonial building trades represented every possible level of craft ability and achievement. Some claimed skills they simply did not have, while others never attained any acceptable degree of proficiency in spite of instruction or experience. Some proved better suited to other tasks. Will, in 1770 a Fauquier County runaway, "worked some time at the carpenters and coopers trade, though knows but little of either, but is a tolerable good turner." Phill, who ran away from the same county ten years later, achieved quite different results from a similar situation. He "worked with stone mason and bricklayer, [but] has no particular trade by being capable of doing something at almost every kind of business." Such innate ability was, not surprisingly, greatly valued by slaveowners and the plantation setting in particular fostered the development

of diversified building craftsmen. Most frequently those following multiple trades combined carpentry and sawing or carpentry and some other branch of woodworking, usually joinery or coopering. The dual specialty of carpenter and shoemaker was also fairly common. A few remarkable individuals gained competency in a variety of trades, like Peter Deadfoot of Stafford County, described in 1768 as not only an excellent sawyer, but a butcher, carter, ploughman, scytheman, shoemaker and waterman. Specialists in a single trade actually predominated, but even they routinely engaged in a wide variety of craft activities. In 1770 and 1771 Landon Carter's carpenters carried out such diverse tasks as building fences and thatching outbuildings, repairing a carriage and making a wheat cradle. When no immediate need existed for the expertise of certain craftsmen or an extraordinary event called for large numbers of laborers, slaveowners sometimes assigned their building tradesmen to unaccustomed tasks. Thus Washington at times set temporarily unoccupied bricklayers to helping carpenters or carpenters to plant corn and assist with the wheat harvest.

Besides the craftsmen who were proficient in more than one building trade or combined their construction work with other, sometimes quite unrelated activities, there were those for whom building matters remained secondary or incidental. Will, a driver, mower and ploughman in 1784 Fairfax County, was routinely called upon to "do the common carpenter's jobs necessary on a plantation." Both enslaved and free African-Americans, craftsmen and laborers alike, often carried out basic tasks like making ax or hoe handles or replacing the damaged siding of an outbuilding. They were characterized as "part of a carpenter" or able to "do something of the house carpenters work," indicating that they possessed only a few of the skills associated with the true artisan. It should be noted here that the same relatively simple and routine building activities that intermittently occupied the blacksmith or ditcher constituted full-time employment for the workers known as "jobbers." "Jobbing carpenters" and others less specialized provided

the semi-skilled labor for all phases of construction, from making bricks to installing interior woodwork. Just as carpenters and other tradesmen occasionally found themselves working in the fields, agricultural workers and domestic servants sometimes labored on construction sites. During the remodelling of Mount Vernon in 1758, Washington's overseer reported that "as to pul[l]ing Down the old plastering and leaths [laths] out of the rooms I made the home house people Do and all other work as they could," while the carpenters built scaffolding and salvaged nails from old shingles.

While some craftsmen and laborers qualified as partial carpenters, some carpenters were confined by their training and experience to certain aspects of the trade. The "jobbing carpenters" just mentioned were generalists and displayed varying levels of skill. Eighteenth-century Virginians used a number of other descriptive terms to express the abilities of a carpenter somewhat more precisely. "Coarse" or "rough carpenters" built most of the structures required for domestic, agricultural and even public purposes. Assembling and securing the frame, splitting out and nailing up the clapboards for siding and roofing and finishing the job with simple doors and perhaps a floor did not exceed the capabilities of such craftsmen. Buildings of some scale and solidity could only be created by the "complete carpenter," whose range and level of skill met the challenge of sophisticated structural framing and joinery work like panelling. "House carpenters" usually equalled the "complete carpenters" in achievement and did not always limit themselves to domestic building. These terms described carpenters of all races and social conditions. African-American carpenters acquired two additional terms for specifying the nature and complexity of their work. "Plantation carpenters" seem to have performed the same tasks as the above-mentioned Will--basic carpentry in service to agricultural production, often including clapboard work. In certain contexts "Negro carpenter" appears a straightforward designation for an African-American craftsman. Elsewhere, though, it might pointedly indicate the enslaved condition of a craftsman or even serve as a synonym for "clapboard

carpenter." Of all the building trades, only carpentry inspired classification according to skill level. Every trade, however, ventured to assess quality of workmanship. Thus among the African-American building craftsmen of the eighteenth century can be found the ingenious rough carpenter, the good bricklayer, the fine sawyer and "as good a joiner as any in Virginia."

**Circumstances.** The majority of enslaved African-Americans lived and worked exclusively on plantations. Slave craftsmen in general lived on the larger farms and were owned in disproportionate numbers by the wealthiest planters in Virginia. Building tradesmen virtually always figured in their ranks and usually constituted a sizeable percentage of their numbers. As early as 1757, the six carpenters at William Byrd III's Brunswick County property accounted for roughly 32% of all skilled men present, while at Washington's Mount Vernon six carpenters and two bricklayers made up 21% of the tradesmen in 1799. At the largest establishments, like those of Washington or Robert Carter, carpenters and bricklayers labored in gangs under the direction of a free, white craftsman hired for a specific project or as a resident overseer of all building activities. Particularly after mid-century as more and more African-American craftsmen were trained, some slaves entered into supervisory roles themselves or otherwise worked in a comparatively independent fashion. Thus a craftsman might receive the general instructions of his owner and carry out a job individually or with the help of one or more less-skilled assistants. Just so did Robert Carter dispatch the carpenter Oliver to one of his quarters to make a tobacco house door in January of 1785. Comparably accomplished craftsmen might form working partnerships, like the carpenters Guy and Jimmy at Landon Carter's Sabine Hall in Richmond County. Pit sawing by its very nature was a two person operation, encouraging practiced duos of "top man" and "bottom man."

The white carpenter or bricklayer engaged on the plantation was not always a supervisor, nor was he always free. African-American building



tradesmen were often joined in their tasks by indentured servants or convicts of European ancestry. Hired white artisans often took their orders directly from the plantation owner or manager, as did the slaves assigned to work with them. In some instances they brought their own slaves to assist with the job. While most enslaved craftsmen belonged to planters, some were purchased by the more successful white tradesmen. These slaves and their less-skilled brethren constituted the core, if not the entirety, of such a tradesman's workforce. The builder William Buckland's laborers and the joiner Francis Jaram's house carpenters both enhanced and expanded their owners' business possibilities.

The hiring of free white building trades craftsmen for plantation work occurred throughout the eighteenth century, but most routinely in the earlier decades. By contrast, the hiring of enslaved African-American craftsmen became common in the 1760s and intensified both during and immediately after the Revolution. Often a single plantation could not fully employ its artisans, and slaveowners discovered a new source of income in renting out their temporarily unoccupied workers. Ever-present construction needs plus the accelerating incidence and scale of building projects towards the end of the century contributed to the great demand for skilled carpenters, bricklayers, joiners and also general laborers. Slaves were hired for specific periods of time and monetary rates, frequently for work at considerable distances from their home plantations. Usually the hirer assumed responsibility for their housing, clothing and food, while the owner collected their earnings. Newspaper advertisements announced the need or availability of slaves for hire, but most owners seem to have made agreements less formally with family members or neighbors. Sometimes alternative methods of payment were adopted, as when Landon Carter swapped the labor of his carpenter Jimmy for that of the stonecutter Ralph, one of John Tayloe's slaves, in 1764. A few owners allowed their slaves to retain part or even all of the money they earned as hirelings and sometimes to make their own arrangements with potential employers.

Charles, a versatile sawyer, ran away from Norfolk in 1767, perhaps fearing that his new owner would not honor the fact that "he has been used to hire his time, and has a pass of Joseph Jones for that purpose." Most hiring and self-hiring took place in the plantation context, but certain late colonial and early national era industries like mining and founding, as well as ambitious public projects like churches, courthouses and canals, also claimed the labor of African-American building tradesmen. The industries and the canal companies also purchased slaves outright, accounting for most of those few skilled individuals neither free nor owned by the planters and craftsmen.

Very few enslaved African-American craftsmen managed their own hiring and only a slightly greater number shared in the fees they garnered for their owners. Many, however, enjoyed living and working conditions superior to those of fieldworkers and the lesser-skilled. At the more extensive plantations artisans usually lived at the main or home house. Proximity to the owner's immediate domain generally insured fairly well-built housing and sometimes provision of a structure or shop designated for a certain trade. Whether at home house or distant quarter, the building craftsman was particularly well equipped to create, care for and improve his domestic surroundings, as well as fabricate items for personal comfort, barter or sale. In addition to selling chickens or three-legged stools, he might also acquire cash from owners like Francis Taylor of Orange County, who paid "Carpenter Moses for working on Overseers house 1/3 per day in holidays" in 1792. Like most slaves, craftsmen spent whatever money they had almost exclusively on items of clothing. The variety and quality of clothes worn and carried by building trades runaways indicates their enhanced opportunities for personal gain even within the strictures of bondage. Slave carpenters, sawyers and bricklayers benefitted from their status as skilled workers in a number of additional, less tangible ways. Even a rudimentary knowledge of a building trade helped to diversify a slave's work routine and allowed him to develop his intellect and talents. Varied and challenging work, often authority over

other slaves and the trust of the manager, overseer or owner endowed the craftsman with a heightened sense of self and some control over his situation. Hiring and self-hiring allowed the craftsman to extend his freedom of movement, meet prospective friends and spouses and, most significantly, experience a world beyond his home environment.

If hiring opened up certain possibilities for a slave, it also closed off other aspects of his life by separating him from his family and accustomed surroundings. Building trades craftsmen, as possessors of highly sought after abilities, were always prime candidates for hiring and also for sale. Some, like the carpenter and sawyer Will in 1758 Halifax County, even became victims of abduction. The circumstances encountered by a slave after he was hired out or sold might prove uncomfortable or even dangerous. In the building trades the threat of injury was always present and many craftsmen lost fingers and toes and bore the scars of ax and saw cuts. Inferior tools or unreasonable demands simply increased the risk. Slave craftsmen were susceptible to an additional psychological burden arising from their comparative material comfort and close working relationships with whites--a sense of alienation from the majority of the enslaved population. Not only did some craftsmen feel caught between two worlds, but they often wielded even less negotiating power than the field hands with those in authority due to their small numbers and unique status. On the other hand, enslaved building tradesmen were able to express resistance through their skills by employing such tactics as slowing down the pace of work, intentionally misunderstanding directions and deliberately producing work of inferior quality.

The ultimate form of resistance for a slave was running away. Dissatisfaction with their present situation apparently motivated the 1794 flight of Bob and Duke, a house carpenter and sawyer from Richmond County, whose owner believed they ran away "to compel me to hire or sell them, as many applications have been made ...." Ten years earlier, a Cumberland County carpenter named Jack had offered a more elemental reason when he

"was heard to say, since he ran away, that he never intended to serve any person as a slave again." The craftsman was far more likely than the fieldhand to run away, in part because he was better equipped to cope with life beyond the plantation. He possessed readily marketable skills, for the practice of which he usually took his tools away with him. He was often literate or knowledgeable about the working world and sometimes had accumulated cash or acquired other valuables to finance his journey. The practice of hiring out provided the slave with additional opportunities for running away, as Reuben, a carpenter and sawyer from Spotsylvania County, discovered in 1794. Reuben "was hired to Mr. Nicolas Voss in the city of Richmond, last year, and continued till the expiration of his limited time, which was the 25th of December last, from which time and place he eloped."

Most runaway craftsmen, in the words of the advertisements placed by slaveowners seeking their return, intended to "endeavour to pass for a free man." Some, no doubt, successfully entered the ranks of the free black tradesmen. In eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Virginia, unlike Charleston and other places in the north as well as the south, free black carpenters and bricklayers apparently never encountered overt hostility as competitors to the free white members of the building trades. While agricultural tasks divided clearly along racial lines, craft activities developed relatively few such distinctions. The labor shortage that had always afflicted the colony persisted into the new century, and building needs continued or increased in the decades immediately after the Revolution. Jobs, it seems, were not scarce, and one particular inequity awarded to free African-American building tradesmen--less pay for equal work--appears to have forestalled any fears their white counterparts may have been harboring. The role of free blacks in the building trades is certain, but as yet indistinct. There were those who acquired the basic skills to maintain and improve their homes and augment their incomes by supplying the semi-skilled labor always required in construction. Others were accomplished craftsmen, who achieved varying

degrees of prosperity. In 1797, Washington asked his nephew George Lewis if he knew "of a good House Joiner (white or black) that could be hired" and was sober, diligent and "capable of making a rich finished pannel Door, Sash, and wainscot." That a craftsman might be judged by his attributes and abilities rather than by his race or social status, suggests that free, as well as enslaved African-American building tradesmen could sometimes refute the prejudice and oppression of their time.

**The Sourcebook and its Applications.** The Sourcebook that follows offers a collection of written references to African-Americans in the building trades, drawn from a variety of eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century documents. It is presented in two parts. The first and most expansive is devoted to the colony and state of Virginia and the second, for comparative purposes, to other locations from Florida to Massachusetts. Each part covers basically the same period of time, the first from 1717 to 1825 and the second from 1729 to 1804. The Sourcebook also appears in two formats--hard copy and diskette. The diskette version (in WordPerfect 5.1) is provided to facilitate subject searches and encourage users to add newly discovered references to the collection. The principle types of sources represented are newspaper advertisements, plantation and business records, letters and diaries and court records; they are described in detail at the end of each section of the Sourcebook. All of the sources have been reviewed in entirety, but for some only a selection of references was made for the collection. Advertisements of collective sales of slaves, for example, are formulaic and reveal comparatively little about the individuals concerned, so only a few are included as typical. Researchers should consider the Sourcebook a point of departure and ideally consult the original document for themselves. Notes on the arrangement of references and other aspects of using the Sourcebook will be found immediately preceding Part 1 in the hard copy and both parts in the diskette version.

The Sourcebook is designed to help interpreters, historians, curators and other museum staff members pursue the topics and issues briefly discussed earlier in this introduction. Craft interpreters, especially carpenters and brickmakers, will be particularly interested in what the documentation reveals about training and work practices. Those concerned specifically with the experiences of African-Americans will discover instances of individual crisis and resistance, as well as examples of material life and cultural expression. The collection also supplies grist for the investigation of much broader subjects, like the organization of labor or the structure of society in colonial Virginia. The Sourcebook is ultimately intended to advance the ongoing development of informative and innovative museum presentations and inspire further exploration of the questions and possibilities that will arise from its pages.

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*Part 1 - Virginia*

*Part 2 - Other Locations*

## Using the Sourcebook

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The Sourcebook is divided into two parts, one for Virginia references and the other for places outside that state. References are presented in chronological order with headings composed of date, geographical location and name and trade of an individual craftsman when identified. The reference text follows and source information appears at the end of each entry.

Additional, often unrelated trades practiced by building trades craftsmen are set off by a semi-colon in the headings. Some references identify more than one tradesman. Names and respective trades are organized with semi-colons plus, in complex listings, the word "and."

Notations following source information indicate related references. "See above" and "see below" (with dates) point to references contained in the Sourcebook and "see also" to others, usually nearly identical or equally representative, to be found elsewhere.

Following the entries in each part of the Sourcebook is a List of Sources containing full bibliographical information for manuscripts, newspapers and printed works from which the references have been gathered. Only those newspapers individually listed have been reviewed in entirety. Others represent references drawn from the cited published collections of runaway advertisements.

On the next page are the abbreviations used throughout the Sourcebook.

Abbreviations for libraries and archives:

CWF[L]	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation [Library]
GHS	Georgia Historical Society
HL	Henry E. Huntington Library
LC	Library of Congress
MdHR	Maryland Hall of Records
UNC	University of North Carolina
USoC	University of South Carolina
UVa	University of Virginia
VHS	Virginia Historical Society
VSL	Virginia State Library [Library of Virginia]
W&M	College of William and Mary

Abbreviations for *Virginia Gazette* publishers (post 1765):

C	John Clarkson and Augustine Davis (1779 - December 1780)
D	John Dixon and William Hunter, Jr. or Thomas Nicolson (1775 - 1778; 1779 - April 1780)
P	Alexander Purdie (1765 - 1766; 1775 - 1779)
PD	Alexander Purdie and John Dixon (1766 - 1775)
Pi	John Pinckney (1774 - 1776)
R	William Rind or Clementina Rind (1766 - 1773; 1773 - 1774)

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carpenter

York County, Va.

Indenture between Mary Cary, widow of Warwick County, and Nathaniel Hook of York County, carpenter: Mrs. Cary binds her mulatto slave Batteran to Hook "with him to dwell and serve ..." for six years "dureing which term the said Apprentice his master faithfully shall serve in the worke and trade of a Carpenter and also tending to Indian Corn and not otherwise according to his wit and ability and honesty ..." Hook was to allow "meat, drink, and apparrell, lodging, washing and all other things necessary ...."

Warwick County Records, Box II, Folder 7 (W&M).

1724  
Virginia

"... their Work is to take Care of the Stock, plant Corn, Tobacco, Fruits, &c ... [but] several of them are taught to be Sawyers, Carpenters, Smiths, Coopers, &c. and though for the most Part they be none of the aptest or nicest; yet they ... will perform tolerably well."

Hugh Jones, *The Present State of Virginia*, p. 38.

1727, October 10

Lancaster County, Va.

Robert Carter to Robert Jones concerning a new quarter:  
"I have already ordered very good cabbins made for my people that their beds may lye a foot and a half from the ground if this is not yet done pray let it be done out of hand there is such a large timber there that the carpenters may very well by riving thick boards & hewing them make them answer the place of plank."

Carter Family Papers (UVa).

1738, April 23  
Will

Lancaster County, Va.

carpenter, sawyer; cooper, shoemaker

"April 23, 1738. RAN away from the Subscriber in Lancaster County, the 17th Instant, a dark Mullatto Fellow, named Will: He is a lusty, well-set Fellow, aged about 42 Years; he is pretty much Pock-fretten, and has a Lump on the hind Part of One of his Legs, near his Heel. He wore a Man's Cloth Jacket, a

Pair of brown Cotton Breeches, and an Ozenbrig Shirt; he carried with him, a white Fustian Jacket, a lopping Ax, and a Fiddle: He is a Carpenter, Sawyer, Shoemaker, and Cooper. Whoever will apprehend the said Slave, or give Intelligence so that he may be had again, shall be sufficiently rewarded, besides what the Law allows, paid by James Ball."

*Virginia Gazette* April 28 - May 5, 1738, p. 4, col. 1.

**1740-5**

**James City and York Counties, Va.**

"Memorandum of Things delivered to the Quarters [1740-45]"  
[rugs and caps] to "New Quarter," "Foaces," "Mill Quarter," "Me[rc]h[an]ts  
Hundred," "Black Swamp" and "Carpenters."

Carter Burwell Ledger, 1738-1756, Burwell Papers (CWF).

**1743, July 21**

**Stafford County, Va.**

Robert Fenex

carpenter, sawyer; ship carpenter

"RUN away from the Subscriber living in Stafford County, Virginia, on the 4th Inst. a Molatto Man, named Robert Fenex, aged about 27 or 28 Years, his Head is shav'd, or his Wool short, and on the left side of his Head near the top he has a large Scar which reaches to his Forehead, if he walks barefooted one of his Feet or Ancles crack every Step; his Apparel not known, because he broke open several Negro Quarters and stole the Negroes Cloaths, he also stole a grey Horse or Mare which he was seen by some Negroes riding on that Night he went off; he is a Sawyer by Trade, and can do Clapboard work, and he will sometimes pretend to be a Shipcarpenter. Whoever takes up the said Runaway and conveys him Home, shall have Two Pistoles, besides what the Law allows, PHILIP ALEXANDER."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* July 21, 1743, p. 3, col. 1.

**1745**

**James City County, Va.**

Sam

carpenter

Carter Burwell Cr. "By Cash given to Carpenter Sam - 11.6"

Carter Burwell Ledger 1738-1756, Burwell Papers (CWF).

1745, May 30 - June 6  
Gruff and Tom  
carpenter and sawyer

Prince George County, Va.

"RAN away from the Subscriber, living on James River, in Prince George County, on the 28th and 29th of April last, Three Negro Slaves; one of them a short likely Madegascar, named Gruff, about 26 Years of Age; being imported young speaks very good English; was cloath'd in a dark grey Kersey Waistcoat and Breeches, with Mettal Buttons; he is a Carpenter by Trade: Another named Tom, likewise a Madegascar; cloathed in the same Manner; he is about 35 Years of Age, a tall, lusty Fellow, and speaks pretty good English, by Trade a Sawyer: The other a Lad, about 17 Years of Age, named Spark, and I believe Virginia-born, of low Stature, pretty Black; has a wide Mouth, and was cloath'd in a Cotton Waistcoat and Breeches, dy'd Yellow, and brown Drugget Waistcoat, lin'd with yellow Shalloon; he has been used as a Waiting-man. Whoever apprehends and delivers them to me, shall receive a Pistole Reward, for each of the Two first, more than the Law allows. John Ravenscroft."

*Virginia Gazette* May 30 - June 6, 1745, p. 4, col. 2.

1746, April 17-24  
Tom  
sawyer

Fredericksburg, Va.

"RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Fredericksburg, a Negro Man named Tom; he formerly belonged to one Mark Morgan, of Bladen County, in North Carolina, and was brought to Virginia by one George Warwood, a stay-maker, who purchased him of the said Morgan. He is a middle-siz'd Fellow, about 46 Years of Age, his Head and Beard very grey. Had on a blue broad Cloth Vest, a Pair of black Everlasting Breeches, and a Chex Shirt; plays on the Violin, and is a Sawyer. Whoever will secure the said Negroe, and conveys him back to me, shall have Four Pistoles Reward. John Thornton."

*Virginia Gazette* April 17-24, 1746, p.3, col. 2.

1751, October 3

Williamsburg, Va.

"THE Subscriber, intending for England in the Spring, with his family; is willing to dispose of several valuable slaves, among which are Waitingmen, Blacksmiths, Shoemakers, Carpenters, Barbers, and Plasterers, a neat Chariot with front and side Glasses, Six Horses and Harness, all Manner of Household Goods, Plate, China, etc. Also the following Lands, viz. Two Lots in the Town of Newcastle, with a warehouse thereon. About Three Hundred Acres, within Four Miles of Newcastle, well wooded. One Thousand and Forty Acres on

Chicahominy, with a very good Brick House, 60 by 20, in good Repair, a large Brick Dairy, and other necessary Buildings. The Plantation is ready for cropping with Ten Hands. To be dispos'd of with or without the stock. Also, a new Store adjoining the Market Place in Williamsburg, subject to Ground Rent. Any Person inclining to purchase may know the Terms of Sale by applying to me in Williamsburg. John Dixon."

*Virginia Gazette* October 3, 1751, p. 4, col. 2.

1752, April 10

Isle of Wight County, Va.

Tom  
sawyer

"RAN away from the Subscriber, living near Warwicksqueak-Bay Warehouse, in Isle of Wight County, on the 15th Day of March last, a Virginia-born Negroe Fellow, named Tom, of a yellow Complexion, about 25 Years of Age, 5 Feet 10 Inches high, and well-set; had on when he went away, a dark brown Halfthick Jacket and Breeches, an Oznabrig Shirt, a Felt Hat, white Yarn Stockings, and a Pair of double-channel'd Pumps: He took with him a brown Holland Coat, a white Linen Shirt, and a Pair of blue mix'd Stockings. He is by Trade a Sawyer, pretty much mark'd on the Back, and very probably may have got a forged Pass. Whoever apprehends and conveys him to me, shall have, if taken within 10 Miles from home, a Pistole Reward, if 20 Two Pistoles, if 100 Five Pistoles; if carried off by Water, on discovering the Person who carried him off, and securing the said Negroe, Ten Pistoles Reward. John Mecom."

*Virginia Gazette* April 10, 1752, p. 3, col. 2.

1752, May 18

York County, Va.

Richard Limehouse  
carpenter-joiner

"Upon the Complaint of Richard [L]imehouse against his Master John Jones and on hear[ing] [the Parties] It appearing to the Court that the said Jones hath [ ] led the said Limehouse and this being the third c[om]pl[aint] it is] Ordered that the said Limehouse be discharge from [ ] Service and that the said Jones suffer him to [ ] oaths now at the Taylors making for him and pay the Costs occasioned by this complaint."

York County Judgments and Orders 2 (1752-1754): 23-4.



1752, August 28

Northumberland County, Va.

Dick

carpenter, sawyer; shoemaker, waterman

"By the Honourable ROBERT DINWIDDIE, Esq; His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia: To all Sheriffs, Constables, and other His Majesty's Liege People, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. WHEREAS Dick, a Negro Man Slave, belonging to Tunstall Hack, of the County of Northumberland, in the Night of the third of July last past, entered the Dwelling House of his said Master, and grievously wounding him with a Broad-Ax, in the left Shoulder and Arm, with the Intent to murder his said Master, and hath since fled from Justice: The said Dick is a well-set, artful, and cunning Fellow, about forty Years of Age, five Feet seven or eight Inches high, broad Shoulders, large Hips, a small Waist, Bow Leggs, and flat Feet, his Teeth very open before, has some grey Hairs in his Head and Beard, and several Scars on his Head; he understands going by Water, Shoe-making, Carpenters Work, and Sawing.

THESE are therefore in His Majesty's Name, to command and require all Sheriffs, Constables, and other His Majesty's Liege People, within this Colony, to make diligent Search and Pursuit, by Way of Hue and Cry, within their several Counties and Precincts, after the said Dick; and him having found, to apprehend and carry before the next Justice of the Peace, that he may be dealt with according to Law. And I do desire the Governors of the neighbouring Colonies and Provinces, to be assisting in bringing the said Dick to Justice. GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at Williamsburg, this 2<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day of August, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two, in the Twenty Sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE the Second. ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

N.B. The said Dick is outlawed, and a Reward of Three Pistoles is to be given to any Person that shall apprehend him in this Colony, and if taken in any other Colony the Reward is Five Pistoles."

*Virginia Gazette* August 28, 1752, p. 3, col. 2.

1752, November 12

Alexandria, Va.

John Carlyle to George Carlyle: "As I am now out of hopes of getting into my house This Winter, the Violent Rains we have had this Fall, has hurt the Stone Walls that we was obliged to Take down Apart, after it was nigh its height, which has been a loss & great disapointment to me, however Time & patience will over come all (I am in hopes) its a Pleasure to build in England but here where we are obliged to do Everything with one's own Servants & thise Negros make it require constant attendance & Care - & so much Trouble that if I had suspected it woud been what I have meet with, I believe I shoud made

shift with A Very Small house."

Carlyle Family Papers (Carlyle House).

1753, June 18

York County, Va.

Gabriel Muray  
carpenter-joiner

"Ann Muray a Mulatto Woman" of Yorktown and York County binds "her Son Gabriel Muray of the Age of Seven Years as an Apprentice" to John Richardson, ca carpenter-joiner of the same place. Gabriel to serve until the age of twenty-one years; Richardson to provide food, lodging and clothing in addition to craft training.

York County Deed Book 5 (1741-1754): 550.

(see also York County Judgments and Orders 2 (1752-1754): 232 - recording of indenture, June 18, 1753)

1753, August 21

York County, Va.

John Whitloc[k] Spurlock  
carpenter-joiner

"This Indenture made the twenty first day of August In the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty three Years Between John Richardson of York Town Carpenter and Joiner on the one part an[d] John Whitloc[k] Spurlock a Mulatto on the other part - Witnesseth that he the said John Whitlock Spurlock of the Age of Eighteen Years doth bind himself as an Apprentice to the said John Richardson his Heirs Executors to learn his aforesaid Trade of Carpenter and Joiner and with him after the manner of an Apprentice to Serve for the Space of six years from the Date aforesaid ...." Richardson also to teach Spurlock to read and write, provide him with food, lodging and clothing and allow him freedom dues at the end of the apprenticeship.

York County Deed Book 5 (1741-1754): 558-559.

(see also York County Judgments and Orders 2 (1752-1754): 320 - recording of indenture, September 18, 1753)

1754, July 19

Charles City County, Va.

Thomas Moss  
carpenter

"RAN away from the Subscriber's Plantation, in Charles-City County, on

Sunday the 7th Instant, a Negroe Man, named Thomas Moss, who is indented to one Lawrence Egmond, a Carpenter, and employ'd by the Subscriber, he is a slim made Fellow, about 5 feet 8 Inches high, and about 25 or 26 Years of Age; had on when he went away a blue Cloth Coat, wide Trousers, and hath Oznabrigs and checked Shirts. The said Runaway is subject to Drink and very talkative when drunk. He's supposed to be gone towards Newcastle, as he hath a Wife there. Whoever apprehends and conveys him to his Master, at the Subscribers Plantation, shall have a Pistole Reward, paid by William Lightfoot."

*Virginia Gazette* July 19, 1754, p. 3, col. 2.

1754, July 19

Chesterfield County, Va.

Pompey  
sawyer

"RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Chesterfield County, about twelve Months ago, a Virginia-born Negro Man Slave, named Pompey, about 6 Feet high 25 Years old; he is a likely, strong, loud-spoken, laughing Fellow, remarkable in walking, as his Ankle Bones frequently crack so loud that it may be heard at 50 Yards Distance; he took with him many Cloaths, a Rackoon Hat, &c. which he is now supposed to have; He is a good Sawyer, goes for a Freeman, had a Pass, supposed to be gone beyond Sea, and is now Outlaw'd. Whoever brings him to me, shall have Six Pistoles Reward, if taken in this Colony, Ten Pistoles if in any other, and if taken beyond Sea Twenty Pistoles; If any Person will give certain Intelligence of his being beyond Sea, and how he came there, so that I may get him again, shall have Ten Pistoles Reward, paid by Dudley Brooks."

*Virginia Gazette* July 19, 1754, p. 4, col. 2.

1754, October 24

Hanover County,

Va.

name not given  
joiner (?)

"Hanover County,  
October 24, 1754.

RAN away from the Subscriber, an Angola Negroe 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, 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."

*Virginia Gazette* November 7, 1754, p. 4, col. 1.

1757, July 7 and 26

Brunswick and Henrico Counties, Va.

"List of Negroes belonging to the Estate of Wm Byrd Esq. on Roanoke River [Brunswick County] Taken July 7, 1757" - 68 men, including 5 carpenters (plus 13 other skilled men); 61 women; 24 boys, including 1 carpenter; 12 girls; 107 children. Total: 272.

a similar list for the "Falls of James River" [Henrico County] dated July 26, 1757 - 61 men, including 4 carpenters (plus 8 other skilled men); 52 women; 24 boys, including 1 carpenter, 2 carters and 1 cooper); 7 girls; 104 children. Total: 248.

William Byrd III Memorandum Book (LC).

1758, April 20

Halifax County, Va.

Will

carpenter, sawyer

"RUN away from the Subscriber's Plantation, in Halifax County, Virginia, on the First of February last, a likely Molattoe Fellow, named Will; he is well set and strong, about 5 feet 9 or 10 Inches high, speaks good English, understands something of the Carpenter's Trade, is a good Sawyer, 36 or 37 Years of Age. Whoever takes up said Molattoe, and secures him, so that his Master, now living in West-Nottingham, Chester County, may have him again, shall have Five Pounds Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by JAMES HUNT. N.B. He is supposed to have been conveyed away by a white Man, who was heard to make him Proposals of Freedom, and to carry him where his Master should never hear of him again, if he would serve him twelve Months."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* April 20, 1758, p. 3, col. 1

1758, September 1 and 2

Fairfax County, Va.

George William Fairfax to George Washington:

"I plainly see Mr Triplett [bricklayer and plasterer] cannot do your work, before the Frost, for what with Poseys and Major Wests work [neighbors of

Washington], He has not begun with the underpinning, but shall write to him immediately, and if he dont come shall employ any I can gett. He now and but lately said he coud not have time, and that your Carpenters must do the larthing [lathing] Work Sir that you know ought to be done before the Frosts ...."

Humphrey Knight to George Washington:

"As to the Carpentrs, I have minded em all I posably could, and has whipt em when I could see a fault old Kit is a very poor hand at any thing, the great house has took a vast Deal of Sawing work besides a vast Deal of other work which the Carprs Did, puling Down the old works and Raising the new which was a long time about and pulling the nails out of the Shingles making Scaffeld for the workmen as to puling Down the old plastering and leaths [laths] out of the rooms I made the home house people Do and all other work as they could, the Carptrs has repaired some old Tobco houses at muddy hole and mended the mill house Set up Some hhds [hogsheads] and built a new Quartr at muddy hole, which I wrote to you before to A Quint Your Ho[no]r the misfortune we had in loosing the Quartr by fier the Scantlin for the great house is all got out of white oak which made it a bundance the Teadiours to get. Searching the woods to get all white oak."

Abbot, ed., *The Papers of George Washington* (Colonial Series) V: 438-439, 447-448.

1759, May 24

Prince William County, Va.

Dick, alias Jack Simpson

house carpenter, sawyer; blacksmith, cooper, nailor, waterman, wheelwright

"RAN away from Dumfries on Patowmack River, Virginia, in March last, a Mulatto Man Slave, named Dick (tho' it is probable he may now assume another) Country-born, about 35 Years of Age, a well-made slim Fellow, very active, is much addicted to Liquor, and when drunk, stammers in his Speech. Had on a good dark Bearskin Frock-Coat, and Cotton Breeches; but carried with him several other Cloaths. He is by Trade a compleat Wheelwright, and so much of a Smith, as to make the Nails, and shoe those he makes. He is likewise a good Cooper, Sawyer, and House-Carpenter, and has also been employed in small Craft by Water. Mr. Fox of Fredericksburg, was formerly his Master, and as he has lived in that Town, and other public Places, most Part of his Life, has contracted a pretty general Acquaintance, and may by that Means be conveyed out of this Colony. He has been seen on board several Vessels in Rappahannock River and on board of a Schooner bound to New-York; but on being detected as a Runaway, he got clear, by swimming on Shore from the Vessel in Rappahannock. He has been outlawed, by which any Person may lawfully kill him. I am informed he goes by the Name of Jack

Simpson, and has a forg'd Pass, pretending he has served as a Mulatto 31 Years, agreeable to the Laws of this Colony. It is hoped all Captains of Ships, or Commanders of Craft, will be cautious how they entertain so notorious a Villain; for when he is drunk, he will steal any Thing.

Whoever apprehends him so that he may be secured in some Goal [jail], and contrives me Notice of it, shall receive Forty Shillings; and if brought to me at Dumfries, a full Reward for their Trouble, and all reasonable Charges.

ALLAN MACRAE."

*Maryland Gazette* May 24, 1759, p. 3, col. 2.

1759, June 14

Dumfries, Va.

Dick

house carpenter, sawyer; blacksmith, cooper, sailor, wheelwright

"RUN away from Dumfries, on Potomack River, in March last, a Mulatto Man Slave, named Dick, Country born, about 35 Years of Age, a well made slim Fellow, very active, is much addicted to Liquor, and when drunk stammers in his Speech. He is by Trade a Wheel wright, and so much of Smith as to shoe the Wheels he makes; he is also a good Cooper, House carpenter and Sawyer; he has likewise been employed frequently by Water, and is therefore a tollerable Sailor. Since he has run away he has been seen on board several Ships in Rappahannock River, and was once apprehended, but made his Escape by swimming on Shore from the Vessel. - He has be out-law'd. Whoever secures him in some Goal [jail], so as he may be delivered to me at Dumfries, shall have Forty Shillings Reward of ALLAN MACRAE."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* June 14, 1759, p. 4, col. 1.

1760, February 5, 19 and 20

Fairfax County, Va.

Billy, George, Mike, Tom

"Visited my Plantation ... Passing by my Carpenters that were hughing I found that four of [them] viz. George, Tom, Mike & young Billy had only hughd 120 Foot Yesterday from 10 Oclock. Sat down therefore and observd.

Tom and Mike in a less space than 30 Minutes cleard the Bushes from abt. a Poplar Stock - lind it 10 Foot long and hughd each their side 12 Inches deep. Then, letting them proceed their own way - they spent 25 Minutes more in getting the cross cut saw standing to consider what to do - sawing the Stock off[f] in two places - putting it on the Blocks for hughing it square lining it &ca. and from this time till they had finishd the Stock entirely; requird 20 Minutes more, so that in the Space of one hour and a quarter they each of them from the Stump finishd 20 Feet of hughing: from hence it appears very clear that allowing they work only from Sun to Sun and require two hour's at Breakfast

they ought to yield each his 125 feet while the days are their present length and more in proportion as they increase. While this was doing George and Billy sawd 30 Foot of Plank so that it appears as clear making the same allowance as before (but not for the time requird in pilling the Stock) that they ought to Saw 180 Feet of Plank.

It is to be observd here, that this hughing, & Sawing likewise was of Poplr. What may be the difference therefore between the working of this Wood and other some future observations must make known."

"Mike and Tom began sawing in the Pit some considerable time after Sun rise and Cut 122 feet of Oak Scantling."

"George & Billy sawd 155 feet of Oak Scantling."

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington* I: 232-234, 239, 243. (see below January 19, 1768, January 22, 1768, August 18, 1785)

1760, July 10

Amelia County, Va.

Dick, alias Richard Jenkins  
sawyer

"RAN away from the Subscriber, in Amelia County, in Virginia, in May 1759, a very likely Negro Man, named Dick (but used to call himself Richard Jenkins) about 30 Years old, of a middle Size, well set, very black, his Back much scarified, is a good Sawyer, and plays on the Violin. Whoever conveys the said Negro to me, shall have Ten Pounds Reward. WOOD JONES."

*Maryland Gazette* July 10, 1760.

(see also *Pennsylvania Gazette* August 28, 1760, p. 4, col. 1)

1761

Amherst County, Va.

Mack and Will  
carpenters (?)

Moss Neck - "Mack & Will

2 Corn Houses 12 by 8 foot

1 Do. 8 foot Square the Slaves was =  
[sic] geting they visits the Barn at the Reeds  
and then go to Hamptons Plantan"

Edmund Wilcox's Book, vol. 4, E.W. Hubbard Papers (UNC).

1762, May 3  
Guy  
bricklayer

Fairfax County, Va.

"Mr Daingerfields Negro Bricklayer Guy came here to work."

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington* I: 297. Guy was hired for £30 year plus room and board; his clothing was billed to Daingerfield. Guy remained in Washington's service until October of 1763. (see below May 11 and August 2, 1762)

1762, May 11 and August 2  
Guy  
bricklayer

Fairfax County, Va.

"Guy began the Garden Wall, after having built an Oven in the Kitchen, laid the hearth, & repaired the back."

"Guy finished the 3 sides of Garden all to Capp[in]g Pill[a]r."

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington* I: 298, 304. (see above May 3, 1762)

1763, July 5-9

Fairfax County, Va.

"Cut and secured all my Wheat (by Stacking) at River & Creek Quarters - abt. 60 Acres. Carpenters, Smiths, & home Gang employd."

Jackson & Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington* I: 311.

1763, August 10  
Bob  
sawyer; gardener, shoemaker

Prince William County, Va.

"August 10, 1763. RAN away from the Subscriber, in Prince William County, Virginia, some Time in June, a low sized well-set Mulatto Fellow, with bandy Legs, named Bob: Had on when he went away, an Osnabrigs Coat and Breeches, a black German Serge Jacket, white Yarn Stockings, and turn'd Pumps with pewter Buckles. He stole from one Highwarden 55 Shillings Paper Money, a striped Jacket, lined with Linen in the Body, and dark Shalloon in the Skirts, Thread and Cotton Stockings, and 2 or 3 White Linen Shirts. We also miss a Shirt and Pair of fine Pumps, which we suspect he has got. He hath been about a Month in St. Mary's County, Maryland, pass'd for a



Freeman, and was hired there to reap, and saw Plank or Framing for Mills. He was taken up last Week, but got away from a white Man and a Negro, on a Horse belonging to Mr. Zachariah Bond. He is very handy at any Sort of labouring Work, or Gardening, is a pretty good Shoemaker, and has a slow Way of speaking.

Whoever takes up the said Slave, and sends him to me, or Mr. Archibald Henderson, Merchant in Dumfries, shall have THREE POUNDS Virginia Currency, and reasonable Charges, paid by JAMES SCOTT."

*Maryland Gazette* August 25, 1763.

1763, September 7

Lancaster County, Va.

Adam  
carpenter

"Mr. Chichester sent Adam, his carpenter, to help about the meeting house."

"Journal of Col. James Gordon, of Lancaster County, Va." WMQ (ser. 1) 12 (1903): 8.

1763, November 4

Essex County, Va.

"ANY person, inclinable to purchase a valuable Negro fellow, that understands HOUSE-CARPENTER work, may be supplied by applying to the subscriber, in Essex, who will give credit for half the money. SAMUEL SMITH."

*Virginia Gazette* November 4, 1763, p. 4, col. 1.

1764, February 3, March 3 and April 26

Richmond County, Va.

Ralph; Jimmy [Jammy]  
stonecutter; carpenter, bricklayer

"Colo. Tayloe's Stone cutter Ralph came here to work day for day with my man Jammey who is to work at the Colo[nel's] when he goes to Walling in his Plantations."

"Colo. Tayloe's stone cutter Ralph finis[hed] 16 Capitols for my Piazzas and went away home at night. He came to work February 3 and has been here 25 days, that is 4 weeks and 1 day So that Jammy is to work as many days for Colo. Tayloe.

Colo. Tayloe's stone Cutter worked 2 days more."

"Fork Jammy came home at 9 this morning from working at Colo. Tayloe's so

that as he went to work their [sic] this day 7 nights he has wrought 7 and one day before 8 days in repaying Ralph the Stone cutter's work here so that I am still in debt of Jammy's work 19 days. Note: as I include the Sundays that Ralph was here I also include the sunday that James was there (but there shall be no dispute)."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 253, 259, 263.  
(see below May 4, 1766, January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9 and November 10 and 15, 1770, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 29 and 31 and August 9, 1771, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774 and July 27, 1774)

1764, October 25

Chester County, Pa./Winchester, Va.

Jacob Jones  
mason

"RUN away about two Weeks ago, from the Subscriber, living in Concord, Chester County, a Mulatto Servant Man, named Jacob Jones, by Trade a Mason, about 5 feet 8 inches high, a well limbed, well set lissom Fellow, about 29 Years of Age, very active at most Sorts of Exercise, Jumping, Wrestling, &c. he hath a short Nose, and short black Hair, large Feet and Legs, his Shins bending forwards, he is very talkative, apt to laugh, and shew his Teeth, which are very white, had on a good green double breasted Coat, with a small Cape, and yellow Metal Buttons, a good black Hair Plush Jacket without Sleeves; he hath been about three Years ago in the Army, and had two Passes, one from Major Rogers, and about two Years ago worked at Winchester, in Virginia, and perhaps has made that Way. Whoever takes up and secures said Servant, so that his Master may have him again, shall have Three Pounds Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by JOHN PEIRCE."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* October 25, 1764, p. 4, col. 1.

1764, November 29

King and Queen County, Va.

Dick  
carpenter, painter

"RUN away from the Subscriber, in King and Queen, Virginia, two white indented Servants, a Man and his Wife. The man is English, about 5 Feet 5 Inches high, of a red Complexion, wears his Hair, is much Sun-burnt, steps short and quick in his walk, is a Brickmaker by Trade, and has a sett of Shoemaker's tools; had a short red Coat, red Breeches with Metal Buttons, an old green lappelled jacket, a Flannel Jacket with red Stripes, new Osenbrigs Trowsers, with other Clothes, as he stole Part of mine; his Name is James Marrington. His Wife is about 30 Years of Age, about 5 Feet high, very thick,

looks well, and has got good Clothes; she is an Irish Woman, and her Name is Mary Marrington.

Run away likewise 4 Negroes, viz. Jack, a black thick Fellow, about 30 Years old, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, speaks broken English, has been used to go by Water, but of late to Plantation Business; had on a blue Cotton Jacket and Breeches, Petticoat Trowsers, Stockings, Shoes with Buckles, and has a Whitemetal Button in his Hat. Dick, a dark Mulattoe, very lusty, about 25 Years old, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, a Carpenter and Painter by Trade; had on Cotton Clothes, with Petticoat Trowsers, and he has got a red Jacket and Breeches, a good Felt Hat, and Buckles in his Shoes. Daniel, well set black Fellow, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, has been used to Plantation Business, and had on Cotton Clothes. Dorcas, a small Wench, about 5 Feet high, has been used to House Business, has got a new brown Linen Jacket and Petticoat, and sundry other Things that she stole. They have all large Bundles, as they stole several Sheets and Blankets, with other Things. They were supposed to be seen crossing from Point Comfort to Little River, in a small Boat, with a Blanket Sail, last Saturday Morning, and I imagine will make for North-Carolina. Whoever apprehends the above Servants and Slaves, and delivers them to me, shall have Ten Pounds Reward, if taken in Virginia, if out thereof Twenty Pounds. EDWARD VOSS.

If the above Runaways are taken in Pennsylvania, and conveyed to Philadelphia, the above Reward will be paid by RITCHIE and CLYMER."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* November 29, 1764, p. 3, col. 2.

1765, March 14

Richmond County, Va.

Billy and Sampson

house and ship carpenter, joiner; carpenter

"Ran away from the Occoquan Iron-Works, on Sunday the 10th Instant, the following three Negroes, the property of the Honourable John Tayloe, Esq: Billy, a very lusty likely Fellow, about 27 Years old, about 5 Feet 11 Inches high, of a yellowish Complexion, by Trade a House Carpenter, and can do a little at the Ship Carpenter and Joiner's Business.

Billy, a very black short well made Fellow, of much the same Age as the other, by Trade a Ship Carpenter, and is very handy at building Boats.

Sampson, a tall slim young Fellow, of a yellowish Complexion, and Brother to the first mentioned Billy, and is Piece of a Carpenter.

At the same Time went off with the above mentioned Negroes, a Convict Servant Man ... The Negroes had each of them a new blue Pea Fearnought Jacket: tho as they have Variety of other Cloaths, such as are common for Slaves, they may make their Appearance in different Dresses, as best suits them.

As they all went off in a new Boat of about 17 Feet Keel, whose upper works are painted red, and her Sides laid over with Turpentine, it is probable they

will endeavour to get on board of some Ship, and will try to pass for Freeman, or perhaps will steer as far as they can to the Southward.

Whoever apprehends and secures the above said Negroes, and Servant, with the Boat, so as to be had again, shall receive TWELVE POUNDS Reward, if taken in Virginia; and if out of the Colony, the Sum of TWENTY POUNDS Virginia Currency Reward, from THOMAS LAWSON."

*Maryland Gazette* April 4, 1765.

1766, February 24

Chesterfield County, Va.

Stephen  
carpenter

"Chesterfield, February 24, 1766. 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 BRUMHALL, 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 osnabrigs. I will give 5 l. reward for each slave, it taken up in Virginia, and delivered to me; if in Carolina, 10 l. for each. ARCHIBALD CARY."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) March 7, 1766, p. 3, col. 3.

1766, March 14

Hanover County, Va.

Jack  
carpenter; shoemaker

"HANOVER, March 14, 1766. RUN away from the subscriber, the 4th and 9th of this month, two Virginia born Negro men, viz. One a small squat fellow named JACK, of a yellowish complexion; had on when he went away a cotton waistcoat with cuffs and pockets, cotton breeches, plaid hose, Virginia shoes, is a handy fellow at shoemaking and carpenters work, and carried with him a blue cloth coat and leather breeches. The other a young well grown Mulatto

fellow named JACK also, clad as the other, except a coarse felt hat with part of the crown burnt. Whoever will apprehend the said slaves, so that I get them again, shall have 20 s. reward for each. RICHARD FARELL."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) March 21, 1766, p. 4, col. 1.

1766, April 8

Warwick County, Va.

George America

house carpenter; shoemaker

"WARWICK county, April 8, 1766. RUN away from the subscriber, on or about the 20th of February last, a Virginia born Negro man named GEORGE AMERICA, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, about 30 years old, of a yellow complexion, is a tolerable good shoemaker, and can do something of the house carpenters work, walks quick and upright, and has a scar on the back of his left hand; had on a cotton waiscoat and breeches, osnabrugs shirt, and yarn stockings. As the said slave is outlawed, I do hereby offer a reward of 5 l. to any person that will kill and destroy him, and 40 s. if taken alive. THOMAS WATKINS."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) April 11, 1766, p. 4, col. 1.

1766, May 2

Charles City County, Va.

Charles

sawyer; shoemaker

"RUN away from the subscriber, the 16th of February last, two Virginia born Negro men slaves, of a yellow complexion, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, had on when they went away Negro cotton waistcoat and breeches, shoes and stockings and osnabrugs shirt, and took with them several other clothes, and five Dutch Blankets. One named CHARLES, is a sawyer and shoemaker by trade, carried with him a set of shoemakers tools, is about 28 years of age, speaks slow, can read, and may probably procure a pass and get on board some vessel. The other named GEORGE, about the same age, is round shouldered, which causes him to stoop when he walks; they are both outlawed. Whoever brings, or safely conveys, the said slaves to me, in the upper end of Charles City county, shall have 3 l. reward for each, if taken in this colony, if out thereof 10 l. CHARLES FLOYD."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) May 2, 1766, p. 3, col. 1.

(see below September 23, 1768 and also as advertised by Sarah Floyd in

*Virginia Gazette* (R) February 16, 1769, p. 2, col. 3 and (PD) April 18, 1771, p. 3, col. 2))

1766, May 2  
Sam[uel] Howel[l]  
sawyer

Cumberland County, Va.

"RUN away from the subscriber, the 20th of October last, a likely young Mulatto man named SAM HOWEL, 23 years old, about 5 feet 9 inches high, well made for strength, has a remarkable good set of teeth, very black large eyebrows, and is a little bow legged, as for his apparel it is so long since he went away that I suppose he has worn them out, and got others. He was bound for 31 years, according to the condition of his mother, who was to serve until that time; his pretence for going away was to apply to some lawyer at Williamsburg to try to get his freedom, though he had a trial in the county court, and was adjudged to serve his full time. I did hear that he applied to the King's Attorney, and he told him he could not get free until his time was out; and I have never heard from him since. As he passes for a free man, I imagine he will endeavour to get on board some vessel, I therefore desire all masters of vessels not to entertain him, or carry him out of the country. Whoever apprehends the said slave, and brings him to me, in Cumberland county, on James river, shall receive 5 l. reward. WADE NETHERLAND."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) May 2, 1766, p. 3, col. 2.  
(see below August 16, 1770, wherein Sam Howel identified as a sawyer)

1766, May 4  
Jimmy [Jammy]  
carpenter, bricklayer

Richmond County, Va.

"My son John came from Town this day paid me 2 £10 bills for my man Jammy to be sent to work at his house for him to do some brick work for which I shall charge him 3/6 Per day from the time he sets off."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 295.  
(see above February 3, March 3 and April 26, 1764 and below January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9 and November 10 and 15, 1770, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1766, July 14  
Will and Sam  
sawyer, baker, shoemaker; carpenter

Hanover County, Va.

"RAN away from the Subscriber in HANOVER, A Negro Man named WILL, a lusty well made Fellow, bow legged, and round shoulder'd, about 30 Years

old, he is a Baker by Trade, and understands sawing and shoemaking, has remarkable white Spots on his Nails and Teeth. Also a Mulatto Fellow named SAM, by Trade a Carpenter, tall, streight and well made, about 24 Years old, has a full Face and very rough Forehead, he has a large Scar on his right Leg, occasioned by a Cut with a broad Ax. They are both very sensible likely Fellows, and as their Scheme for going off has been for some Time planned, it is supposed they will attempt to get out of the Colony. Whoever apprehends the said Slaves, so that I get them again, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward for each, besides what the Law allows, if taken in this Colony; and Five Pounds for each if taken out of the Colony. July 14, 1766. B. DANDRIDGE."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) August 8, 1766, p. 4, col. 2.

1766, August 1

Essex County, Va.

Robin

carpenter; cooper

"RUN away from the subscriber, on the 7th of July, in Essex county, about six miles from Hobb's Hole, a Mulatto man slave named ROBIN, about 5 feet and half high, well set, bow legged, has several noted scars on his feet and legs, one on the lower part of the calf of his right leg, that when he walks or works his foot it draws as if the leaders were cut, a very large scar on his knee, and another in the bottom of one of his feet, has several scars in his head, his back has been well whipped, and is a carpenter and cooper by trade. As I have reason to suspect that he intends to make his escape out of the colony, I forewarn all Captains of ships, and skippers of any vessel whatsoever from taking the said slave in, upon any pretence whatsoever; and further, I desire all masters may order their vessels to be searched upon their clearing out, in case he should be concealed. Whoever apprehends the said slave, and conveys him to me, shall have 5 l. reward, if taken in the colony; and if out of the colony 10 l. THOMAS WOOD."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) August 1, 1766, p. 3, col. 2.

1767, January 1

Prince George County, Va.

"To be SOLD, on Thursday the 15th of January, at BLANDFORD, if fair otherwise next fair day, SEVERAL likely NEGROES, among which are 3 apprentices, who have about 3 years to serve, two of them bound to a ship carpenter, and the other to a bricklayer. At the same time will be sold sundry kinds of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. Twelve months credit will be allowed for all sums above 5 l. the purchasers giving bond, with approved security, to

The SELLER. N.B. A reasonable discount will be allowed for ready money."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) January 1, 1767, p. 4, col. 2.

**1767, April 16**

**Williamsburg, Va.**

Bob, alias Edward or Edmund Tamar  
carpenter, sawyer; currier, sailor, shoemaker

"APRIL 16, 1767. RUN AWAY from the subscriber, near Williamsburg, last Saturday night, a Negro fellow named BOB, about 5 feet 7 inches high, about 26 years of age, was burnt when young, by which he has a scar on the wrist of his right hand, the thumb of his left hand burnt off, and the hand turns in; had on a double breasted dark coloured frieze jacket, and yellow cotton breeches. He was lately brought home from Hartford county in North Carolina, where he has been harboured for three years past by one Van Pelt, who lives on Chinkopin creek; he passed for a freeman, by the name of Edward or Edmund Tamar, and has got a wife there. He is an extraordinary sawer, a tolerable good carpenter and currier, pretends to make shoes, and is a very good sailor. He has been gone for eight years, a part of which time he lived in Charlestown, South Carolina. He can read and write; and as he is a very artful fellow, will probably forge a pass. All masters of vessels are hereby cautioned from carrying him out of the colony, and any person from employing him. Whoever apprehends the said fellow, and conveys him to me, shall have 3 l. reward, if taken in this colony; if in North Carolina, 5 l. and if in any other province, 10 l. WILLIAM TREBELL."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) April 16, 1767, p. 3, col. 1.

**1767, May 14**

**Nansemond County and Norfolk, Va.**

Charles  
sawyer (?)

"RUN AWAY from the subscriber, in Nansemond and Norfolk, about the 12th of April last, a likely Virginia born Negro man named CHARLES, about 6 feet high, about 37 years old, well made, has a scar on the left side of his lip, cut by a whipsaw, and is very ingenious at any work; he has been used to hire his time, and has a pass of Joseph Jones for that purpose, which was not taken in when I sold him to Lockhart. He took his wife with him, a Mulatto, about 19 years old, about 5 feet and half high, a very likely well shaped woman, and very ingenious at any work. The above slaves will endeavour to pass for free man and woman, and as the man is a sensible arch fellow, he will probably attempt to make his escape from off this continent; I therefore forewarn all Captains of ships from taking the said slaves on board their vessels. Whoever brings the said slaves to Joseph Jones in Nansemond, or Joseph Lockhart in



Norfolk, shall have FIVE POUNDS reward."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) May 14, 1767, p. 3, col. 2.

**1767, August 25**

**King William County, Va.**

Harry and Jemmy  
sawyers and clapboard carpenters

"A SCHEME of a LOTTERY, For DISPOSING of certain LANDS, SLAVES, and STOCKS, belonging to the subscriber .... A Negro man named Harry, a fine sawer and clapboard carpenter, with his wife named Sarah, and a child named Judith, about 1 year old .... A Negro man named Jemmy, as good a sawer as any in the colony, and understands clapboard work...." [slaves valued from £25 to £180, Harry at £180 and Jemmy at £100; drawing to be at Anthony Hay's in Williamsburg, November 2, 1767; subscriber is Thomas Moore.]

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) September 3, 1767, p. 3, col. 1.

**1767, October 16**

**Northumberland County, Va.**

Solomon  
carpenter; cooper

"October 16, 1767. RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Northumberland County, about the Middle of February last, a Negro Fellow named SOLOMON, aged 19, healthy and well made, about 5 Feet 10 or 11 Inches high, a smooth Face, and good Countenance, he is much bruised between the Knuckles and the first Joint of the Two middle Fingers of his left Hand, and has a Cut across his right Hand: Had on, when he went away, a WELSH Cotton Jacket, with Pocket-Flaps before, with a red Cape round the Collar, a Pair of Country Cloth Breeches, a Pair of black Plush ditto, a light coloured Bearskin Coat, with white Metal Buttons, and a Belt to button round the Middle; he understands a little of the Cooper and Carpenters Trade. Whoever takes up said Slave, and brings him to the Subscriber, living on the Mouth of Great Wicomico River, shall have FIVE POUNDS Sterling Reward, from COLIN CAMPBELL. If said Fellow is in any Public Jail, the Keeper is requested to signify it to C.C."

*Maryland Gazette* November 26, 1767.

**1768, January 18, 19, 22, February 18, 26 and May 7**

**Fairfax County, Va.**

Davy, George, Jupiter, Ned, Mike, Sam, Tom, Will

"Carpenters went to Saw Plank at Doeg Run for finishing the Barn there. Will put new girders into my Mill where they had Sunk."

"Mike, Tom, & Sam went abt. the Overseers House at Muddy hole."

"Davy, George, Jupiter and Ned, finishd Sawing at Doeg Run & Joind Mike &ca. abt. Overseers House at Muddy hole."

"Rais'd Overseers House at Muddy hole."

"Carpenters not having quite finishd the Overseers Ho[use] at Muddy hole for want of some Plank went abt. a Corn Ho. there."

"Carpenters finishd the Corn Ho. at Muddy hole. And went to trimmg. fish Barrls."

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington*, II: 36, 43, 57.  
(see above February 5, 19 and 20, 1760 and below August 18, 1785, April 17, 28, 29 and May 26, 1788)

1768, January 22

Fairfax County, Va.

Davy, George, Jupiter and Ned; Mike  
sawyers; carpenter (?)

"Davy, George, Jupiter and Ned, finish[e]d Sawing at Doeg Run & Join[e]d Mike &ca. abt. Overseers House at Muddy hole."

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington*, II: 36.  
(see above January 19 and below February 18 and 26, 1768)

1768, January 28

New Kent County, Va.

Davy, Caesar and George  
carpenter; brickmaker, sawyer; sawer, carter

a lottery offering a 300 acre plantation, tracts of 200 acres and 185 acres,  
livestock, furniture and nine slaves including:

"A Mulatto fellow named Davy, about 33 years old, a good carpenter" valued at 120 pounds, "A Negro man named Caesar, a good brick-maker and sawer" valued at 100 pounds and "A Negro man named George, about 22 years old, a good sawer and carter" valued at 80 pounds. These three men were the most highly valued of all slaves offered for sale.

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) January 28, 1768, p. 3, col. 2.

1768, February 1 and 13  
Will  
carpenter

Fairfax County, Va.

"Carpenters all (except Will) Went to Sawing Pailing for a Goose yard."

"Finishd the Goose Pen at Home."

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington* II: 43.  
(see above January 18, 19, 20, February 18, 26 and May 7)

1768, February 1  
Guy and Jimmy  
carpenters

York County, Va.

"Guy & Jimmy returned this day from Ring's Neck where they have been building two Negroe quarters 20. by 16. an Overseer's House 20. by 16. & a Corn house 16. by 12."

Diary Robert Wormeley Carter, 1768 (W&M).  
(see Landon Carter diary entries, beginning above February 3, March 3 and April 26, 1764)

1768, February 18 and 26

Fairfax County, Va.

"Rais'd Overseers House at Muddy hole."

"Carpenters not having quite finish[e]d the Overseers Ho[use] at Muddy hole for want of some Plank went abt. a Corn Ho. there."

Jackson and Twohig, eds. *The Diaries of George Washington*, II: 43.  
(see above January 19 and 22, 1768)

1768, April 14  
Abraham, Robin, York  
carpenter, cooper; sawyer; sawyer

Virginia

"SCHEME of a LOTTERY for disposing of certain LANDS, SLAVES, and STOCKS belonging to the Subscriber ... A Negro Man named Abraham, about 26 Years old, an exceeding good Forge Carpenter, Cooper, and Clapboard Carpenter .... A Negro Man, Robin, a good Sawyer, and Bella his Wife .... A negro Man named York, a good Sawyer...." [slaves valued from £20 to £280, Abraham at £200, Robin at £120 and York at £75; subscriber Bernard Moore.]

*Virginia Gazette* (R) April 14, 1768, p. 3, col. 1 and 2.  
(see also *Virginia Gazette* (PD) December 1, 1768, p. 3, col. 2 and 3, wherein location and date of drawing specified as Williamsburg on December 15, 1768; also *Virginia Gazette* (R) November 23, 1769, p. 3, col. 3 with same listings and drawing scheduled in Williamsburg December 1769.]

**1768, May 2 and 23**

**Fairfax County, Va.**

"My Carpenters & House People went to Planting Corn at Doeg Run after they had finishd fishing."

"My Carpenters & House People went to Work at my Mill repairing the Dams - hightening of them - & opening the Race."

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington* II: 67.

**1768, May 6-13**

**Brunswick County, Va.**

Jack  
carpenter; cooper

"RUN AWAY, about the 22d of December, 1766, a likely NEGRO MAN named JACK, about five feet nine inches high, knock kneed, with remarkable large feet, a full face, and very black; is a good cooper, and can work at the carpenter's trade; has a piece taken off one of his ears, Virginia born, and speaks good English. FIFTY POUNDS currency will be paid to any person who apprehends the said fellow and brings him to me in Brunswick county, Virginia CHARLES MASON."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* May 6-13, 1768.

**1768, June 8 and 25**

**Fairfax County, Va.**

"Carpenters went to getting the frame for my Barn at the House."

"The Carpenters finishd getting the Frame for the Barn at my Ho[me] House."

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington* II: 73, 74.

1768, July 30  
Curry Tuxent  
carpenter; cooper

Lancaster County, Va.

"Lancaster county, JULY 30. RUN away from Capt. JOHN WILLIAMS, of Northumberland county, the latter end of May last, a Negro man named Curry Tuxent, about 50 years of age, by trade a carpenter and cooper, he is a tall slim black fellow about 6 feet high has lost most of his upper fore teeth, talks very fast and smooth; he carried with him carpenters and coopers tools, by which he will expect to pass as a freeman. It is thought he is gone towards JAMES river, after a parcel of Negroes lately purchased by Sir Peyton Skipwith from the estate of Robert Bristow, Esq; Whoever secures the said fellow, so that I get him again, shall have five pounds reward, paid by RICHARD EDWARDS."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) August 4, 1768, p. 3, col. 1.

1768, August 18  
Sambo  
carpenter

Amelia County, Va.

"RUN away from the subscriber in Amelia, in the year 1766, a black Virginia born Negro fellow, named SAMBO, about 6 feet high, about 32 years old, and bends in one of his knees, but which I cannot tell. He makes fiddles, and can play upon the fiddle, and work at the carpenters trade. I have heard that he passes for a free fellow. Whoever brings the said Negro to me shall have 10 £ reward. MARK JACKSON."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) August 18, 1768, p. 3, col. 2.

1768, August 20  
Peter Deadfoot, alias William Swann  
sawyer; butcher, carter, ploughman, scytheman, shoemaker, waterman

Stafford County, Va.

"STAFFORD County, August 20, 1768. RAN away last April, from one of the subscriber's quarters in Loudoun (where he had been a short time sawing) a Mulatto slave belonging to Samuel Selden, jun. named Peter Deadfoot, though it is supposed he has changed his name, as he the day before attempted to pass for a freeman, and had got as far as Noland's ferry, on his way to Philadelphia, by a forged pass, in which he was called William Swann. He is a tall, slim, clean limbed, active, genteel, handsome fellow, with broad shoulders; about 22 years of age, a dark Mulatto, with a nose rather flat than otherwise, very sensible, and smooth tongued; but is apt to speak quick, swear, and with dreadful curses upon himself, in defence of his innocence, if taxed with a fault, even when guilty; which may be easily discovered, by any person's taxing him

with being run away. He is an indifferent shoemaker, a good butcher, ploughman, and carter; an excellent sawyer, and waterman, understands breaking oxen well, and is one of the best scythemen, either with or without a cradle, in America; in short, he is so ingenious a fellow, that he can turn his hand to any thing; he has a great share of pride, though he is very obliging, is extremely fond of dress; and though his holiday clothes were taken from him, when he first attempted to get off, yet, as he has probably passed for a freeman, I make no doubt he has supplied himself with others, as such a fellow would readily get employment; it has been reported that he was seen on board a vessel in York river, near York town; but for my own part, I suspect that he is either in Prince William county, Charles county in Maryland (in both which places he has relations) or in the neighbourhood of Winchester. Whoever apprehends the said slave, and conveys him to me in Stafford county, shall receive, if taken within ten miles of my house, Five Pounds; if about fifty miles, Ten Pounds; and if above one hundred miles, Twenty Pounds reward, besides what the law allows. THOMSON MASON."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) September 22, 1768, p. 3, col. 2.

1768, September 23

Charles City County, Va.

Charles

sawyer; shoemaker

"Charles City, Sept. 23, 1768. RUN away from the subscriber, the 11th inst. a Negro fellow named Charles, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, of a yellow complexion, speaks slow and soft, and is about twenty-seven years of age, an artful cunning fellow; had with him when he went away sundry cloaths, but of what sort more than common I cannot remember, only a bearskin great coat, and large pair of silver shoe buckles. He is a sawyer and shoemaker by trade, and carried with him his shoemaker's tools. The said fellow reads tolerably well, and is a great preacher, from which I imagine he will endeavour to pass for a freeman. He is outlawed, and I hereby offer a reward of fifteen pounds for his head, severed from his body, or ten pounds if brought alive. He ran away on the 16th of February 1765, and was absent near two years. CHARLES FLOYD."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) October 27, 1768, p. 3, col. 3.

(see above May 2, 1766 and as advertised by Sarah Floyd in *Virginia Gazette* (R) February 16, 1769, p. 2, col. 3 and (PD) April 18, 1771, p. 3, col. 2)

1768, September 29

Cumberland, Va.

Harry  
carpenter; waterman

"Cumberland, Sept. 29, 1768. RUN away from the subscriber, a Negro man named HARRY, who is about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, a very sensible artful fellow, that speaks quick and plain, understands a little of the carpenter's business, is a good waterman, and has been much used to work on board of ships, at Cumberland Town, in the time he belonged to Mr. Richard Littlepage. He has a wife in the neighbourhood of the said town, where I have good reason to believe he has resorted ever since he has been run away, and might be easily apprehended. If he leaves those parts, I am apprehensive he will endeavour to make his escape by water, therefore desire all persons, particularly masters of vessels, not to harbour or entertain the said Negro. Also about the same time, a young Negro man named TOM, about 6 feet high, has a roguish look, and has lost part of one of his ears. He has been seen in Nansemond and Norfolk counties, and is supposed to be about the Dismal Swamp. Whoever conveys the said runaways to me, shall have 5 l. reward for each. JOHN MAYO."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) October 6, 1768, p. 3, col. 1.

1768, October 19

Gloucester County, Va.

Sam  
carpenter; cooper

"Gloucester, October 19, 1768. RUN away from the subscriber the 9th of this Instant, a Negro fellow named Sam, about five feet eight inches high; he stole a white horse about thirteen hands three inches high, was seen to pass Caroline Court-house the 11th of this instant, on his way to Mr. John Wiatt's, at Mr. Mann Page's plantation, near Bull Run. The said runaway had the usual cloathing for labouring Negroes. Some vile person gave him a pass, signed with my name, to permit him to pass to the said Wiatt's, and to hire himself to any person. The aforesaid runaway is a good carpenter and cooper. Whoever will secure him in any gaol [jail], so that I may get him again, shall have three pounds reward. JASPER CLAYTON."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) November 17, 1768, p. 3, col. 3.

1768, December 22

York County, Va.

"To be HIRED at the half-way house between Williamsburg and York, on Monday the 2d of January next, TWENTY likely NEGRO MEN, belonging to the estate of John Brown, deceased, among whom are three pair of

extraordinary good sawers, a very good carpenter, and several good watermen. Bond and security will be required. ROBERT NICOLSON, JOHN BROWN, Executors."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) December 22, 1768, p. 3, col. 2.

1769, January 28

Essex County, Va.

"ESSEX county, JAN. 28, 1769. Four Negro Carpenters, belonging to the estate of Col. JOHN LEE, deceased, to be hired early in April next. For terms apply to JOHN LEE."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) February 23, 1769, p. 2, col. 2.

1769, April 27

Chesterfield County, Va.

Joe  
sawyer; blacksmith

"RUN away from the subscriber in Chesterfield, a Virginia born Negro man slave named JOE, about 30 years of age, about 5 feet 6 inches high, is a likely well made fellow, has small eyes, his fore teeth even and good, is a good sawer, and has worked at the blacksmith's trade some time, but knows little of that business. Whoever brings the said fellow to me shall have 5 l. reward, if 10 miles from home, if 30 miles 10 l. and if 100 miles 20 l. He is a brisk active fellow, and will make his escape if possible, as he expects to be hung if apprehended, having broke into many houses, and stole several things. HENRY BATTE."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) April 27, 1769, p. 3, col. 2.

1769, May 22

Lancaster County, Va.

Jack  
sawyer

"LANCASTER, May 22, 1769. RUN away from the subscriber, about the 28th of December last, a Negro man named JACK, about 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, about 25 years old, has a down look, and has lost the two first joints of his little finger, though which hand I do not well remember, but believe it to be the left. Whoever conveys the said slave to me shall have 40 s. reward, if taken in this colony, and 5 l. if out thereof. THOMAS MUNTUN. N.B. The said slave has been much used to the whipsaw."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) June 1, 1769, p. 3, col. 2.



1769, July 13  
Sampson  
carpenter

York County, Va.

"RUN away from the subscriber in York county, the 21st of May last, a Negro man slave named SAMPSON, about six feet high, a remarkable thin face and high forehead; he is a sensible fellow, and can do a little at the carpenter's business; he is thought to be harboured at Cabin Point, on James river. If any one will apprehend the said Negro and secure him so that I can get him, shall have TWENTY SHILLINGS reward, besides what the law allows WILLIAM MOODY, jun."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) July 13, 1769, p. 4, col. 2.

1769, July 22  
Ned  
house carpenter, sawyer; wheelwright

Prince George County, Va.

"PRINCE GEORGE, JULY 22, [17]69. RUN away from the subscriber, near the courthouse, the 1st of June last, a Virginia born Negro man named NED, about 6 feet high, about 55 years of age, is a little round shouldered, stoops a little as he walks, his hair gray, beard thin, a thin visage, and is a house carpenter, a wheelwright, and a very good sawer. He is outlawed. Whoever takes up the said Negro, and brings him to me, or confines him in jail well ironed, shall have 50 s. reward. BURWELL GREEN."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) August 10, 1769, p. 3, col. 3.

1769, September 14  
Sandy  
carpenter; horse jockey, shoemaker

Albemarle County, Va.

"RUN away from the subscriber in Albemarle, a Mulatto slave called Sandy, about 35 years of age, his stature is rather low, inclining to corpulence, and his complexion light; he is a shoemaker by trade, in which he uses his left hand principally, can do coarse carpenters work, and is something of a horse jockey; he is greatly addicted to drink, and when drunk is insolent and disorderly, in his conversation he swears much, and in his behaviour is artful and knavish. He took with him a white horse, much scarred with traces, of which it is expected he will endeavour to dispose; he also carried his shoemakers tools, and will probably endeavour to get employment that way. Whoever conveys the said slave to me, in Albemarle, shall have 40 s. reward, if taken up within the county, 4 l. if elsewhere within the colony, and 10 l. if in any other colony,

from THOMAS JEFFERSON."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) September 14, 1769, p. 4, col. 1.

**1769, October 5**

**King George County, Va.**

Hanover, alias William Hanover  
house carpenter, joiner

"THREE POUNDS reward, and FIVE if taken out of the colony. RUN away from the plantation of William Fitzhugh, Esq; in King George, the 17th of September last, Hanover, a Negro man slave, by some called William Hanover, about five feet eleven inches high, and forty years old. He had a variety of cloaths, particularly a kersey surtout coat, with flat metal buttons on the breast, by trade a good house carpenter and joiner, and is well acquainted in most parts of Virginia. I expect he is in Lancaster county, at a plantation of Mr. Burgis Bell's, where his wife has been lately removed. It is supposed he went down Rappahannock river in some vessel, by the quantity of bed and wearing cloaths he carried with him. I hope all masters of vessels will take care such a fellow shall not be carried out of the country. Whoever will deliver him to me in Carolina, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges, paid by WALKER TALIAFERRO."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) October 5, 1769, p. 2, col. 3.

**1769, November 2**

**Williamsburg, Va.**

"Williamsburg, Nov. 2, 1769. ANY person who has a Negro fellow to dispose of, that is a good clapboard carpenter, may apply to FREDERICK BRYAN. \*\*\* who will likewise give ten shillings for a RAM GOAT."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) November 2, 1769, p. 3, col. 1.

**1769, November 8**

**Petersburg, Va.**

Phil; Will  
sawyer, forgerman; carpenter

lands and slaves for sale by John Ballendine for payment of debts amounting to £1115.16.6 sterling and £17.19.4 current money; lands include parcels of 900, 90, 499, and 399 acres in Fauquier, Prince William, and Fairfax Counties and 53 developed lots in town of Philee; "SLAVES, viz. Robin, a forgerman; Phil, a forgerman and sawer; Tom, a forgerman, Clem, a blacksmith; Will, a miller; Will, a carpenter; Caesar, a collier; Joe, Jack, Prince, Dick, and Pompey, labourers; John, a baker; Tom Maryland; Cato, a labourer; Betty, Nan, Lucy,

Lett, Kate, Jenny, Myrtilla, Moll, Sally, George, Prince and Robert, a boy.  
THOMAS TABB. THOMAS YUILLE."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) November 16, 1769, p. 2, col. 2.

1769, November 23

Hanover County, Va.

Charles  
carpenter

"RUN away from the subscriber in Hanover county, a mulatto man slave named CHARLES, 22 years old, about 5 feet 9 inches high, slim made, of a light complexion, has straight hair, and has been used to work at the carpenter's business. He took with him a middle sized black mare, a little galled on the shoulders by carting, but neither doct nor branded. He has blue fearnought coat, and a green plains coat with metal buttons, and is supposed to be gone toward North Carolina. Whoever apprehends the said slave, and brings him to me, shall have 40 s. reward, besides what the law allows; and if taken out of the colony, 5 l. JOHN SNELSON."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) November 23, 1769, p. 3, col. 2.

1770, January 23 and 31

Richmond County, Va.

Tony, Guy, Jimmy [Gerry ?]  
carpenters

"Tony has been 2 days morticing Cedar posts for paling in my Garden. As to Mr. Guy it is well he has a lame partner [Jimmy] to lay his idleness to. If Jimmy had been well he says the Corn house [w]ould have been finished but from Jimmy's sickness he has above the plank [to] saw and the stocks to get. I believe [he] will [t]ell another tale by tomorrow night. [Will] Lawson [overseer] has resolved to take him [u]nder his care."

"Tony is preparing my garden posts but at so slow a rate that his boy and he only mortices [sic] 7 of them a day. As to my fork Corn house I believe Gerry will never get ready to frame that. It will be a good one when done and a lasting one but I fear a dear one by the labour."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 348, 351.

(see above February 3, March 3 and April 26, 1764, May 4, 1766 and below February 17 and March 1, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770, March 16, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, March 28 and 30, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, February 3, 1772, September 30, 1772,

September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774; see above February 1, 1768 entry from Robert Wormeley Carter Diary)

1770, February 17  
McGinnis  
carpenter

Richmond County, Va.

"McGinnis is boarding up the partition in the Tobacco [house] where I must put some of my Corn until that Cornhouse is finished for the old house is quite full which holds near 90 barrels and perhaps there may be near as much more to put up."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 358.  
(see below March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1770, February 17 and March 1  
Guy, Jimmy  
carpenters

Richmond County, Va.

"I have ordered Guy, as he must be done plank sawing before I come back, to get new sills for the mudhouse [a tobacco house] where they are rotten because he may make a mistake in framing that Corn house ...."

"Guy and Jimmy it seems have been 3 days getting new sills for the Mudhouse, some of which are rotten."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 358, 364.  
(see above February 3, March 3 and April 26, 1764, May 4, 1766, January 23 and 31, 1770 and below March 16, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, February 3, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1770, February 22  
Charles  
sawyer

James City County, Va.

"RUN away from the subscriber, in James City, the latter end of July last, a large black Negro fellow named CHARLES, a sawyer by trade, has a large scar in his face, and straddles much in his walk; he is much addicted to running

away, was taken up at Hampton in 1766, where he endeavoured to pass for a freeman, and was lurking, as I suppose, in order to get the opportunity of some vessel to escape out of the country. As he may probably have made that way now with the same design, I forewarn all masters of vessels from harbouring or employing him; and will give the person who takes up and brings him to me, or secures him in any prison, TWENTY SHILLINGS, besides the allowance by law. THOMAS COWLE."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) February 22, 1770, p. 3, col. 2.

1770, March 12 and 15

Richmond County, Va.

Tony  
carpenter

"Tony it seems although he had a stout boy will not reckon this work [a weir] was done but by one person. His boy has now been going on 3 years his apprentice

... Tony begins this morning to paling in my Garden."

"Mr. Toney shall as certainly receive ample correction for his behaviour to me as that he and I live. The day before yesterday he began to pale in the garden and only fitted the rails to seven posts. When he began to put them up I was riding out and ordered him to leave the gateway into the garden as wide as the two piers next the gate on each side. Nay, I measured the ground off to him and showed him where the two concluding posts where to stand and the rest at 8 feet asunder from post to post to answer to the tenons of his rails and I asked him if he under stood me. He said he did and would do it so. I had been 2 hours out and when I came home nothing was done and he was gone about another jobb. I asked him why he served me so. He told me because it would not answer his design."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 367, 369.

(see above January 23 and 31, 1770 and below March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, September 30, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1770, March 16

Richmond County, Va.

Guy  
carpenter

"I do believe my old Carpenters intend to be my greatest rascals. Guy does not go about any jobb be it ever so trifling that he does not make three weeks or a

month of it at least. The silling my Mudhouse [a tobacco house], a jobb of not more than 3 days, he has already been above a fortnight about, and this morning when my people went to help to put the sills in, though he said he was ready for them, he had the rotten sills to cut out and because I told him he should certainly be called to account for it as I came back truly he was gone and no body knew where and had been gone for sometime but not about my house."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 369-370.

(see above January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770 and below April 21 and May 22, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, February 3, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1770, March 22

York County, Va.

Ben

carpenter; cooper

"Forty Shillings Reward.

RUN away from the subscriber, in York county, about the 11th or 12th of November last, a very black Negro man named BEN, about 5 feet 6 inches high, 35 years old, spare made, by trade a carpenter, and understands something of the coopers business, his upper teeth rotten; he has many clothes, so it is impossible to describe them. He took with him sundry carpenters and coopers tools. I expect he will endeavour to pass for a freeman, as he can read tolerably well, and am doubtful of his obtaining a pass from some evil disposed person, and leave the colony. This is to desire all masters of vessels, and others, from harbouring him; and I will give the above reward to any person that will deliver him to me, at Mr. James Shields's, near Williamsburg. JOSHUA JONES."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) March 22, 1770, p. 3, col. 3.

1770, March 23

Louisa County, Va.

Emanuel

sawyer

"Mount Harmony, LOUISA, March 23, 1770

RUN away on the 19th instant, a likely Virginia born Negro named Emanuel, about 6 feet high, by trade a sawyer, well made, middle aged, speaks remarkably well, and has a great knack of insinuation; he was cloathed in blue plains, but perhaps may change his cloaths, as he carried sundry others with him, and endeavour to pass for a freeman, having assurance enough to

undertake any thing that will prevent him from being conveyed home; in order to have which done, I will give a reward of FORTY SHILLINGS, besides the allowance by law. JOHN FOX."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) April 19, 1770, p. 3, col. 2.

1770, March 26  
Edom  
bricklayer

Charles City County, Va.

"WESTOVER, March 26, 1770. RUN away from Westover on Sunday last, a very likely Negro man of the middle size, named EDOM, by trade a bricklayer, and is about 25 years old. 'Tis supposed he will go into King William county. I will give FORTY SHILLINGS to whoever delivers him to me at Westover, or to Mr. David Pattison, at the falls of James river. W. BYRD."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) March 29, 1770, p. 3, col. 2.  
(see also *Virginia Gazette* (PD) April 5, 1770, p. 4, col. 2 citing a two pound reward)

1770, March 28 and 31  
Tony, McGinnis  
carpenters

Richmond County, Va.

"Tony began yesterday to nail my pails up."

"I think my man Tony is determined to struggle whether he shall not do as he pleases. He has with McGinis been 2 days only pailing in the dairy and henhouse yard with the posts ready hewed and morticed for him. I told him when I rode out this morning he would certainly get another whipping. He was ranging the pales at least one pannel above another full a foot pretending the ground was uneven. I asked him if he could not pare the ground away. He stooped down like falling but I imagined it was the Negroe's foolish way of hearing better. I rode out. When I came home the pales were all laid slanting I asked him why he did that. He still laid the fault on the ground and as his left shoulder was to me I gave him one small rap upon it."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 377, 378  
(see above January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770 and below April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9 and November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, September 30, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774) .

1770, April 12  
Henry (or Harry) Cooke  
carpenter

Westmoreland County, Va.

"£.20 Reward. RUN away from the subscriber, on Monday night the 9th instant, three Negro men, two of them slaves, viz. NED, about 5 feet 8 inches high, 21 years of age, of a yellow complexion, a likely well made fellow, his usual clothing an osnabrug shirt, dark gray fearnought waistcoat, cotton breeches, course yarn stockings, bad shoes, and a felt hat. He also took other clothes, but what not yet known. FRANK, a foreign Negro, a very good cook, says he was born in the Spanish West Indies, speaks bad English, as also French, Spanish, and some Dutch, near the same height of Ned, about 30 years of age, of a yellow complexion, with little or no beard, and has several remarkable wounds on his body, and a large one near his throat; he is clothed in blue plains, osnabrug shirt, and felt hat, as also a pair of red flannel muffs, and a red cap. HENRY COOKE, a free Negro, born in Gloucester county, but indented himself for five years for the cure of a pox, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, about 24 years of age, lusty and very well made, of a good black complexion, and thick lips; his clothing mean, being an old brown cloth waistcoat and breeches much patched with green cloth, osnabrug shirt, yarn stockings, very bad shoes, though he took leather with him ready cut out for another pair. He understands a little of the carpenter business, and has likewise followed the water. It is thought they took with them a Negro fellow belonging to the estate of the late Major William Tate, middle aged, about 5 feet 6 inches high, well set, bow legged, of a dark copper complexion, an old offender in this way, and a few years past advertised in the Maryland and Pennsylvania Gazettes by William Tate, deceased, by virtue of which he was taken up near the head of the bay, within a few miles of the Pennsylvania government. They took with them a yawl of about 18 feet keel, London clinch work, painted white to her gunwales, two good sails, rudder, and two new pine oars. The 20 l. reward, or 5 l. for each, will be paid if taken in any other colony; but if taken in Virginia only 12 l. or 3 l. for each. WILLIAM FLOOD. WESTMORELAND, April 12, 1770"

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) April 19, 1770, p. 3, col. 2.  
(see also *Virginia Gazette* (R) April 19, 1770, p. 3, col. 2 and *Maryland Gazette* May 3, 1770, p. 3, col. 2 wherein Henry Cooke is Harry Cooke and the fourth man is identified as Sam)

1770, April 21 and May 22  
Guy, Tony, McGinis, Jimmy  
carpenters

Richmond County, Va.

"From Friday last to last night Guy, Toney, McGinis, Jimmy, and two boys have been getting pales of Chessnut. Two of them only have been sawing. The



rest getting stocks and they have only got 317 five foot poles 4 inches wide."

"My Carpenters are now about my paling again. I wish that jobb done because I really want to right up my barn and new cover my Mangorike Tobacco house for if I should have a Crop I may have housing to put it in and I must new thatch my fork house to serve at least for putting in my Corn this next year as well as build that Corn house. Besides all this My Mill race that is to be must be lined with boards and Chestnut posts."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 391, 414.

(see above February 3, March 3 and April 26, 1764, May 4, 1766, January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770, March 16, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, and below August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, February 3, 1772, September 30, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1770, May 30

Northumberland County, Va.

Will

carpenter

"Indian creek, Northumberland county, May 30, 1770. RUN away from the subscriber three slaves, viz. a dark Mulatto named MICHAEL, about 5 feet 7 inches high, is well set, about 25 years old, by trade a shoemaker; also a light Mulatto, about the same size, named LEWIE, one of his arms has been broke, which occasions a stiffness in it; he is a brother of Michael's, and are supposed to be together; also a Negro, about 40 years old, named WILL, by trade a carpenter, about 5 feet 6 inches high; he is supposed to be about York. Whoever will deliver them to me shall receive TWENTY SHILLINGS reward for each, besides what the law allows. JOHN SMITH."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) August 23, 1770, p. 4, col. 3.

(see also *Virginia Gazette* (R) January 17, 1771, p. 4, col. 3)

1770, August 16

Cumberland County, Va.

Sam[uel] Howel[l]

sawyer

"RUN away from the subscriber, in Cumberland county, two mulatto servant men, SAMUEL HOWELL, about 28 years old, well set, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high; he is a sensible fellow and a good sawyer. SIMON HOWELL, brother to Samuel, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, has a thin visage, and sharp chin. They went off in their common labouring dress, and

took no other clothes with them that I can discover. They are both bound to 31 years of age, and no doubt will endeavour to pass for free. Samuel lately brought a suit for his freedom in the General Court, which was determined against him. Whoever delivers the said servants to me, about two miles from Michaux's ferry, shall receive a reward of 6 l. if taken in Virginia, and if out of the colony 10 l. WADE NETHERLAND."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) August 16, 1770, p. 3, col. 3.  
(see above May 2, 1766)

1770, August 16  
Tony, McGinnis  
carpenters

Richmond County, Va.

"My Chariot carriage must now be thoroughly repaired and as it is not worth employing a perfect artist about it my Negroes, Tony and McGinis, are set to do it which will be a delay upon the fixing my waste dam and pier heads to my mill as well as lining my Canal."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 467.  
(see above January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770 and below September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, September 30, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1770, September 8 and 11  
Guy et al.  
carpenters

Richmond County, Va.

"In order to have my tobacco as much under my own eye as possible I set my Carpenters this day to make my prize house fit for hanging tobaccoe; because by hanging that first I am in hopes to get it cured by the time I shall want the house for prizing."

"I ordered after this tobacco is got in Manuel, Guy and their boys to go to filling up the tobacco house called the mudd house up the sills to be out of the way of the winter's water."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 483, 487.

(see above February 3, March 3 and April 26, 1764, May 4, 1766, January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770, March 16, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770 and

below October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, February 3, 1772, September 30, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1770, October 9, November 10 and 15

Richmond County, Va.

Guy  
carpenter

"Guy and the Carpenters gone to build Jamy and Jugg a 12 foot house, then to new fit their [sic] house and remove it for [John] Doleman [Fork Quarter overseer] to live in."

"My Carpenters will get the House I had of deGraftenreidt ready to roll away to the Spring there by monday for Doleman where he is to live."

"The carpenters removed Jugg's house as far as Doleman chose to have it from the spring. They are to fit it up and then to setting up my Fork Corn field house; however I can't as yet find the plan I drew although I ordered Owen before he went to lay it out somewhere in the way."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 509, 522, 523.  
(see above February 3, March 3 and April 26, 1764, May 4, 1766, January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770, March 12 and 17, 1770, March 16, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770 and below November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, February 3, 1772, September 30, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1770, October 10

Fauquier County, Va.

Will  
carpenter; cooper, turner

"FAUQUIER county, October 10, 1770. RUN away from the subscriber, the 4th of this instant, a mullatto fellow named WILL, 4 feet 10 or 11 inches high, about 34 years of age, is well set, has a smooth insinuating way of talking, he has a small scar under one of his eyes, though as I never took notice of it myself don't know on which side of his face, he has a large scar upon his right leg, occasioned by the cut of an ax: Had on when he went away a blue duffil coat lined with red shalloon, an osnabrig shirt and trowsers, a felt hat about half worn, a pair of coarse store shoes, with brass buckles; he took with him a pair of Russia drill breeches, two waistcoats, one a light coloured frize, and the other a black duroy, and an oznabrig coat. He has worked some time at the carpenters and coopers trade, though knows but little of either, but is a

tolerable good turner, and has taken with him several of his tools, though as they may be troublesome to carry he probably may sell them, and being an artful subtle fellow, imagine he will go as much in disguise as possible, to prevent suspicion. Having reason to believe, from the information of his companions, that he intends to steer his course for the back country or the upper part of Maryland, I will give to any person that will deliver the said fellow to me, in Fauquier county, near the court-house, 3 l. reward, if taken up in this county or any of the adjacent counties, if out of the colony, 5 l. besides what the law allows. JAMES SCOTT, jun."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) November 15, 1770, p. 3, col. 1.

1770, October 16

Charles City County, Va.

Nick  
millwright

"BERKELEY, October 16, 1770. RUN away from the subscriber, a mulatto man named NICK, bred a MILLWRIGHT under Mr. Nathaniel Gordon, with whom he worked in many parts of the country. He is a short well made fellow, about 22 years old, round faced, and has a scar over one of his eyes. He took with him a pair of leather breeches, a blue surtout coat, and many other good clothes. It is supposed he will endeavour to pass for a freeman, and get into Carolina, but will probably call at Mr. David Meade's, where he has a wife. Whoever delivers the said slave to me shall have FIVE POUNDS if taken in the country, and TEN if out of it. BENJAMIN HARRISON."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) October 18, 1770, supplement, p. 2, col. 2.  
(see below March 28, 1774 and January 9, 1775)

1770, November 1

Virginia

Daniel  
clapboard maker; cooper, shoemaker

"RUN away from the subscriber, the 8th day of October last, a mulatto fellow named DANIEL, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, with a scar on his left cheek, much whiter than the other part of his face, and several on his head. He is a good cooper, shoemaker, and can get a good clapboard. He was very well dressed, and pretends to pass for a freeman. I forewarn all masters of vessels from carrying him out of the country. RICHARD RICHARDSON."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) November 1, 1770, p. 2, col. 3.

1770, November 24 and January 17, 1771  
Guy, McGinnis, Sammy  
carpenters

Richmond County, Va.

"Guy, M'Gennis, Sammy and their two boys began to frame the fork cornhouse yesterday."

"Guy was to have finished the Fork corn house this day, but as McGinnis was imployed at home tomorrow will not finish. The old trade, take one hour from any Job and it makes two day loss in work. Whipped they shall be."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 526, 534.  
(see above January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770, March 16, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, Octboer 9, November 19 and 15, 1770 and below June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, February 3, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1770, December 13  
John Wilson  
carpenter

Virginia

"RUN away from the subscriber, on James river, about a month ago, a mulatto fellow named JOHN WILSON, by trade a carpenter, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, 34 years of age, very well made, sober and smooth in his discourse, has pretty long curling hair, which he generally wears tied behind, and has a mark on one of his shoulders of something resembling a shoulder of mutton. He had great variety of clothes, particularly a blue cloth coat and breeches, red cloth jacket, a pea jacket of black spotted cotton or flannel, brown plains jacket, white linen and osnabrug shirts and trousers, and good shoes and stockings. He can read, write, and cipher very well, so that he is every way well qualified to attempt passing as a freeman, and probably to get out of the country. All masters of vessels, and others, are therefore forewarned from employing, harbouring, or carrying said slave out of the colony. He has relations at my quarter in Bute county, North Carolina, and may flee that way southerly. I will give FORTY SHILLINGS to whoever will deliver him to me, if taken in the country, and TEN POUNDS if taken in any other province; Bute county, and about any quarter there excepted. In that case I will give FIVE POUNDS. About a week after went off from the same place SARAH, a very lusty negro woman, about 19 years of age, very tall, and large footed, which she turns in pretty much. She is a very dark molatto, with black freckles in her face, has a surly look, and is pretty saucy. She is sister to WILSON, and also has a good many clothes; but when she went away had on a dark coloured plains jacket and petticoat, with a border round the coat of red cloth like [ ]. She had been run away for near a twelvemonth before, and was taken up near Blandford

and committed to Prince George prison, and had not been at home above a fortnight before she went off again. It is very probable she is now in the neighbourhood of Blandford or Petersburg, as there are runaways always thereabouts. She pretends to pass for a freewoman. I will give TWENTY SHILLINGS to whoever brings her home to me. WILLIAM BLACK."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) December 13, 1770, p. 2, col. 3.

1771, May 7

James City County, Va.

Moses

sawyer

"RUN away from Morris Ramsay, in James City county, some time in the year 1769, a mulatto fellow named MOSES, by trade a sawyer, the property of the subscriber; he is about 36 years of age, his size and apparel I cannot describe as he belonged to the estate of Joseph Morton, Gentleman, deceased, and never came to my possession after the division of the said estate. He has a wife named JOAN, the property of Mr. William Morton, that has been out with him almost the whole time, and therefore must necessarily suspect that they are harboured by some ill disposed person in or about Williamsburg. Whoever takes up the said fellow, and conveys him to me in Richmond county, shall receive a reward of SEVEN POUNDS, besides what the law allows; and as such notorious offences are not to be bourne with any degree of patience, I will give a reward of TWENTY POUNDS to any person who will produce the head of the said fellow, severed from his body. NEWMAN B. BARNES. May 7, 1771."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) May 23, 1771, p. 2, col. 2.

1771, June 2, 14 and 29

Richmond County, Va.

Tony, Guy, McGinnis, Jimmy  
carpenters

"I find there is no making my Carpenters understand me. I only ordered those two roofs of the River side cornfield to be put on pens made of logs to lap in across one another; And they have got plates, posts and sills as if for a new tobacco house. I also ordered to mend the rafters here and there just to make the house serviceable to stack the wheat in that is growing in that cornfield, and they have got an intire [sic] new set of rafters. I understood by Toney, Guy first made the mistake and though I forbid it he has spent a week more in doing it his way."

"Toney, Guy, McGinnis, and Jammy with their boys have now been a full month about preparing to lift the roof of the tobacco house fallen down."

"The Carpenters thatching the new raised Old tobacco house near the Riverside. I made them reap and thrash out the Wheat to get the straw and to thatch on each side regularly so that I hope by monday that house will be in order to receive the wheat."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 568.

(see above February 3, March 3 and April 26, 1764, May 4, 1766, January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770, March 16, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770 and below July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, February 3, 1772, September 30, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1771, July 18

Frederick County (?), Va.

Jasper

carpenter; cooper, seaman

"RUN away from the subscriber, in Frederick, the 20th of May last, a Negro man named JASPER, lately purchased of George Bowness, tanner, in Portsmouth, and formerly the property of William Simpson, butcher, in Norfolk, and Francis Clarke, in Princess Anne. The said slave is about 27 years of age, remarkably strong built, about 5 feet 9 inches high, speaks good English, wears much hair on his cheeks, the first joint of the fore finger of his right hand tendered useless by a wound, has a down cast aspect, a large scar on one of his knees from a burn, has worked at the carpenter's and cooper's trades, but more accustomed to work on board vessels, and has much the air of a sailor; had on when he went away, a new pair of buckskin breeches, and good shoes and stockings. Whoever will apprehend the said slave, and convey him to me, or to Mr. William Attason, merchant in Falmouth, shall receive THREE PISTOLES reward, and if taken out of this colony, FIVE PISTOLES. As I have reason to suspect that he will endeavor to get on board a vessel, in order to make his escape, I forewarn all masters and commanders of vessels from taking him on board. THOMAS BRYAN MARTIN."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) July 18, 1771, p. 4, col. 2.

1771, July 18

Richmond County, Va.

Tony

carpenter

"Toney making a Pierhead bridge over the dam next the pea patch, the earth so constantly washing away by the waters being damned up above it."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* I: 596.  
(see above January 23 and 31, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771 and below July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, September 30, 1772, September 16, 1773, Mary 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1771, July 29

Fairfax County, Va.

"Three Carpenters belonging to the Estate of Colo. Steptoe [of Hominy Hall, Westmoreland County] (hired of Jas. Hardige Lane [of Loudoun County] at £7 pr. Month - came to work here [apparently on a house for Washington's miller]."

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington* III: 44.

1771, July 29, 31 and August 9

Richmond County, Va.

Tony et al.  
carpenters

"The Carpenters tomorrow will have corn planted now, filling up my Fork 90 foot house. They then come to my sheep shed behind my stables to rais[e] that higher that it may not be wet as last winter which killed all my sheep. Then to new frame and remove my Oat house roof."

"Toney making me a cradle to whip Wheat on. Guy and Jammy raising the sills of my sheep shed to fill up with sand to keep my sheep drye this winter, for it was the dampness of that which rotted them last year."

"Guy not done repairing my sheep house. Robin Carter's stable, my own, my Cowhouse, and Cart horse stable to do then Mangorike tobacco house shed to new Sill and to thatch, for covering rots and slabbing will not do. And my own tobacco house to that to. Besides this my Prize house to be enlarged and a new Cornhouse to be built at Mangorike. If not another Warehouse to be set up at my landing."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* II: 600, 602, 608.  
(see above February 3, March 3 and April 26, 1764, May 4, 1766, January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770, March 16, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, February 3, 1772, September 30, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774))



1771, August 8  
Lyhe  
carpenter

Essex County, Va.

"COMMITTED to Essex county gaol [jail], a Negro man who calls himself LYHE; he has passed several years in this neighbourhood as a free man, and understands the carpenter's business. Since he was apprehended he says he belongs to one Moses Allman, of Isle of Wight county. The owner may have him, on paying charges of imprisonment, and what the law allows. RICHARD BANKS."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) August 8, 1771, p. 3, col. 1.

1771, September 1  
Edward Wilson  
carpenter, joiner

Mecklenburg County, Va.

"MECKLENBURG, September 1, 1771. RUN away from the Subscriber, this Day, an Apprentice Lad named EDWARD WILSON, a clear Mulatto, a Carpenter and Joiner by Trade. He is about eighteen Years of Age, about five Feet seven Inches high, has long black Hair, tied behind, much inclined to curl, has a Scar on the Top of his right Foot, which he got by the Stroke of an Adze, and as he walks his Ankle cracks remarkably. He had on when he went away a short Bath Coating Coat, a Sky blue Duroy Waistcoat, and Osnabrug Breeches; and he carried with him two Check, two brown Sheeting, and one white Shirt, also a Pair of Check and a Pair of Osnabrug Trousers, with a brown Holland Waistcoat. Whoever delivers the said Apprentice to me, within two Miles of Mr. Lewis Parham's Store, shall have FORTY SHILLINGS Reward, besides what the Law allows. PHILIP MALLORY. He is supposed to be gone towards Hampton."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) September 5, 1771, p. 3, col. 2.

1771, September 12  
James  
carpenter; blacksmith

Caroline County, Va.

"RUN away from the Subscriber, living in Carolina County, near Chesterfield, the 27th of August last, a short well made, MULATTO FELLOW named James, about twenty four Years old, has long black Hair remarkable for curling, which he generally keeps nicely combed. He understands something of the Carpenters and Blacksmiths Trades, and I expect he will endeavour to pass for a Freeman, as he is a cunning artful Fellow. Whoever will bring him, or secure him in any of his Majesty's Jails, so that I get him again, shall have FORTY

SHILLINGS Reward, and FIVE POUNDS if taken out of the Colony, more than what the Law allows. RICHARD W. CHANDLER. I suppose he is lurking about Hobb's Hole, or made off for Carolina."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) September 12, 1771, p. 3, col. 3.

1771, December 26

Hanover County, Va.

Phill

carpenter; cooper

"RUN away from the Poor House belonging to St. Paul's and St. Martin's Parishes, Hanover County, in November 1770, an outlawed Negro named PHILL, about five and thirty years of Age, middle sized, of a yellow Complexion, an artful, smooth, talkative Fellow, and probably may endeavour to pass for a Freeman. He has worked some Time at the Carpenter's and Cooper's Trades, but knows very little of either. He formerly belonged to the late Speaker (Robinson) of King and Queen. When he went away he had on the usual Negro Dress, and stole sundry other Clothes. Whoever delivers him to me shall have FIVE POUNDS Reward, if he is taken in the Colony, and EIGHT POUNDS if out thereof. -- Masters of Vessels and others are hereby forewarned from carrying him out of the Country. JOHN LAWRENCE."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) December 26, 1771, p. 3, col. 2.

1772, February 3

Richmond County, Va.

Guy

carpenter

Guy was found dead in the snow, returning from visiting his wife at another plantation: "He was a good workman but not an honest one and the last Job of his work shews this, for his single covering to my adjoining building though not more than a week done is as leaky as a riddle, and so all his late work is."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* II: 648.

(see above January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770, March 16, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771 and below September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1772, June 11

Williamsburg, Va.

George and Stepney  
carpenters

"WILLIAMSBURG, June 11, 1772. RUN away last Night, two Negro Lads named GEORGE and STEPNEY, about eighteen years of Age, the Property of Mr. William Digges, Junior, of York Town, but Apprentices to me from the said Digges for seven Years. I have reason to suspect that Mr. Digges, under Pretence of their Time being expired (which I am ready to dispute to the contrary) sent a Negro in the Night Time to inveigle them away. I hereby forewarn Mr. Digges, or any Person whatever, from harbouring or entertaining them, as they shall answer it at their Peril. Whoever delivers them to me shall have THIRTY SHILLINGS Reward. MATTHEW TUELL."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) June 11, 1772, p. 3, col. 2. Matthew Tuell was a carpenter.

1772, September 3

Essex County, Va.

Luke, alias Jack  
carpenter; waterman

"TEN POUNDS REWARD. RUN away, on the 18th of August, from the Subscriber, in Essex, near Hobb's Hole, a Negro Man named LUKE, alias JACK, about twenty five Years old, five Feet six or eight Inches high, had on, when he went away, a Pair of old blue Cloth Breeches, Osnabrug Shirt, and a short Cotton Vest, and carried with him a green Cloth Vest, a Pair of Russia Drill and a Pair of Nankin Breeches, a white Linen Shirt, and two Pair of Yarn Hose. He is a likely, well set Fellow, remarkably bowlegged, of a very black Complexion, has very white Teeth, and I believe one of his fore Teeth is out; he has some Scars on one or both of his Buttocks, which he got when a Lad. This Fellow formerly belonged to Mr. Lewis Allman, of Isle of Wight, from whom he ran away when he was a Lad, and passed as a Freeman in this Neighbourhood for seven or eight Years, until he was condemned by Essex Court for Felony, when he confessed he had a Master, and was reprieved by the Subscriber. He was bred a Carpenter, but during the Time of his Elopement went several Years by Water. He may attempt to change his Name again, and pass as a Freeman, or transport himself out of the Colony; all Masters of Vessels are hereby forbid to carry him off, at their Peril. I will give the above Reward to any Person who will deliver the said Slave to me, or FIVE POUNDS to secure him in any Jail, and give Notice thereof. JOHN EDMONDSON, Junior."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) September 3, 1772, p. 3, col. 1.

1772, September 30

Richmond County, Va.

Tony  
carpenter

"I must set Toney tomorrow to thatching my tobacco houses, both here and at

the Fork."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* II: 735.  
(see above January 23 and 31, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771 and below September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1772, November 15

Northumberland County, Va.

David

axman; waiting man, driver and hostler, gardener, hairdresser, agricultural worker

"TEN POUNDS REWARD. RUN away from the Subscriber, in Northumberland, on Wednesday the 14th of October, a very likely young Virginia born Negro Man named DAVID, of a yellowish Complexion, and about five Feet five Inches high; had on when he went off an Osnabrug Shirt, a Pair of Purple Virginia Cloth Breeches lined with white Linen, a Pair of Rolls Breeches over them, and a Fearnought Jacket with Horn Buttons. He carried with him a brown coloured Kersey Jacket, a blue and white Virginia Cloth One with coarse Osnabrug Pockets, brown and white Linen Shirts, and sundry other Clothes which I cannot well describe; but, as he is a very cunning artful Fellow, I imagine he will sell and swap his Clothes as may suit him. Though his Hair is of the Negro Kind, he keeps it very high and well combed; but, as he wants to be free, I imagine he will cut it off, and get a Wig to alter and disguise himself. He had with him thirty or forty Shillings in Silver Money, and a brass Medal with the Image of our present King and Queen on it, which he will endeavour to pass for Gold. He can read pretty well, and I make no Doubt will endeavour to pass for a Freeman and get himself a forged Pass, and endeavour for some foreign Part, either by getting on Board of some Vessel or stealing some Gentleman's Horse and make for Carolina. He has always been my Waiting Man when I went from home, and is a good Waiter, Driver, and Hostler, understands something of Gardening, of combing and dressing Wigs and Hair, can plough, work at the Hoe and Axe very well, and is, on the Whole, a very clever active brisk Fellow. Whoever will apprehend the said Runaway, and bring him home to me, or secure him in any Jail in the Colony, so that I get him, shall have FIVE POUNDS Reward, and reasonable Charges for bringing him home. THOMAS GASKINS.

N.B. He is suspected to have carried with him a Drab coloured Sailor's Jacket with Slash Sleeves, Leather Buttons on the Sleeves, if not on the Breast, and lined through with red and white Swanskin; also a Pair of old white Plush Breeches, which are missing."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) November 15, 1772, p. 3, col. 3.

1773, January 28  
Will  
carpenter

King George County, Va.

"RUN away from the subscriber, in King George, on Wednesday the 30th of December, a Virginia born Negro fellow named WILL, about 40 years of age, is very tall and slender, has a long visage, very talkative, and is by trade a carpenter; had on an oznabrig shirt, a Negro cotton coat and breeches of a green colour, a spotted jacket of the same, and a pair of white Virginia knit stockings. I will give THREE POUNDS to any person who will deliver the said slave to me, and FORTY SHILLINGS to secure him in any gaol [jail], and give notice thereof. I do strictly forewarn all masters of vessels from carrying him out of the colony. JOHN TALIAFERRO."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) January 28, 1773, p. 3, col. 3.  
(see also *Virginia Gazette* (PD) April 29, 1773, p. 3, col. 1.)

1773, July  
Chesapeake

The

"There are negroes here of all trades; they are very true and come to be very good tradesmen -- the plenty of them that their masters let out to work and of which people makes the wages not very high."

Letter of Samuel Graham, Liber 26: 68-9, Chancery Records (MdHR).

1773, September-October

Westmoreland County, Va.

September 27 - "5 Negros Erecting a Stone Wall on the West Side of the Waste at the Mill &c - "

September 28 - "5 Negros Mending the road to the Mill and Erecting a Stone wall on the west side of the Waste &c - "

September 29 - "5 Negros Building a Stone wall on the West Side of Waste &c - "

September 30 - "The new Cog Wheel Carried to the Mill in Order to be put together & fixt, 4 Negros Attending on George Robinson &c - "

October 1 - "George Robinson here at Work & 4 Negros attending him &c - "

October 4 - "4 Negros Building a Stone Wall on the West Side of the Waste &c. - "

October 5 - "5 Negros Building Stone Walls at the front & East Corner of the Waste &c - "

October 7 - "6 Negros at work att the Waste & finished the Same - "

Nomini Hall Waste Book [Day Book] 1773-1783 (W&M).

**1773, September 16**

**Richmond County, Va.**

"All my Carpenters are obliged to be getting tobacco sticks at the Fork [quarter] and here; so many of them are destroyed every year by the people."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* II: 772.

(see above February 3, March 3 and April 26, 1764, May 4, 1766, January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770, March 16, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, February 3, 1772, September 30, 1772 and below May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

**1773, September 22**

**Fairfax County, Va.**

Jack, Peter, Shear  
joiners; carpenter

"Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Daniel French at his Quarter on Pohick Run at the new church that is building at Pohick and in the town of Colchester in Fairfax county ... 26 negroes besides one child ... [including] Joiner Jack £100 Do Peter £100 ... Carpenter Shear £70 ... [total appraised value £1525.10.6; total for entire estate, home house and four quarters, £6693.19.10]."

Fairfax County Will Book 1767-1776: 168-175.

**1773, October 16**

**Westmoreland County, Va.**

Billy  
carpenter (?)

"700, 10d. Nails delivered to Negro Billy for his house"

Nomini Hall Waste Book [Day Book] 1773-1783 (W&M).

1773, November 30  
Talbard  
carpenter

Westmoreland County, Va.

"2 M 10d Nails Deliverd to Talbard, Carpenter for the use of the Barn at Coles point"

Nomini Hall Waste Book [Day Book] 1773-1783 (W&M).

1773, December 23

Williamsburg, Va.

"To be SOLD, or HIRED, A VERY good Negro CARPENTER. For Terms apply to THOMAS EVERARD."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) 23 December 1773, p. 2, col. 3.

1774-1826

Albemarle County, Va.

"Houses for Laborers... Davy & Lewis & Abram have done the carpenter's work of Bagwell['s - a slave] house in 6 days getting the stuff & putting it together. the Outfield granary took 24. days work to get the logs, rafters & slabs & put them up completely. it may be valued then @ 48/ exclusive of floors & doors."

Edwin Morris Betts, ed. *Thomas Jefferson's Farm Book*, p. 67.  
(see below January 14, 1774)

1774, January 8  
Matt  
carpenter

King William County, Va.

"KING WILLIAM, January 8, 1774. RUN away, in July last, MATT, a tall slim Negro Man, by Trade a Carpenter, and about forty years old; he walks badly, having been Frost-bit in Prison some Years ago, by which he lost one of his great Toes, and the Print of the Irons he then had on may be seen plainly on his Legs. Whoever delivers him to me shall receive 3 l. if taken within twenty Miles of my House, and 5 l. if at a greater Distance. NATHANIEL BURWELL."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) January 13, 1774, p. 3, col. 3.

1774, January 14  
Sanco and Abram  
carpenters

Albemarle County, Va.

"A Roll of the Slaves of John Wayles which were allotted to T.J. on right of his wife on a division of the estate Jan. 14. 1774." 8 "tradesmen," including the carpenters Sanco at Elkhill and Abram at Guinea, plus two smiths, three watermen and a shoemaker.

Edwin Morris Betts, ed. *Thomas Jefferson's Farm Book*, p. 7.  
(see above 1774-1826)

1774, March 17  
Sancho  
carpenter; cooper

Cumberland County, Va.

"RUN away from the subscriber, in Cumberland county, on the 26th of February, a Mulatto man slave named SANCHO, appears to be about 40 years old, stoops a good deal, and is by trade a carpenter and cooper; had on, when he went away, the usual cloathing of Negroes, and carried with him a broadcloth coat, mixed with something of a violet colour, a blue duffil coat and blanket, a large knife, made in the shape of a butcher's, the blade of which is broad, and about 15 inches long. Absconded with him a white servant woman named ELIZABETH BEAVER, about 20 years old, of a fresh complexion, low, but thick, her hair, being cut in a very uncommon manner, is short, but long about her temples. She went off without either hat or bonnet; but I imagine she now wears a man's hat, as the fellow carried with him two of that sort She took with her one yarn, one cotton, and one linen striped holland gown, a very good blue calimanco quilt, and many other things. I expect they will change their names, and endeavour to pass for husband and wife, as free people. Whoever will bring the said runaways to me shall receive SIX POUNDS, if taken in Virginia, and TEN POUNDS, if out of it, besides what the law allows. I forewarn all persons from carrying them out of the colony. The fellow is outlawed. JOSEPH CALLAND."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) March 17, 1774, p. 3, col. 1.

1774, March 28  
Nick  
millwright

Charles City County, Va.

"BERKLEY, CHARLES CITY, March 28, 1774. RUN away from the Subscriber, the 22d Instant, a Mulatto Fellow named NICK, by Trade a Milwright, about five Feet two or three Inches high, has a remarkable Scar through his left



Eyebrow, is very well set, and shows his Teeth much when he speaks, which he does very fluently. He is well acquainted with many Parts of the Country, and may endeavour to pass for a Freeman. All Masters of Vessels are forewarned from taking him out of the Country, and whoever brings him to me shall have 3 l. Reward. BENJAMIN HARRISON, Junior."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) April 7, 1774, p. 3, col. 2.  
(see above October 18, 1770 and below January 9, 1775)

1774, April 15

Richmond County, Va.

Billey

founder, stone mason; miller

"Neabsco Furnace, Virginia, April 15, 1774.

RUN away from the Neabsco Furnace, on the 16th March last, a light coloured Mulattoe man, named BILLEY, the property of the honourable JOHN TAYLOE, Esq; when I tell the public he is the same boy who for many years waited on me in my travels through this and the neighbouring provinces (and by his pertness, or rather impudence, was well known to almost all my acquaintances) there is the less occasion for a particular description of him; however, as he is now grown to the size of a man, and has not attended me for some years past, I think it not amiss to say he is a very likely young fellow, about 20 years old, about 5 feet 9 inches high, stout and strong made, has a remarkable swing in his walk, but is much more so by a knack he has of gaining the good graces of almost every body, who will listen to his bewitching and deceitful tongue, which seldom or ever speaks the truth; he has a small scar on the right side of his forehead, and the little finger on his right hand quite straight, by a hurt he got when a child; had on, when he went away, a blue fernaught and an under jacket of green baize, light coloured cloth breeches, with silver basket buttons, a pair of cotton ditto, ozenbrigs shirts, a mixed blue pair of yarn hose, country made shoes, and yellow buckles. --- From his ingenuity he is capable of doing almost any kind of business, and for some years past has been chiefly employed as a founder, stone mason and miller, as occasion required; one of which trades, in the character of a freeman, I imagine he will profess. Whoever apprehends the said fellow, and delivers him to me, or his master at Mount-airy, or secures him so as to be had again, shall have double the reward allowed by law, and all reasonable charges, if brought home. THOMAS LAWSON."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* April 27, 1774, p. 4, col. 2.

(see also *Virginia Gazette* (R) April 14, 1774, p. 3, col. 2 and (PD) p. 3, col. 2 - called Billy or Will)

1774, May 26

Richmond County, Va.

"As to the Carpenters, there are too many together to work much. They have made a cart, and were [floor]ing in the new hen house."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* II: 816.

(see above February 3, March 3 and April 26, 1764, May 4, 1766, January 23 and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770, March 16, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, February 3, 1772, September 30, 1772, September 16, 1773 and below July 27, 1774)

1774, June 16

Chesterfield County, Va.

Peter Brown

carpenter, painter

"RUN away from the subscriber, about the 20th of April last, a mulatto fellow named Peter Brown, a painter by trade, but can do carpenter's work; he is 35 or 40 years of age, of a dark complexion, five feet eight or nine inches high, slim made, and has a thin visage, has lost several of his upper foreteeth, is fond of singing, and can sing well. The said fellow has several suits of clothes, therefore I cannot describe his dress. He was some years past tried for a robbery, but obtained the governor's pardon on suffering one year's imprisonment; after that he was sold to Mr. John Fox, of Gloucester, with whom he lived one or two years; he then run away, and passed for a free man in the counties of King William, Caroline, and Hanover, where he was taken up and brought home. As he has a wife at Mr. Benjamin Hubbard's, it is likely he may be lurking in that neighbourouhood, and as he was raised in Petersburg, it is very probable he may be in those parts. Whoever will take up the said runaway, and deliver him to me, at Osborne's, shall receive FORTY SHILLINGS reward. PETERFIELD TRENT. \* All persons are forbid harbouring or carrying him out of the colony."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) June 16, 1774, p. 3, col. 2.

1774, July 27

Richmond County, Va.

"... I ordered my Carpenters to get some Planks ready to make him [Jack Lubbar, a slave] a Coffin...."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* II: 841.

(see above February 3, March 3 and April 26, 1764, May 4, 1766, January 23

and 31, 1770, February 17 and March 1, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770, March 16, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, November 24, 1770 and January 17, 1771, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, February 3, 1772, September 30, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774)

**1774, September 13**

**Charles City County, Va.**

Peter

bricklayer, house carpenter, plasterer, whitewasher;  
cooper, gardener

"CHARLES CITY, September 13, 1774. RUN away from the Subscriber, about the first of August last, a Negro Man named PETER, by Trade a good House-Carpenter, Cooper, Bricklayer, Plaisterer and Whitewasher, and Gardener, about five Feet five or six inches high, rather of a yellowish Complexion, and a little pitted with the Smallpox; has Clothing as usual for Crop Negroes, except a Cotton Coat instead of a Waistcoat, which is dyed of a drak brown Colour. He formerly belonged to Mr. Willis of Gloucester, and by him given to Mrs. Kennon of this County. He worked some Time at Kennon's Mine in Buckingham, and has lived on the Eastern Shore; and I am of Opinion he is lurking in one of those Neighbourhoods, or endeavouring to get to Mr. Kennon's in North Carolina, where he may be harboured by his Negroes. I will give 30 s. to any Person who will deliver him to me, if taken in Charles City, 40 s. if in any other County, and if out of the Province 5 l. and I hereby forewarn all Masters of Vessels and others from harbouring or carrying him out of the Colony. JOHN WEST."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) September 15, 1774, p. 3, col. 2.

**1774, December 1**

**Goochland County, Va.**

Tom

sawyer

"RUN away from the Subscriber's Plantation in Manakin Town, the last of July or first of August last, a black Negro Man named TOM, formerly the Property of Major Henry Gaines of King William, but since the said Gaines's Death has been sold several Times, and is now my Property. He was bred by Major Gaines to keeping Horses and riding Races, but is now a good Sawyer. He is not tall, knock-kneed, full Eyes, and I believe a Speck in one of them, caused by a Chip as he was cutting with an Axe. He values himself for his fine Dancing, is subject to Liquor, and fond of talking about Religion. If he is taken in the Colony, and brought to me, near the old Courthouse, in Albemarle County, or my Overseer, James Scoot, at Manakin Town, I will give 3 l., and if

out of the Colony 10 l. JOHN SCOTT."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) December 1, 1774, p. 3, col. 1.

1775, January 7

Amelia County, Va.

Dick  
carpenter

"RUN away from the Subscriber, about the 10th of May last, a light Mulatto Fellow named DICK, about 19 or 20 Years old, 5 Feet 6 or 7 Inches high, has dark Eyes, a bushy Head of dark Hair, a Scar on his upper lip, and a down Look. He was taken up in Norfolk last October or November and brought up James River as high as Mrs. Cocke's by Charles City, but made his Escape, and is supposed to be returned to Norfolk, or Portsmouth, as he was employed there by several different Persons as a Freeman. He was formerly the Property of Dr. Strachan of King William, and understands something of the Carpenter's Trade. I will give 40 s. Reward for having him committed to any of his Majesty's Jails, if taken in the Colony of Virginia, and 5 l. if out of the Colony. All Masters of Vessels are hereby forewarned from carrying him out of the Country, or employing him. ANTHONY LAMB."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) January 14, 1775, p. 3, col. 3.

1775, January 9

Charles City County, Va.

Nick  
millwright

"BERKLEY (Charles City) January 9, 1775. RAN away from the Subscriber, the 8th Instant, a clear Mulatto Fellow named NICK, by Trade a Mill-wright, is about 25 Years of Age, about 5 Feet 5 Inches high, well set, speaks and walks very quick, has a Scar over one of his Eyes, and his Fingers much marked, by being often cut. He generally wears Leather Breeches, and a gray Great Coat, but has a Variety of Clothes. Some little Time since he was whipped, and has many fresh Marks on his Back. Whoever brings him to me shall have 3 l. Reward, or 40 s. for securing him in any Gaol [jail], so that I may get him again. He is so very artful that he will escape from any One who is not extremely careful. He ran away some Time ago, and hired himself as a Freeman at a Saw Mill, either in Isle or Wight or Nansemond, and it is supposed may take the same Route. BENJAMIN HARRISON."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) January 14, 1775, p. 3, col. 2.  
(see above October 16, 1770 and March 28, 1774)

1775, June 1

Spotsylvania County, Va.

George  
stone and woodworker

"RUN away from the subscriber, in Spotsylvania, the 20th of May, a convict servant man, named GEORGE NEWTON, a farmer, born in Yorkshire, and imported in the Justitia this spring, a stout man, about 6 feet high, much freckled, has a very red beard, and walks clumsily. I am informed he has a scar on the fore part of his head, and some scars on his left arm, which he says was occasioned by shot. He has been in some office about the customhouse in London. He took with him two osnabrig shirts, almost new, one of them died of a purple colour, pair of osnabrig trowsers, rather too small for him, a felt hat, bound, a pair of old country shoes, a jacket without sleeves, much worn, a Dutch blanket, a white linen shirt, a stock, and brass stock buckle, a pair of new worsted hose, mixed brown and white, and one pair of white yarn stockings. I suspect he has other clothes with him. He also took away with him a negro man, named GEORGE, about 5 feet 3 inches high, well made, and understands working in stone and wood; his fore teeth in the upper jaw is a good deal worn; the finger next to his little finger, on his left hand, is stiff in the first joint, occasioned by a cut, and when the others are shut, stands out; he has lost part of a toe, and, as well as I remember, it is the toe next his great toe, and on the left foot. He took with him some osnabrig shirts, a kersey jacket, with yellow metal buttons, a pair of white yarn stockings, a blanket, a pair of country made shoes, with some other clothes. They say they intend getting on board some ship, but I suspect they will endeavour getting on board the man of war. All masters of vessels, or other persons, are forwarned from harbouring or taking them on board. I will give FIVE POUNDS reward for both, or THREE POUNDS for Newton, and FORTY SHILLINGS for George, besides what the law allows, if conveyed to me, near Fredericksburg, or FORTY SHILLINGS each if secured in any gaol [jail], so that I get them again. If they are not well secured they will make their escapes, being both cunning, artful fellows. JAMES TUTT. N.B. I suspect a negro man, named Tim, belonging to the honourable John Tayloe, is gone off with them."

*Virginia Gazette* (Pi) June 1, 1775, p. 4, col. 1.

(see also *Virginia Gazette or Norfolk Intelligencer* June 21, 1775, p. 4 - slightly different text, including description of George as understanding "quarrying stone, walling, something of the carpenters business, and is a good sawyer")

1775, October 20

Northumberland County, Va.

Ben  
carpenter, sawyer

"NORTHUMBERLAND, October 20, 1775. RUN AWAY from the subscriber, a negro man named BEN, about 25 years old, is very black, middle sized, has a

scar over one of his eyes, occasioned by a burn when young, and had on when he went away (which is about three months ago) such clothes as negroes commonly wear in summer. He is a pretty good sawer, and can do a little at the carpenters work. I will give 5 l. reward to any person who will deliver him to me, if taken in Virginia, if in Maryland or Carolina, 10 l. I suspect some person has forged a pass for him, that he may travel as a freeman. JOHN GORDON."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) November 10, 1775, p. 4, col. 2.  
(see also (D) November 11, 1775, p. 3, col. 2)

1775, December 23

Prince George County, Va.

Harry  
carpenter, glazier, painter; wheelwright

"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 glaize 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 hat. AARON, a likely Virginia born fellow, of the middle size, stoops a little, has a hoarse voice, and had on the usual clotheing 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, who have been since committed to the public gaol [jail]. 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."

*Virginia Gazette* (Pi) January 6, 1776, p. 3, col. 2.

1776, January 5

Williamsburg, Va.

"To be HIRED, A NEGRO CARPENTER, who has served a regular apprenticeship to a good workman. B. WELDON."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) 5 January 1776, supplement, p. 2, col. 3.

1776, March 22

Virginia

"WHOEVER has one or two NEGRO CARPENTERS to dispose of may hear of a purchaser by applying to the PRINTER."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) 22 March 1776, p. 3, col. 2.

1776, April 12

Chesterfield Co., Va.

Will  
carpenter

"COMMITTED to the publick jail in Williamsburg, a runaway negro man named WILL, who says he belongs to Richard Batte in Chesterfield county. He is 6 feet high, of a yellowish complexion, about 30 years old, and has worked at the carpenter's trade. His owner is desired to apply for him, and pay charges. PETER PELHAM."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) April 12, 1776, p. 3, col. 2.

1776, June 6

Amherst County, Va.

Ben, alias John Savage  
carpenter; shoemaker

"AMHERST, June 6, 1776. RUN from the Subscriber, the 15th of last Month, a remarkably strong well made Negro Fellow named BEN, formerly the Property of Mr. John Nicholas of Buckingham, 5 Feet 8 or 9 Inches high, 30 Years old, with thick Legs, a surly Countenance, hoarse Voice, and works at the Carpenter's and Shoemaker's Trades. He passed last Fall, at Fredericksburg, for a free Man, by the Name of John Savage, and has an Indian Woman for his Wife who some Time ago lived in Goochland. It is probable they are together, as she sold off, and moved from her late Dwelling Place in Albemarle, a few Days before the Fellow ran away. Any Person that will deliver the above Slave to Mr. John Nicholas in Buckingham, or the Subscriber in Amherst, shall receive THREE POUNDS Reward, and what the Law allows. PATRICK ROSE."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) August 3, 1776, p. 3, col. 1.

1777, January 10

Williamsburg, Va.

"WILLIAMSBURG, Jan. 8, 1777. WANTED immediately, three or four SHOP JOINERS, also ten or twelve NEGRO CARPENTERS for six or seven months, for which a good price will be given by FRANCIS JARAM. N.B. Any person

who has WHITE OAK TREES to dispose of, near this city, may apply as above."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) 10 January 1777, p. 4, col. 2. Francis Jaram was a carpenter-joiner. (see below March 21, 1777, April 25, 1777 and July 25, 1777)

1777, March 1  
Will  
carpenter

Hanover County, Va.

"HANOVER, March 1, 1777. RUN away from the Subscriber on the 3d of February, at Night, WILL, a Negro Man, by Trade a Carpenter, of a yellow Complexion, middle Stature, well set, flat nosed, and has lost one of his upper fore Teeth; had on when he went away white Virginia Jacket and Breeches, Country made Linen Shirt, striped Virginia Cloth Wrappers, common Negro Shoes, old Beaver Hat, with a small Brim, and carried with him a Dutch Blanket almost new, a Pair of old black Lasting Breeches, and a Shirt of the same Linen of the one he had on. I expect he is either lurking about Mr. Braxton Bird's in King and Queen, of whom I purchased him, or Mr. Corbin's in Middlesex, where his Mother lives. He is a cunning sensible Fellow, well acquainted in many Parts of the Country, and is very capable of telling a plausible Story. I will give 5 l. Reward to any Person who will secure the said Slave, so that I get him again, and reasonable Expenses if brought Home. DANIEL TRUEHEART."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) March 21, 1777, p. 3, col. 1.  
(see below February 24, 1781)

1777, March 21

Williamsburg, Va.

"WILLIAMSBURG, March 1777. WANTED immediately, four or five good HOUSE CARPENTERS, also five or six NEGRO CARPENTERS, for which a good Price will be given by applying to me. FRANCIS JARAM."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) 21 March 1777, p. 1, col. 2. Francis Jaram was a carpenter-joiner.

(also in *Virginia Gazette* (P) March 21, 1777, suppl., p. 2, col. 3, dated March 20, 1777; see above January 10, 1777 and below April 25, 1777 and July 25, 1777)



1777, April 10  
Tony  
carpenter

Richmond County, Va.

"Discovering my Sills to my posts in my communication Passage to my Kitching, though of oak, to be rotten and loose, and the posts of sweet Gum to sound, yet much cut to Pieces by these Knife triflers, I resolved to repair them intirely. [illegible] turning got a quantity new frame. I find my plate upon those Posts, though of Gum, to be rotten; it takes much time and trouble to take those rotten posts out from post to Post. But it must be done and with great care too ... Poor Toney has a good Carpenter's genius, but no contrivance. How Puzzled yesterday was he and took all day to put up only 3 of his new posts in the passage to the Kitchin? I was obliged to turn out old as I am."

Jack P. Greene, ed., *The Diary of Colonel Landon Carter* II: 1090.  
(see above January 23 and 31, 1770, March 12 and 15, 1770, March 28 and 31, 1770, April 21 and May 22, 1770, August 16, 1770, September 8 and 11, 1770, October 9, November 10 and 15, 1770, June 2, 14 and 29, 1771, July 18, 1771, July 29, 31 and August 9, 1771, September 30, 1772, September 16, 1773, May 26, 1774, July 27, 1774)

1777, April 25  
Harry  
carpenter; cooper

Williamsburg, Va.

"RUN away from the subscriber in Williamsburg, about 8 or 10 weeks ago, a negro fellow named Harry, by trade a cooper and carpenter, and when at a bench he works on the wrong side. I purchased him at the estate of doctor Andrew Anderson, deceased, in New Kent county; and mr. Anderson purchased him of the estate of the late mr. Shermer of James City, where I believe he is now lurking, otherwise in King William at or near one of the plantations of the said mr. Shermer. I will give 40 s. to any person who secures the above slave, so as I get him again, or 3 l. if delivered to me in Williamsburg. FRANCIS JARAM."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) April 25, 1777, p. 2. col. 2. Francis Jaram was a carpenter-joiner.

(see above January 10, 1777 and March 21, 1777 and below July 25, 1777)

1777, April 30  
County, Va.  
Abraham, alias Will  
sawyer; planter

Louisa

"LOUISA County, April 30, 1777. STOLEN, some Time in November 1775, a Negro Man named ABRAHAM, Virginia born, about 28 or 29 Years old, 5 feet 10 or 11 Inches high; he is a black Negro, with large Calves to his Legs, his upper fore Teeth incline out rather more than common, and has an Impediment, or Stammering in his Speech when he speaks hastily; he is a well proportioned Fellow, and can saw very well, but was brought up chiefly to the Planter's Business. I am informed he was stolen by one Joseph Cook of Pittsylvania County, who, to prevent his Owner's getting or hearing of him, conveyed him out to Watauga, within 6 or 7 Miles of the Great Island on Holstein River, and, through a Blind, put him under one Thomas Shoat, an Inhabitant of that place, where I went in Pursuit of him, and understood by the said Shoat that it was the same Negro that I described to him, but was brought there by the said Cook, and put under him to make a Crop of Corn, and that he intended to move into those Parts to live; but I have sufficient Reason to believe that the said Shoat is in Confederacy with Cook, and that Shoat had Intelligence of my being in Pursuit of said Negro before I could get there, and concealed him, telling me that Cook had sent for him four of five Days before, and he was gone to him. Upon which I returned to Bedford Courthouse, and sent Word to Cook to meet me there with the Negro, which he failed to comply with, but sent a Letter in Retaliation for the Negro. I have likewise been informed, that if ever Cook should understand that I have heard of his stealing the said Negro, he intended to convey him to New Orleans, where he expected the Owner would never get him. I will give twenty Pounds to any Person that will deliver the said Negro to me, and on Conviction of the Thief forty Pounds. The said Negro has changed his Name to WILL, and, by Promise of Cook, was to have his Freedom after a Year or two, and in all Probability may now pass for a free Man. RICHARD PHILLIPS."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) May 23, 1777, p. 3, col. 1.

1777, May 3  
Prince  
jobber

Westmoreland County, Va.

"Prince and all my Jobbers to dig dirt & Prepare mortar to build a Mud-wall 206 feet long - 6 feet high & 2 feet thick, chopped Straw or Hay, to be worked up in the mortar - Stone to be raised & brought into place to build a Wall 206 feet long, 1 1/2 foot high & 2 feet thick - "

Robert Carter Day Book, vol. 14 (October 1776-March 26, 1778) (Duke).

1777, May 9

Amelia County, Va.

Sam

carpenter; cooper

"RUN away from the subscriber in Amelia, on the 3d of March last, a negro man slave named SAM, about 28 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches, well made, has a flat nose, large feet, and had on when he went away a Newmarket coat made of lightish coloured brown cloth, also a Virginia cloth jacket, cotton warp, and filled in with yarn, striped yarn breeches, double wove, his shirt cotton and thread; he is a carpenter by trade, and is a good cooper. He can read print, pretends to a deal of religion, has been a good fiddler, and is acquainted with many parts of Virginia. I have a suspicion that some malicious person has given him a pass to travel to North Carolina, or some other parts of North America. I will give 40 s. reward for apprehending the said runaway, if taken up in Virginia, 5 l. if taken in any other state, and 6 d. a mile for bringing him home besides all reasonable expenses paid. WILLIAM GREEN."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) May 9, 1777, p. 4, col. 1.

1777, July 25

Williamsburg, Va.

"WANTED immediately, 3 or 4 good HOUSE CARPENTERS, also 4 or 5 NEGRO CARPENTERS; for which good wages will be given by applying to me in Williamsburg. F. JARAM."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) 25 July 1777, p. 2, col. 3. Francis Jaram was a carpenter-joiner.

(see above January 10, 1777, March 21, 1777 and April 25, 1777)

1777, October 18

Amherst County, Va.

"Sold a small gray Horse (by the Name of Jolly) to Peter Rawlins for which he is to build one a Log House 20 Feet long, 16 Feet wide & 8 Feet Pitch, with a Shingle Roof; my People are to get on half of the Logs."

Edmund Wilcox's Book, vol. 4, E.W. Hubbard Papers (UNC).

1778, January 23

Frederick County, Va.

Sam

carpenter; cooper

"January 23, 1778 RAN away, from the subscriber, some time last summer, a

small Negro fellow, named SAM, country born, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, is a very black fellow, with a thin visage, and stoops a little when he walks. Had on a blue Bath coating jacket, with linen sleeves, a tow linen shirt, petticoat trousers of the same, a pair of country made shoes, and an old castor hat, though it's very probable he has changed his dress. He knows a little of the Carpenter's and Cooper's business, and took away some tools with him. He belonged to his Excellency Gen. Washington some years ago, and was sold in Maryland to the late Dr. Leeper, who sold him to Mr. Geo. Fraser Hawkins, where I bought him. Whoever takes up and secures the said negro, so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward [\$22], besides reasonable charges, if brought home. GEO. NOBLE."

*Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser* January 27, 1778.

1778, March 27

Williamsburg, Va.

"WANTED to hire, a negro gardener, two negro carpenters, and a person capable of driving a charriot. Good wages will be given, and for particulars apply to the printer."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) March 27, 1778, p. 4, col. 2.

1778, April 3

Hanover County, Va.

"WANTED to hire, two NEGRO CARPENTERS. Good wages will be given. Apply to Col. Syme [?], in Hanover, or to the Printer."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) April 3, 1778, p. 2, col. 1.

1778, July 10

Williamsburg, Va.

"For SALE, A NEGRO boy between 17 and 18 years of age, who has been upwards of three years at the carpenter's business. He is a very strong healthy lad, and sold for no faults [?]. He may be seen, and his price known, by applying to the Printer."

*Virginia Gazette* (P) July 10, 1778, p. 1, col. 2.

1779, April  
Stephen  
carpenter (?)

Loudoun County, Va.

Hugh Nelson to Battaile Muse:

"We must endeavour to get as much of the wheat as possible out, in order to preserve what we can from the Weavel, after we have got in our Harvest. As I do not intend to move my Family over the Ridge; Stephen might be employed to great Advantage, and the white Man with him if it be possible to keep him, in making large, tight Binns round the Barn, for the Reception of the Wheat. Tight Casks or Binns are the only things which can preserve it from Destruction."

Correspondence, Battaile Muse Papers (Duke).

1779, May 1

Albemarle County, Va.

Kitt

carpenter; cooper

"SIXTY DOLLARS REWARD. RUN away from the subscriber in Albemarle county, near the old courthouse, a negro fellow named KITT, about 40 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, of a yellowish complexion, limps as he walks, one leg and thigh smaller than the other, has a scar on one of his cheeks, he has worked at the carpenters business and can do coopers work. Whoever will deliver him to me in Bedford county, about 10 miles above Linches ferry, shall have the above reward, or if secured in any county jail so that I get him again, shall receive 40 dollars, and if taken out of the state and brought home to me 100 dollars. EDMUND COBBS."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) May 1, 1779, p. 3, col. 1.  
(see below May 3, 1783)

1779, June 12

Accomack County, Va.

Ned and Jacob

sawyers

"RUN away from the subscriber at Guilford warehouse, in Accomack county, three negro men, viz. Isaac, Ned, and Jacob. Isaac is about 28 years of age, a short well-made fellow of a yellowish complexion, by trade a shoemaker, and is very fond of playing on the violin. Ned, about 26 years of age, of the same complexion as Isaac, and is a good sawyer, Jacob, about 24 years of age, is a sawyer, and has been used to saw with Ned. Whoever will apprehend and secure the said negroes so that they may be had again, shall be handsomely rewarded by WILLIAM YOUNG."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) June 12, 1779, p. 4, col. 1.

1780

York County, Va.

Allen Chapman "1 Negro Man Sawyer aged 25 years. 125 - - " [losses total £448.18. -]

York County Claims for Losses.

1780, July 21

Amelia County, Va.

Jemmy  
carpenter

"ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD FOR apprehending and commuting to jail, a negro man slave named JEMMY, of a mulatto complexion, who run away on Monday last, by trade a carpenter, about 35 years of age, and near 6 feet high, has an impediment in his speech, especially when first spoken to, had a variety of good clothes, and will attempt to pass as a free man, and join the enemy, either by land or by water. All masters of vessels are requested to take notice of this advertisement. JOHN PRIDE. AMELIA, July 21, 1780."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) August 9, 1780, p. 3, col. 3.

1780, July 22

Fauquier County, Va.

Phill, Adam, Mark and Will  
carpenter, cooper, shoemaker, wheelwright; carpenter, miller; bricklayer,  
stonemason; carpenter

"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 wheelwright, 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 metal buttons, an 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 linen shirt, and a hat. He was once the

property of Mr. Hugh Walker of Urbanna, and I 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 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 musick, particularly that belonging to the Roman Catholick religion, which he professes; carried with him a twilled woollen jacket, a pair of red trousers, one or more white shirts, and some of 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 it necessary. He has the mark of a cut on the outside (I believe) of his left hand. WILL, about 20 or 30 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 had any previous difference with any of them, I suspect it must have been a plan sometime conceived with a design of getting on board some vessel in the river 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 will be entitled to one half of the above reward, or in proportion for one or more of them. WILLIAM ALLASON. FAUQUIER, July 22, 1780."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) August 9, 1780, p. 3, col. 2.

1780, July 26

Will or Billy

carpenter; cooper

Amelia County, Va.

"ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD FOR apprehending and bringing home my negro fellow Will (or Billy.) He run [sic] away in May 1779, and was seen several times last summer lurking about Mrs. Bolling's plantations in Amelia and Dinwiddie; I have since heard of his being seen at Coan in Northumberland; to which place I imagine he accompanied some runaway slaves who had been carried from the neighbourhood of Coan and sold in Dinwiddie. He is Virginia born, 31 years of age, about 6 feet high, raw boned, strong and active, of a yellowish brown complexion, has bad teeth, a long and lean visage, and suffers his wool to grow long below his temples, pretends to be very religious and honest, and when questioned hastily, answers with a

timid faltering voice; he is a good plantation carpenter and cooper. Whoever delivers him to me in Amelia, shall have the above reward, or I will give one half of it to any person for securing the said slave in jail so that I get him again. He is outlawed. THOMAS GRIFFIN PEACHY."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) July 26, 1780, p. 3, col. 3.

**1780, October 24**

**Northumberland County, Va.**

John Wiggins

carpenter, sawyer; tinker, horse husbandman

"Northumberland county, Virginia, Oct. 24. RAN away from the subscriber, a mulatto slave named John Wiggins, a carpenter and sawyer by trade, he also professes a good deal of the tinkers business, and to be very skillful in horses and diseases incident thereto; had on when he went away, a pair of white cotton breeches, and white woolen jacket striped with black yarn, what cloaths he carried with him is uncertain; he is a likely fellow, about thirty-nine years old, broad square shoulders, and light eyes, about five feet six or seven inches high, very talkative when intoxicated, which is frequently when he can get liquor; he is supposed to have gone on board a vessel belonging to Mr. John Turberville, of Westmorland county, which set out for Balitmore the day he eloped, and I suppose intends to pass as a freeman. I will give fifty pounds reward to any person that will secure him in gaol [jail] and give me the earliest information, provided he is out of the state, if in the state, I will reward any person genteely. ELIZABETH KENNER."

*Maryland Gazette* December 8, 1780, p. 2, col. 2.

**1780, November 18**

**Rockbridge County, Va.**

Saul

carpenter

"RUN away from the subscriber in Rockbridge county, a mulatto slave named SAUL, about 6 feet high, had on and took with him, a coarse country linen shirt and trousers, an old red coat, light shoes, a fine shirt, stockings and some other clothes; he took a new scythe with him. I purchased him of Mr. John [Jeakel of the Eastern Shore, in the year 1778. I expect he will endeavour to go down there again, if not taken up; he perhaps will try to pass for a free man, delights much in a fiddle, and pretends to know something of the carpenters business. He is about 25 years of age. I will give 1000 dollars reward for him if taken any where this side of Richmond, if secured so that I get him again, and if taken below that place 2000 dollars. JOHN BOWYER."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) November 18, 1780, p. 1, col. 2.



1780, December 9

Richmond vicin., Va.

"THE subscriber has for sale, an exceeding valuable NEGRO man slave, of about 35 years of age, who is an exceeding good carpenter. For terms apply to Mr. William Cocke who lives at the fork road just above Richmond, or to JOHN WOOD, Sen."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) December 9, 1780, p. 3, col. 2.

1781, February 6

Richmond County, Va.

Warner Lewis to Battaile Muse:

"I will give you a sketch of Col. Tayloe's estate; which, tho' perhaps not perfectly accurate, will not be very far from the true state.

2800 acres of land, in Richmond county about Mount Airy, where Col. Tayloe lived - about 40 working hands, exclusive of carpenters, smiths, and tradesmen of every sort.

1400 acres of land in Essex county near Hobbs hole, [ illegible ] working hands.

900 acres of land at the Hop [?] yard in King George county and about 14 working hands.

500 acres of land at Chatterton in Stafford county, and 8 or 10 working hands.

5000 acres of land in Maryland nearly opposite to Boyd's hole, and about 25 working hands."

Correspondence, Battaile Muse Papers (Duke).

1781, February 24

Amherst County, Va.

Essex  
carpenter

"RUN away from the subscriber in Amherst, a likely negro man slave, named ESSEX, of yellowish complexion, thick lips, well made, bends a little back in his knees when standing, about 2[ ] years old, near 6 feet high, and by trade a carpenter; he was seen last April in Petersburg, where his mother lives, whose name is Betty. If he is not harboured by her in that town, it is supposed he is about Hampton, where he was raised. Any person that will confine the said slave so that I get him again, shall receive a reward of two thousand dollars. REUBEN COLEMAN."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) February 24, 1781, p. 2, col. 3.

1781, February 24  
Will  
carpenter

Hanover County, Va.

"FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD. RUN away from the subscriber in Hanover county, on the 6th instant (February) a negro man named WILL, by trade a carpenter, of a yellow complexion, under the middle stature, affects to talk in a very high stile, had on when he went away, a blue and white Virginia cloth jacket and breeches, country made linen shirt, white yarn stockings, common coarse shoes, and old hat, and carried with him a new cotton shirt and a pair of leather breeches almost new. I expect he will endeavour to make down to the enemy, or into King & Queen, in the neighbourhood where Mr. Braxton Bird, deceased, lately lived, of whom I purchased him. Whoever secures and brings home the said fellow, shall be paid the above reward. If he is not well secured when taken up, he will be sure to make his escape. DANIEL TRUEHEART."

*Virginia Gazette* (D) February 24, 1781, p. 2, col. 2.  
(see above March 1, 1777)

1781, March 12

Charles City County, Va.

"Capt: John Allen to the Governor, by Capt: R. Ballinger: Col: Senf not having returned as he promised, he is at a loss what to do. Asks for authority to remove the bricks at Brandon, and the timber at Mr James Cocke's, engaged for the State by Col: Senf; they and the Lime should now be in place. Bricklayers, Carpenters and Sawyers, applying to him for work, but does not know what to allow them. Is in want of waggons and a carry-log. There are three white and one negro Carpenters at work at the garrison, and eighteen negro laborers hired from Chas: Carter, of Shirley, Richd: Randolph, Arch: Cary, Henry Randolph, Thos: M. Randolph, of Tuckahoe, Ryland Randolph, Wm Murray, George Minge & Rob: Goode. This number of hands too small for the work to be done. Not a negro gotten from Dinwiddie or Prince George Co."

Calendar of Virginia State Papers I: 569.

1781, October 26  
James  
bricklayer

Westmoreland County, Va.

"By Cash received of Mr Richd Jackson 21/ in part pay. for the hire of Negro James Bricklay bal: now due to R. Carter"

Date Book 1781-1782, Robert Carter Papers (LC).  
(see below May 11, 1782, December 11, 1784, July 10, 1787, August 24, 1789,  
February 1, 1792, February 13, 1792)

1781, November  
Congo  
painter, jobber

Westmoreland County, Va.

"Congo worked 13 1/2 days for me whitewashing &c. the last of October &  
1st. of Novr. 1781. Congo worked for Jno Tandall at Westmd. Courthouse  
about 5 months of Summer/Spring & Fall 1781 Also he worked 7 days for  
Richd. Muse in Octr. 1781."

Richard Henry Lee Memorandum Book (HL).

1781, December 23  
Charles and Anthony  
carpenters

Berkeley County, Va.

John Hatley Norton to Battaile Muse concerning a newly established quarter: "I  
have an old fellow called Charles & his Son Anthony who have been  
employed always at the Carpenters business & will be very useful, his Wife  
Betty, a favor'd house Servant assists in our Cooking."

Correspondence, Battaile Muse Papers (Duke).

1782, January 1  
Oliver, Dick, Tom Cooper, Willoby, George  
carpenters  
James, John, Jack Daniel, San. River, Ralph  
sawyers

Westmoreland County, Va.

"a List of Negro Carpenters & Sawyers - Jany 1st 1782.

1 - Oliver - Carpenter - Mary his Wife - she lives at Nomony Hall

2 - Dick. Do - No Wife - he lives at Nomony Hall -

3 - Tom Cooper Do - Amy his Wife. not my property - she lives near Mr Alexr  
[Nu?]rtons. Tom lives at N. Hall

4 Willoby - Carpenter [ blank ] his Wife she lives at Gemini [quarter]

5 George - Carpenter - Sarah his Wife - she lives at Aires - [quarter]

6 James - Sawyer - Hannah his Wife - belonging to John Crabb near Jerry  
Baillies.

7 John Sawyer - Mimy his Wife she lives at Geminy

8 Jack Sawyer - Mary his Wife - she lives at Forest quarter -

- 9 Daniel, Sawyer - Babb his Wife - she lives at Aires -  
10 San. River - Mimy his Wife She belongs to Mr Charles Carter - and lives at  
a Quarter called Hill-Quarter - Totuskey -  
11 Ralph - Sawyer - he entered January 18th - 1782 - "

Date Book 1781-1782, Robert Carter Papers (LC).  
(see below March 27, 1782, January 13, 1785, December 29, 1786, September 11,  
1787, May 4, 1792)

1782, January 5  
George Green  
carpenter

Botetourt County, Va.

"COMMITTED to the jail of Botetourt, a negro man who calls himself GEORGE GREEN, about 25 years of age, middle sized, has a scar near one corner of his mouth, a carpenter by trade. He says he is a freeman, and that he left a certain Mr. JOHN WILSON of Essex about four years ago, with whom he served his time; he can read. The owner of said fellow (if any there be) is desired to take him away and pay charges."

*Virginia Gazette or Weekly Advertiser* January 5, 1782, p. 3, col. 2.

1782, January 24  
Peter, alias Peter Wood  
carpenter, sawyer

Chesterfield County, Va.

"TWENTY PISTOLES REWARD, FOR bringing home the two Negroes hereafter described, belonging to the subscriber in Chesterfield County, near the Falls of James River, viz. A black fellow by the name of PETER, frequently called PETER WOOD, about 37 or 38 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, has a smiling countenance, a little pitted with the small-pox which he formerly had in the West Indies; some of his fingers are contracted by a burn on the right hand when young; he is a very good sawyer, and has worked a little as a rough carpenter; famous for running away. Also a very likely black girl, wife to the above fellow and taken off by him, about 18 or 19 years old, middle size, by the name of AMIA. I expect as they were with the British both at Portsmouth and York that she has had the small pox. She is a fine spinner and Weaver, has never had a child, and I am informed has holes in her ears for rings. Those Negroes were seen in the town of Gloucester the night after the surrender of the enemy, and I have some reason to believe they are in that County now, or in the lower parts of this State. Jan. 24, 1782. FRANCIS SMITH."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* February 9, 1782, p. 4, col. 1.

1782, February 28

Hanover County, Va.

George and Anthony

carpenter; carpenter, hewer, sawyer; cooper

"TWENTY POUNDS Specie Reward, To any person that will deliver to either of the subscribers, living in Hanover, near the Meadow Bridges, GEORGE and ANTHONY, who went to the British army last June, and since the capture of said army have been seen several times in the neighbourhood of York and Gloucester Towns. George is Virginia born, 22 or 23 years old, square made, of a yellowish complexion, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, round full face, very hollow footed, and has a nice leg for a Negro; very handy in any kind of plantation business, and understands something of carpenters work. Anthony is Virginia born, 26 or 27 years old, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, strait and slim made, of a yellowish complexion, very little beard, a very pleasant countenance, very talkative and sensible, a great gambler among Negroes, very handy in all kinds of plantation business, understands something of carpenters and coopers work, and hews and saws well. It is probable they may change their names and pass for free men. The above reward will be given for the delivery of both, or half the sum for either of them. February 28, 1782. JOHN AUSTIN. THOMAS AUSTIN."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* March 2, 1782, p. 3, col. 3.

1782, March 27 (after)

Westmoreland County, Va.

Oliver

carpenter

"[obliterated] Oliver wants the following Tools repaired and new ones made  
3 Broad Axes now in S-Shop - Eys faulty & to be laid -  
2 Adds now in do - to be mended  
2 Augers now in do - to be mended  
1 broad Chizell now in do - to be mended  
2 pr Dividers now in do - to be mended & 1 Claw Hamer -  
2 broad axes to be made  
2 Addes to be made"

Date Book 1781-1782, Robert Carter Papers (LC).

(see above January 1, 1782 and below January 13, 1785)

1782, March 29

Surry County, Va.

Ben

sawyer

"TEN GUINEAS REWARD, For apprehending and delivering to me, at Cabin-

Point, JACK, (or JOHNNY as he calls himself) a tall Mulatto lad, about eighteen or nineteen years of age, with a bushy head of hair, and beginning black beard on his upper lip; one of his legs has been broke, which may readily be observed by slipping down the stocking. He joined the British army from Mr. Andrew Ronald's, near Richmond, to whom he was hired, and waited on a Mr. Tait till the reduction of York and Gloucester. He is probably in some of the lower Counties, or perhaps may be gone to Northumberland, as he was bred there. He was accustomed to house business, taking care of horses, and driving a carriage.

The same reward will also be given for BEN, a likely large black fellow, with a smiling agreeable countenance, and remarkable white teeth; a good sawyer. He is supposed to be about Portsmouth, as he was left there ill with the small-pox. This fellow may make towards Newbern in North-Carolina, as he came from that place.

March 29, 1782. ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* May 4, 1782, p. 4, col. 3.

1782, April 13

Westmoreland County, Va.

Jubiter  
carpenter

"On the 13 of Aprill the following Tools were given out to Jubiter for him to learn the Carpenters trade with one 1/2 inch Augur 3/4 inch Augur 1 inch Chisel 1/2 inch do. 2 inch do. 1 pr. iron compasses 1 Carpenters hammer 1 hand saw 1 Broad Axe 1 drawing knife 1 Adze 1 Gimblet 1 Carpenters rule 1 Carpenters Gouge."

Richard Henry Lee Memorandum Book (HL).

1782, May 3

Loudoun County, Va.

John Nelson in Fredericksburg to Battaile Muse in Loudoun County:

"P.S. My Brother has desir'd me to order down the Carpenters immediately as he is in great want of them having houses & hogsheads to prepare for Tobacco And also Casks for Cyder Their tools may be sent down in the Waggon."

Correspondence, Battaile Muse Papers (Duke).

1782, May 11

Westmoreland County, Va.

James  
bricklayer

"Dr Mr. - Lawson to the hire of Negro James Bricklayer 2 Daies 2 Dollars -  
Cr. By Cash received of Mr Lawson 2 Dollars"

Date Book 1782-1782, Robert Carter Papers (LC).

(see above October 26, 1781 and below December 11, 1784, July 10, 1787,

August 24, 1789, February 1, 1792, February 13, 1792)

1782, May 11

Gloucester County, Va.

Marcus

carpenter

"Fifty DOLLARS Reward. WENT off with the British after their departure from Richmond, the following NEGROES, viz. MARCUS, by trade a carpenter, about twenty years of age, five feet ten inches high, he is very apt to smile when spoke to, and is well known about this place and Westham. YORK, a likely fellow, about forty years of age, five feet ten inches high, pretty lusty. He was purchased of Isaac Sharpe of Four Mile Creek, and has been used to plantation business. ABRAM, about thirty five years of age, five feet five inches high, formerly lived in Gloucester, and is pretty well known in that neighbourhood, and has been used to a plantation. CYMON, a likely young fellow, about twenty two years old, five feet eight inches high, bred a ditcher and came from Hanover since the surrender of York; he has been seen at Mr. Thomas Roberts near the halfway house below York, by the name of John Macon, and says he is free. VIOLET, went off about eight weeks ago, and is now harboured in Williamsburg, about twenty two years old, very likely, genteel made, and knits very well. Any person delivering the above negroes to the subscriber in Gloucester, shall receive the above reward, or a proportionate for either of them. If they are secured in any jail so that I get information of it, they shall be entitled to a reward equivalent to their trouble. I do hereby forewarn all persons from harbouring or employing any of the above slaves, at their peril. JOHN FOX."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* May 11, 1782, p. 4, col. 1.

1782, June 8

Amherst County, Va.

Jacob

carpenter, sawyer; waiting man

"Thirty DOLLARS Reward, FOR apprehending and delivering to me in Amherst county, JACOB, a black fellow, who eloped in May, 1781, and joined Lord Cornwallis's army in the neighbourhood of the Fork. He is about five feet five inches high, forty five years of age, has been chiefly bred to waiting upon Gentlemen, but understands sawing very well, and has some knowledge of the carpenter's and cooper's trade. If he is not dead it is probable he is lurking

about Williamsburg, as he was born there. The reasonable expences of conveying him home will be paid exclusive of the above reward. HUGH ROSE."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* June 8, 1782, p. 1, col. 1.

**1782, August 7**

**Loudoun County, Va.**

John Norton in Frederick County to Battaile Muse in Loudoun County:

"I have hired two Negro Carpenters of a Mr. Tayler in Orange & sent a Note to the Overseer by them which I suppose he got mentioning what business was necessary to be done such as repairing the Barn &c &c. The particulars I mention[e]d to Payne but if you find I am mistaken in the necessary business you will act accordingly;

They might collect a number of old Nails from the old useless buildings on the plantation, sufficient I shou'd imagine for the Jobbs I may have to do. I wanted a house patched up for the Overseer to live in, that the one he is in at present may be reserved for my Use only."

Correspondence, Battaile Muse Papers (Duke).

**1782, October 5**

**Cumberland County, Va.**

Sam

carpenter; cooper, shoemaker

"FIVE POUNDS REWARD. RAN AWAY from the subscriber, living in Cumberland County, a mulatto fellow named SAM, about 6 feet high and about 30 years of age, rather knock-kneed, has some scars on his breast occasioned by his being poisoned and has a scar on one wrist, (I think the right one) had the small pox last May, and has some marks of it; his hair is pretty thick and bushy; he is a good carpenter, cooper and shoemaker, and probably will endeavour to pass for a freeman. Whoever will apprehend him and confine him in gaol [jail], or bring him to me in Cumberland, shall receive the above reward. JOSIAH THOMSON."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* October 5, 1782, p. 1, col. 1.

**1782, November 4**

**Berkeley County, Va.**

John H. Norton in Berkeley County to Battaile Muse "at Mr. Fairfax's Plantation Berkley Co.":



[memoranda]

"The Carpenters to build a Barreck, Overseers house, a Kitchen [& log house  
[crossed out in original]] & Wash house of Logs, under one Roof, with a  
Chimney in the Middle the Room, 16 feet Square with a good Loft. The  
dwelling house to be repaired properly."

Correspondence, Battaile Muse Papers (Duke).

1782, November 16

James City County, Va.

George  
carpenter; miller

"FORTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN away from Mr. Paradise's mill, near Williamsburg, a negro man named  
GEORGE, a carpenter by trade, but has been miller at the said mill for many  
years. He is about five feet ten or eleven inches high, and has some defect in  
one of his eyes. It is thought he will make for the northward, or the Pamunkey  
indian town. Whoever takes up the said negro and delivers him to me near  
Jamestown, shall be paid the above reward by CARY WILKINSON."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* November 16, 1782, p. 3, col. 3.

1782, December 21

Virginia

"TO BE SOLD, On the first day of January next, for cash or tobacco, at Mrs.  
Morelands, in Cabin Point, TWO likely NEGRO MEN, about three or four and  
twenty years of age, belonging to the estate of Capt. Thomas Holt, deceased,  
one a good sawyer, the other an excellent house servant. Also two WOMEN,  
which have been accustomed to spinning Three months credit will be allowed  
the purchasers, on giving bond with approved security to WILLIAM HARRIS,  
Administrator."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* December 21, 1782, p. 4, col. 1.

1782, December 28

Richmond (?), Va.

"TO BE SOLD, A LIKELY NEGRO CARPENTER, about thirty years of age.  
Enquire of the Printer."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* December 28, 1782, p. 1, col. 3.

1783, April 19

Amelia County, Va.

Duncan Green, alias Will Simcocxe  
carpenter, sawyer

"WENT to the British in July, 1781, and was with them at York Town a likely Mulatto man slave, about five feet four or five inches high, well set, 26 years old, is a good sawyer and rough carpenter. I have understood that since the capture of York Town, he has frequently carried oysters from the lower parts to New Castle, but suppose that as I lately sent after him and he was very near being taken, that he will shift his quarters and change his name again. He passes, I understand, for a free man, sometimes by the name of Duncan Green at other times by the name of Will Simcocxe. I will give Nine Pounds reward to any person that will apprehend the said slave, and confine him in any goal [jail] so that I may get him again, or Twelve Pounds to any person that will bring him to me, in the lower end of Amelia County. ABRAHAM GREEN."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* April 19, 1783, p. 4, col. 3.

1783, May 3

Bedford County, Va.

Kitt  
carpenter

"RAN away from Newcastle, the first of April last, a negro man named KITT, about forty five years old, five feet eight inches high, limps when he walks, and is by trade a carpenter. Whoever apprehends the said fellow and secures him so that I get him, or delivers him to me in Bedford County, shall receive FIVE POUNDS reward. EDMUND COBBS."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* May 3, 1783, p. 3, col. 2.  
(see above May 1, 1779)

1783, June 28

James City County, Va.

George  
carpenter, sawyer

"TEN POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber in James City County, a negro fellow named George, about 30 years old, 6 feet high, stout and well made; and can read very well, he is a very good sawyer, and clapboard carpenter, and I understand is somewhere about the Long Bridge, or Four-Mile Creek, and hires himself as a freeman to work on vessels; The said fellow being outlawed, I will give five pounds for him delivered to me, or the above reward for his

head, separate from his body. JOHN HOLT."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* June 28, 1783, p. 1, col. 3.

1783, July 12

Albemarle County, Va.

Charles Sellars and Frank, alias Frank Waddy  
carpenters

"THIRTY POUNDS Reward. RAN away from the Indian Fields, in Albemarle County, on the 29th of June, a mulatto fellow named Charles Sellars, six feet high, about fifty years of age, generally has his head shaved, and wears a cap; had on a black cloth coat when he went away. He formerly belonged to Mr. Edward Carter; ran away and got as far as Georgia, where he passed as a freeman, and it is probable he will go that route again. Also went away at the same time a fellow named Frank, but frequently calls himself Frank Waddy, rather light, about the same height as Charles, forty years of age; likely and well made, and clothed as negroes commonly are. They are both carpenters, and will probably undertake to work. I will give ten pounds reward to any person who will deliver the said negroes to me, or secure them so that I get them. If taken in this State, and the above reward if taken out of the State. THOMAS WALKER, Jun."

*Virginia Gazette, or the American Advertiser* July 12, 1783, p. 3, col. 3.

1783, July 17

Prince William County, Va.

Bob  
carpenter

"TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD. Ran away, from Mr. John Hammett, of Prince- William County, Virginia, a Negro Fellow named BOB, a slave, about 36 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, a very black, square and well-made fellow. His apparel unknown. He can work at the carpenter's business, and is an excellent fiddler. He has lived several months at Fell's-Point, in the character of a free man, and was seen there a few days ago, where he is probably at present concealed. Whoever takes up said Fellow, and secures him so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above Reward from said Hammett, or JAMES DAVIS, living in Charles County, near Benedict. July 17, 1783. N.B. All masters of vessels and others are forbid harbouring, concealing, or carrying off said Fellow."

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

1783, September 6

James City County, Va.

Jerry  
bricklayer, plasterer

Col. Nathaniel Burwell, Dr.

"To 9 Days work of Jerry (at the Grove) Repairg. Store House, Kitchen & Building Steps to the Door of the Store do & Kitchen & plastering a Room in Cellar @ 5 pr. Day 2..5 -"

Humphrey Harwood Account Book, Ledger B (CWF). Harwood was a Williamsburg mason.

(see below July 24, 1786 and March 1, 1792)

1783, October 11

Northumberland County, Va.

Spencer  
carpenter, sawyer; cooper

"Five Pounds Reward. RUN away from the subscriber the 30th day of July, 1783, a black fellow named Spencer, about twenty three years old, very smart, but not talkative, and has a down look; he carried with him a good many clothes, and being an artfull fellow, may have forged a pass, or endeavour to pass as a freeman. He is a very good sawyer, and understands a little of the carpenter's and cooper's trades. Whoever will apprehend the said fellow and bring him to me living a little below Northumberland court house, in Wicomoco parish, or confine him in some jail so that I get him, shall receive the above reward. MOSES LUNSFORD, Sen."

*Virginia Gazette or/and Weekly Advertiser* October 11, 1783, p. 1, col. 2.

1783, November 22

King and Queen County, Va.

Free Harry  
carpenter

"RUN away from Mr. James Dickie, of King & Queen, a negro girl named PHILLIS, but for some time passed by the name BETTY. She is about sixteen years of age, an excellent spinner, and very likely. Mr. Dickie hired her to a Michael Downue, overseer for Col. Benjamin Temple, in King William county. She has for some time been harboured about Rocket's and is very intimate and supposed lives with one Free Harry, brought up by Col. Humphrey Hill, of King & Queen, who follows carpenter's work, and has been employed by Mr. Armistead at the ship yard. Whoever delivers her to Mr. James Dickie, or the subscriber in the city of Richmond, shall receive a reward of one guinea,

besides what the law allows. WILLIAM ROSE."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* November 22, 1783, p. 3, col. 1.

1783, December 6

Middlesex County, Va.

John Fox  
carpenter

"Three Pounds Reward. RUN away from the subscriber about the 1st of August, a mulatto fellow named JOHN FOX, a carpenter by trade, about five feet eight or nine inches high, square made, has a down look, and one of his ankles is much larger than the other, and generally sore. He probably will endeavour to pass for a freeman, and hire himself to work at his trade, or attempt to get out of the state. Whoever apprehends the said fellow, and delivers him to me at the Green Branch in Middlesex county, or to Mr. George Turner, in Caroline, shall receive the above reward. JOHN TAYLOR CORBIN. I have for sale, eight hundred acres of exceeding good level land, in King and Queen county, about three miles from West Point. The terms may be known by applying to me at Laneville, in the county aforesaid. J.T.C."

*Virginia Gazette or/and Weekly Advertiser* December 6, 1783, p. 1, col. 3.

1783, December 12

Goochland County, Va.

Gabe or Gabriel  
carpenter

"TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD. RAN away, on Thursday, the 10th instant, a negro man, named GABE or GABRIEL, a stout clean limbed fellow, about 6 feet 2 inches high, a carpenter by trade, cloathed in died woollen cloth. He formerly belonged to Col. Charles Carter of Ludlow; he stole a horse belonging to Jesse Rudd, the overseer, with his saddle and bridle; the horse is a bay, about 4 feet 7 inches high, six years old, neither dock'd or branded, paces and canters tolerable well. A reward of twenty dollars will be given for bringing the said negro to the subscriber in Goochland, and five dollars for the horse and saddle, if delivered to the owner at Tuckahoe, or to Mr. Samuel Temple, in Caroline County. THOMAS M. RANDOLPH. Tuckahoe, Dec. 12, 1783."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* December 27, 1783, p. 1, col. 3.  
(also in issue of June 26, 1784, p. 4, col. 2; and *Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* January 17, 1784, p. 3, col. 3)

1784, May 20

Stafford County, Va.

Bob

hewer, sawyer; cradler

"TWENTY DOLLARS Reward. RAN AWAY from the subscriber, living in the upper end of Stafford county in Virginia, the 4th of October 1783, a likely country born Negroe Man, named BOB; he is of a yellowish complexion, well made, and is about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, about 28 or 30 years of age; he is a very fine cradler, and can saw very well at the whip saw or hew, has got a scar on the top of his left foot, has been subject to run away, and is branded on the left cheek with the letter O. Whoever takes up said Negroe and brings him home, shall receive the above reward, besides what the law allows, paid by AARON BOTTS. May 20, 1784."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* July 1784, p. 3, col. 3.

(see below May 28, 1789; see also *Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* November 13, 1784, p. 3, col. 3).

1784, June 10

King George County, Va.

James (Jemmy or Jimmy), alias James Lusas

house joiner, painter; carver, coach joiner, wheelwright

"TWENTY POUNDS, Virginia Currency REWARD. RAN away from the Subscriber on the 31st of May last, a dark Mulatto Fellow, named JAMES, generally called Jemmy, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, 29 years of age, strong made, is sensible and well spoken, is a good joiner at coach, phaeton, or chair work; is a good house joiner, carver, wheelwright and painter, and is a tolerable Negro fiddler: He took with him an ugly dark brown roach backed horse, with a gray face; - and his clothes missed from home are a mixed Virginia cloth coat, a spotted calico waistcoat, a pair of buckskin breeches, and a pair of strong linen overalls. - He has a scar on his buttock about the size of a heater, which burnt him when a child, has several scars of cuts on the lower part of one of his legs, and one raised up in a ridge across his great toe. - Whoever delivers said fellow to me, near Boyd's-Hole, King George County, if taken out of this State, shall receive the above Reward, but if taken in this State, shall be intitled to Twelve Pounds. WILLIAM FITZHUGH. Marmion, June 10, 1784. N.B. All Masters of vessels and others are forewarned from harbouring or carrying off the above described Fellow at their peril."

*Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser* June 17, 1784, p. 3, col. 3.

(see below August 12, 1784 for alias and other information; see also *Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* June 26, 1784, p. 4, col. 2, advertisement dated June 4, 1784, describing James as "as good a joiner as any in Virginia," and the scars on his legs as resulting "from axe cuts")

1784, June 12  
Sam and Tom  
carpenter, sawyer; sawyer

Richmond vicin., Va.

"Twenty Dollars Reward. RUN AWAY from the subscriber the last of May past; the following NEGROES, viz. TOM, a large clumsy made fellow, near six feet high, about twenty-five years of age, Virginia born, very large eyes, and wide nostrils, his right hand, by a bruise, turns or bends out from the wrist joint, pretty much knock-kneed, wore away a sailors blue jack coat, with horn buttons, blue half thick breeches, and new oznabrigs shirt. SAM, a likely yellowish fellow, about thirty three years of age, about five feet seven or eight inches high, well made, rather bow-legged. As this fellow has formerly run away, he has been branded by a former master on the cheek with the bow of a key, but rather imperfect; wore away a sailors jack coat, of the same kind of Tom's and breeches ditto, though as he carried away several sorts of clothes, his dress is likely changed. This fellow is handy and has worked in the yard with carpenters some time, and can do rough work of that kind, and most probably will endeavour to pass as a freeman; and both of them are good sawyers. I will give four pounds for apprehending and securing Sam, so that I get him again, and two pounds for Tom, if delivered to the subscriber at Four Mile Creek, twelve miles from Richmond. RICHARD GORDON."

*Virginia Gazette or/and Weekly Advertiser* June 12, 1784, p. 3, col. 3.

1784, June 19  
Barnett  
carpenter; cooper

Louisa County, Va.

"RAN away from the subscriber, two negro fellows, CHARLES and BARNETT. Charles went away about the 4th day of May last, and is about twenty four or five years old, smiling countenance, full eyes, wide mouth, and thin visage, about five feet seven or eight inches high, has been much used to oxen and horses, and is very expert in driving or breaking either, has a remarkable scar on one of his legs, occasioned by a burn. BARNETT, is about thirty years of age, about five feet six inches high, very well set, and close made, is tolerably ingenious, a very good cooper, and very handy in rough carpenter's work, walks remarkable grand and strong, went away about three weeks since Charles. I will give a reward of FORTY SHILLINGS for each, if taken in the County, and FIVE POUNDS if taken in any other, and delivered to me at my house. JAMES OVERTON. LOUISA, Elk Creek, June 19, 1784."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* July 3, 1784.

1784, June 29

Northampton County, Va.

Joe

carpenter; leather dresser

"TEN POUNDS REWARD. WHOEVER will apprehend a Runaway Negro called JOE, about 5 feet 10 inches high, of a yellowish complexion; he ran off about 14 months ago, to Gloucester County, and was apprehended and carried to York gaol [jail]; out of which he escaped, and being closely pursued, is gone either to Annapolis, or Baltimore, where he probably may pass for a free man; he is a well-set Fellow, square shoulder'd, and took with him a pale blue coat, with brass buttons; he is a remarkable chewer, and is continually chawing of chips, or leaves, his mouth being constantly in action, and has every now and then (especially when at work,) a cough; he pretends to be a leather dresser, and part of a carpenter, but understands neither: He was seen lately on board a French vessel in Rappahannock, going to the state of Maryland, but the person who saw him could not make the French sailors understand that he was a runaway. Whoever apprehends and delivers him to me, in Northampton County, Virginia, shall receive the above Reward, besides the reasonable expences of conveyance; or I will give FIVE POUNDS for apprehending and lodging him in any safe and strong gaol [jail], and advertising me thereof, so that I may get him again." J.L. Fulwell. June 29, 1784."

*Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser* July 9, 1784.

1784, July 2

Westmoreland County, Va.

"Mr. Robert McKildoe, Carpenter of Cople Parish, Cr. ...

By your allowance, Viz.;  $1/6$  part of £157..6..8 the whole amount of work done by 9 Negroe Carpenters belonging to R. Carter from the 1st day of January 1785 to ye 31st day of december following as per acct rendered this day - 26..4..5  $1/4$ "

Nomini Hall Account Book 1784-1785 (CWF).

1784, August 2

King and Queen County, Va.

Bobb

sawyer

"TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD. FOR taking up and delivering to me, or securing so that I get him again, a negro man named Bobb, 28 years of age, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, black complexion, a very good set of teeth, and a little inclined to be bow-legged; he is a very good sawyer, and eloped from



me last November. SAMUEL GRESHAM. KING & QUEEN, August 2, 1784."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* August 14, 1784, p. 3, col. 1.

**1784, August 5**

**Loudoun County, Va.**

Ellick, alias Alexander Lucas  
axman, carpenter; farmer, waggoner

"TWENTY POUNDS REWARD. RAN away from the Subscriber, on the 3d. of July last, a NEGRO MAN, named ELLICK, calls himself Alexander Lucas, formerly belonged to some of the Lucas's near Eastern Branch ferry, Maryland, about 27 years of age, a strong able well set fellow, 5 feet 10 inches high; he is an artful cunning villain, very talkative at times, will make any asseverations to gain his ends, speaks sometimes in the Dutch dialect, is very handy with the broadaxe, or carpenters coarse tools, or any farming or planting business, a tolerable good waggoner being accustomed to it, has made several journies to Philadelphia and Baltimore, under Mr. Patrick Cavan, merchant in Leesburg, executor of Doctor James Courtsman deceased, of which estate I purchased him. The clothes he took away, are such as people of his condition do not generally wear, viz. a new coarse green cloth coat, spotted with red and white intermixed, a new red striped linen coat, a new jacket nearly the same, with backs of plains, an old coarse linen ditto, a pair of new white cloth breeches, a pair of yellow ditto twilled, an old pair blue cloth ditto, a new white linen shirt, cambrick neck band, two old brown shirts, a pair of black leather stockings, a pair of thread ditto, an old fine hat, bound with black, an old coarse ditto, shoes and buckles, and an old knapsack. It is expected he may endeavour to get on board some vessel, but it is hoped should he make the attempt he will be apprehended. Whoever brings the said Negro to the subscriber near Rockey-Run church, in Loudon county, shall receive FIVE DOLLARS if taken twenty miles from home, and in proportion for a greater or less distance, to the amount of the above Reward. WILLIAM BERNARD SEARS. Loudon county, Virginia, August 5, 1784."

*Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser* August 19, 1784, p. 1, col. 1.

**1784, August 12**

**King George County, Va.**

James (Jimmy), alias James Luscas  
house joiner, painter, carver; coach joiner, wheelwright

"One Hundred Dollars Reward. RAN away, from the subscriber, on the 31st of May last, a very dark mulatto fellow named JAMES (generally called JIMMY) about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, 29 years old, square and strong made, sensible and well-spoken, is an exceeding good joiner, at coach, phaeton, and chair work, is a good house-joiner, carver, wheelwright and painter, and is a

tolerable Negro fiddler; he has the scar of a burn on his bottock, about the size of a heater, which burnt him when a child, also the scars of axe cuts on the lower part of one of his legs, and one raised up in a ridge on his great toe; he wore away a large bushy head of hair, inclining to wool. He was taken up in June, and committed to Baltimore gaol [jail], at which time he confessed himself to be my property, and called himself JAMES LUSCAS, he was seen after released by a Mr. Simpson, of Virginia, from whom he made his escape at Elk-Ridge Landing; and as he has not been since heard of, it is more than probable he has made towards Philadelphia, or engaged with some working in the above branches. Whoever delivers the said Fellow to me, near Boyd's Hole, King George County, Virginia, if taken out of this state receive the above Reward; but if taken in this state, shall be entitled to FORTY DOLLARS. WILLIAM FITZHUGH. Marmion (Virginia) August 12, 1784."

*Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser* August 20, 1784.  
(see above June 10, 1784)

1784, August 24

Fairfax County, Va.

Will

carpenter; driver, mower, ploughman

"THIRTY DOLLARS REWARD. RAN away from the Subscriber on the 19th inst. a likely black rawboned country-born Negro Fellow, named WILL, who is very artful and rogueish, is about forty years of age, of the middle size, stands wide between the knees, and when standing bends his knees, long slim feet, large ancles and long heel; he is a very handy fellow about plantation business, drives carriages well, a good ploughman, can stock ploughs, understands stacking and mowing, and can do the common carpenter's jobs necessary on a plantation: He took with him a light coloured coat made of country fulled cloth, with metal buttons, black cloth breeches, a pair of old shoes and stockings, a brown shirt and hat. Said fellow has been twice to Philadelphia, where I am apprehensive he will go again if not apprehended. Four Dollars will be given if he is taken up twenty-five miles from home or under, and reasonable travelling charges if brought home, and so in proportion for every twenty-five miles to the amount of the above Reward. LEWIS ELLZEY. Fairfax County, Aug. 24, 1784. N.B. All persons are strictly forbid harbouring the said Fellow, and all masters of vessels are forewarned not to carry off said Fellow at their peril."

*Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser* September 2, 1784, p. 3, col. 3.  
(see also *Pennsylvania Gazette* September 1, 1784, p. 3, col. 3)

1784, September 8

New Kent County, Va.

Batt

carpenter; cooper

"Ten Dollars Reward.

RUNAWAY from the subscriber the 15th of last August, a very likely NEGRO MAN named BATT, 40 years old, and about 5 feet 9 inches high; his upper fore teeth is much decayed, and when surprised is very apt to stammer in his speech. He is a good carpenter and cooper, artful and sensible, a very great rogue, and has some marks of the whip on his back, but has not been corrected for twelve months past; he carried with him a variety of clothes, and it is probable may change his name, and pass for a freeman; perhaps he may endeavour to get on board of some vessel, therefore I forewarn all masters of vessels from employing him. - Since he left me he has been seen in the city of Richmond, and it is probable he may be there or in the neighbourhood at this time. Whoever will deliver him to me in New Kent, or to my father, Mr. William Macon, in Hanover, shall receive the above reward. WILLIAM H. MACON. SEPTEMBER 8, 1784."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* October 2, 1784, p. 4, col. 1.

1784, September 23

Fairfax County, Va.

Elgin

carpenter

"EIGHT DOLLARS REWARD. RAN away about the 31st of May last, from the plantation of Col. Henry Lee, jun. near the Little Falls of Potomack, a likely young Negro Man, named ELGIN, about 25 years of age, six feet and one inch high, has a bit out of one side of his nose, and is somewhat pitted with the small-pox. Had on and took with him such clothes as Negroes generally wear, likewise a broad ax, a foot adze, and a drawing-knife, and has been used to work at the carpenter's business. -- I expect he is in the neighbourhood of the Red House, Prince-William County, as he has a wife at that place. -- Whoever will secure said fellow in any gaol [jail], or deliver him to me near the Little Falls, shall have the above Reward and all reasonable charges, paid by L. HIPKINS. Fairfax County, Sept. 16, 1784."

*Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser* September 23, 1784, p. 4, col. 3.

1784, September 25

Charlotte County, Va.

quarter belonging to Edmund Randolph occupied by 47 slaves (16 men, 16 women, 6 boys and 9 girls), including 2 craftsmen, a wheelwright and a

carpenter and 8 skilled women (5 spinners, 2 weavers and 1 dairymaid).

Estate Papers of Peyton Randolph (LC).

1784, October 16

Cumberland County, Va.

Jack, formerly Patterson, alias William Scott  
carpenter; cooper

"FIFTEEN POUNDS REWARD. RAN away from the subscriber, about the 15th of August last, a mulatto man slave named JACK, but was called Patterson when a boy, about 40 years old, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, his beard grows up his temples, which he generally wears long; he turns his toes rather out as he walks, a carpenter and cooper by trade, and carried some of his tools away with him; is a sensible crafty fellow, and I expect will change his name; he has a forged pass to pass for a free man, as was heard to say, since he ran away, that he never intended to serve any person as a slave again; he can read print tolerably well, and pretends to much religion; as to his cloathes it its uncertain, as he carried different kinds away with him. I heard of him in my neighbourhood about two or three weeks ago. All persons are forbid harbouring the said slave, or carrying him out of the State. I will give five pounds reward to any person that will deliver him to me, if taken up less than thirty miles from home, if over that distance, eight pounds, and if out of the State, the above reward, or five pounds for securing him in any gaol [jail], and giving me such information that I get him again. HENRY MACON."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* October 16, 1784, p. 3, col.3.  
(see below May 28, 1785 for alias and location)

1784, October 30

Charlotte County, Va.

George  
carpenter; cooper

"RAN away, from the subscriber living in Charlotte County, on the first instant (September) a large portly black fellow, named GEORGE; he is a good cooper, a tolerable good carpenter, and carried away several tools with him, to wit, a broad axe, carpenters compasses, gimlets, &c. It is expected he will endeavour to pass as a free man; he chews tobacco, speaks slow, though very sensible; he is about 35 years of age, is a little knock-kne'd, his left foot is very remarkable, having but three toes, they stand apart and turn out; this foot is also much smaller than the other; he took away with him, a double wove hat and breeches, also a negro cotton jacket died a purple colour, one pair of shoes and two pair of stockings. I will give forty shillings reward, beside what the law allows, to any person that will bring him home, or apprehends him so that I

get him again. JOSIAH FOSTER, jun."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* October 30, 1784, p. 3, col. 2.

1784, November 13

Fauquier County, Va.

Mark

stone and brick worker; waterman

"FAUQUIER County, Oct. 25, 1784. RAN away this morning, from the subscriber, MARK, a black negro man, about 20 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 to 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."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* November 13, 1784, p. 1, col. 1.

1784, November 27

New Kent County, Va.

Ned

carpenter; shoemaker

"RUNAWAY from Cawson, three negro fellows, viz; NED, ISAAC, and JUPITOR: NED is a tall rawboned fellow of about six feet high, is some-what of a carpenter and a good negro sho[e]maker, at the latter of which trades he

will probably offer himself to work -- he has a wife at one Isaac Vadens, near Holt's Forge on Chickahominy, in which neighbourhood, or about Col. W. Allens plantation New-Kent on York river, near the Brickhouse he will probably be found; Isaac a stout well made fellow, of about thirty or five and thirty years of age, about the middle size, much scared with frequent floggings, before he came into my possession -- he has a wife at one David Williams's (near the above plantation of Col: Allens) at whose house he was taken up about six months ago, and is probably harboured there at this time, his clothing was Virginia made cloth; Jupiter a young likely fellow of about 23 years of age, well made, about five feet ten inches high, cloathed in blue when he absconded, which was in last June; he is a very black negro, smooth skin and a modest countenance -- I have been informed that his haunts are in King-William, near West-Point; at Snow-Creek near Fredericksburg, and in the neighbourhood of Col. Allens Quarter in New-Kent above mentioned, -- I will give SIX DOLLARS to any person, for each of the above negroes delivered to me at CAWSONS, and three pence a mile for travelling expences; or FOUR DOLLARS for each of them, to any person who will confine them in the Jail of the County where they are taken, and inform me thereof so that I get them again: The above negroes all belonged to the estate of Mrs. Hannah Dangerfield of New-Kent County, deceased. THEODORICK BLAND."

*Virginia Gazette and Independent Chronicle* November 27, 1784, p. 3, col. 3.  
(see also *Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* December 4, 1784, p. 4, col. 3)

1784, December 9

Halifax County, Va.

Dick, alias James Scott  
carpenter, sawyer

"FIVE POUNDS REWARD. RAN away from the Subscriber, in Halifax County, near Doby's Store, on Burches Creek, on the first of November last, a negro man named DICK, about thirty years of age, five feet eleven inches high, of a yellowish complexion. Had on when he went away, a suit of Virginia cloth cloaths, and a new wool hat. He has worked at the carpenter's trade, and is a good sawyer. Whoever will deliver the said negro to me, or secure him in any public gaol [jail], so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward. JOSEPH AIKIN. Dec. 9, 1783.

N.B. I am apprehensive he passes by the name of James Scott, and has a pass signed by Col. Haynes Morgan, given by said Morgan, to a free mulatto of that name. J.A."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* January 3, 1784, p. 3, col. 3.

1784, December 11

Westmoreland County, Va.

James  
bricklayer

"Negro James Bricklayer Worked this day on Mr Rices Chimney Also Monday the 13th Tuesday 14 & Wednesday the 15th. in all 4 dayes"

Journal (August 27, 1784 - December 9, 1785), Robert Carter Papers (LC).  
(see October 26, 1781, May 11, 1782, July 10, 1787, August 24, 1789, December 11, 1784, February 1, 1792, February 13, 1792)

1785, January 13

Westmoreland County, Va.

Oliver  
carpenter

"Oliver to be directed to proceed immediately to Forest Quarter in order to make a door wanted for a Tobacco house at the said Quarter"

Journal (August 27, 1784 - December 9, 1785), Robert Carter Papers (LC).  
(see January 1, 1782 and March 27, 1782)

1785, March 12

New Kent County, Va.

Ned  
bricklayer

"TEN DOLLARS REWARD. RAN away from the subscriber, in New-Kent County, on the 27th of January last, a likely negro man named NED, about 26 years of age, about 4 feet 8 inches high, of a yellowish complexion, with a scar on one of his jaws, which sometimes matters; has had the smallpox, though scarcely perceivable; is of the middle size, and a bricklayer by trade; his dress, an old rusty red coat and felt hat, and sometimes country cloth, such as white cotton filled in, with white yarn. He has been seen in the City of Richmond, about Rockett's Landing. I forewarn all persons from harbouring the said fellow, or carrying him out of the State. Any person delivering the said slave to the subscriber, shall receive the above reward, from STEPHEN WILLIS; Who will give the best encouragement to three or four good BRICKLAYERS, that come well recommended, and apply by the first of April next. I have several likely negro MEN and BOYS to hire, from the 7th instant, until Christmas next. March 1785. J.W."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* March 12, 1785, p. 1, col. 3.

1785, March 17

Westmoreland County, Va.

"Carpenters to be sent to Gemini to New cover the Overseers Dwelling hos."

Journal (August 27, 1784 - December 9, 1785), Robert Carter Papers (LC).

1785, May 28

Cumberland County, Va.

Jack, formerly Patterson, alias William Scott  
carpenter; cooper

"120 Dollars Reward. RUN away from the subscriber in Cumberland county, about the 15th of August last, a mulatto man slave named JACK, forty years old, and about five feet five or six inches high; his beard grows up his temples, which he generally wears long, turns his toes rather out when he walks; is a carpenter and cowper by trade, and carried some of his tools away with him. I have been informed that he has been at work lately in the town of Norfolk, where he passed for a freeman by the name of William Scott, and has a forged pass with him; but is now supposed to be gone into the lower part of North Carolina.

Also run away from the subscriber about the first of February last, a young mulatto fellow, named JACK, rather above the middle size, wears his hair combed high before, and his beard down his temples; and has a down look; he has been lately taken up and confined in Princess Anne jail, but made his escape and is supposed to be somewhere in the lower part of this state, or gone to North Carolina. When he was apprehended he went by the name of James Scott, and had a forged pass for his freedom. Whoever will deliver them to Mr. William Rose, keeper of the public jail in Richmond, or to the subscriber in Cumberland, shall receive the above reward, or sixty dollars for each of the said slaves. They are very artful sensible fellows, and without great care will make their escape. HENRY MACON."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* May 28, 1785, p. 3, col. 3.  
(see above October 16, 1784)

1785, June 11

Hanover County, Va.

Nero, alias George Patrick  
carpenter, joiner

"TEN DOLLARS REWARD. RAN away on the first day of January last, a negro man slave named NERO, by trade a carpenter and joiner; his ingenuity is such that he can turn his hand to almost any trade. He is a well made fellow, about 5 feet 6 inches high, of a yellow complexion, a little bow-legged, and bald; one of his fore teeth darker than the rest. He was seen in Hobb's Hole about three months ago; it is not improbable but he may hire himself as a



free negro to work on board some vessel, or on shore, as he has done since he absconded. I am informed that he has been employed by a fellow, who served his time with Mr. Charles Carter, of Shirley, who calls himself Peter Shorde, to drive cattle from the Northern Neck, to sell in other parts of the Country. He was taken up at one Swynes, and committed to the gaol [jail] of Charles City County the 21st of last April, and has a forged pass, wherein he called himself George Patrick. He broke gaol [jail] the the [sic] 6th of this instant. The above reward will be given to any person that will deliver him to me near Newcastle. THOMAS JONES. June 11, 1785."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* July 9, 1785, p. 4, col. 2.

1785, June 25

Dinwiddie County, Va.

Joe, alias Peter Tony  
carpenter, sawyer

"Five Pounds Reward FOR apprehending JOE, who ran away from the subscriber in Dinwiddie on the 10th day of February last. He is a dark Mulatto, 24 years old, stout and well made, 6 feet 2 inches high, has a bushy head of hair, and is of the Indian breed; is an excellent sawyer, can do rough carpenters work, plays on the violin, of which he is very fond; he endeavoured to pass for a free man since his elopement, and changed his name to PETER TONY, when he was taken up at Jordan's point in Prince George county. As he was then trying to get on board a vessel (in company with a sailor) to go down the river, may very likely be lurking in some town in the lower parts of this state, or perhaps in Baltimore, and assume to himself a new name since his escape. Whoever apprehends the said slave and delivers him to William Wilkins, in Prince George, (to whom I have sold him) shall receive the above reward. DRURY THWEATT. N.B. I will pay the above reward to any person on delivering the above mentioned slave to me, 10 l. if brought from another state, and 3 l. if secured in jail that I may get him. WILLIAM WILKINS."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* June 25, 1785, p. 4, col. 2.

1785, July 6

Westmoreland County, Va.

Will  
carpenter

"THIRTY DOLLARS REWARD. RAN away on Sunday night last, the following slaves, viz. ZACK, a bright Mulatto, about 6 feet high, slim made, has a surly way of speaking, is about 24 years of age: He had on a new felt hat, osnaburg shirt, country cloth breeches and waistcoat. -- NAT, a dark Mulatto, rather fleshy, about 5 feet 10 inches high, and apt to frown: He had on and took with him a mixed wool and cotton country cloth coat, a Kendal cotton coat dyed

brown, a pair of blue breeches lined with brown linen, osnaburg shirt marked N in the bosom, and is about 24 or 25 years of age. -- WILL, a tawny fellow, small made, about 5 feet 8 inches high, about 21 years of age, a carpenter by trade: He took with him a waistcoat and breeches made of country cloth, a hat and part of his tools: This is the second trip he has made. When he went away before, he took some of his tools which served him to travel by, as he told those that questioned him he belonged to me, and was going to work at my back quarters. Whoever will bring the said slaves to me, or secure them in gaol [jail], so that I get them again, shall have the above reward, or TEN DOLLARS for either of them. JOHN TURBERVILLE. Westmoreland County, Virginia, July 6, 1785."

*Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser* July 21, 1785, p. 3, col. 1.

**1785, July 9**

**Middlesex County, Va.**

Peter Milvin, alias Isaac Maivir  
painter

"COMMITTED to the Gaol [jail] or Middlesex County, on the 15th day of June 1785; a negro man who says his name is PETER MILVIN, but since says his name is ISAAC MAIVIR; he is about 5 feet 10 inches high, of a black complexion; and a very likely fellow, about 24 years of age, and says that he came from Boston, with Mr. Lewis Edwards, says that he is a Painter by trade, and further says, that he is a free man. The owner (if any) is desired to take him away and pay charges. JOHN CRAINE, Gaoler [jailer]."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* July 9, 1785, p. 1, col. 2.

**1785, July 10**

**Hanover County, Va.**

Ralph, alias William Lucas or Moss  
bricklayer; waterman

"KING WILLIAM, JULY 10, 1785. RUN away from the subscriber, in Hanover Town where he was at work at the bricklayers trade, about the last of May, or beginning of June, RALPH, a negro lad, about 18 or 19 years of age, a deceitful rogue, who had been pilfering, and detected in his villainy. I understand he went down the river in a flat belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Watkins of Cumberland, to York, and assumed the name of William Lucas or Moss, and passes for a freeman, he pretends to shew a pass or certificate of his freedom, and endeavors to get employment as a waterman, and has made one trip to Norfolk in Capt. Lilly's vessel, in that capacity; I therefore forewarn all masters of vessels or others, from carrying the said slave out of the country at their peril. Whoever will apprehend the said negro, and secure him so that I get him again, shall receive such a reward as may be thought reasonable for

apprehending hirelings, as I hired the said slave of Mrs. Elizabeth Dabney of Charlotte County, who, I make no doubt, willing to add liberally to the reward. GEORGE BROOKE."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* August 13, 1785, p. 3, col. 2.

**1785, August 18**  
James and Tom  
carpenters

**Fairfax County, Va.**

"Began with James and Tom to work on my Park fencing [area between the mansion house and the Potomac River]."

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington* IV: 184.  
(see above February 5, 19 and 20, 1760, January 18, 19, 22, February 18, 26 and May 7, 1768 and below February 18, 1786, March 20, 1796)

**1785, November 5**  
Harry  
carpenter

**Augusta County, Va.**

"COMMITTED to the jail of York, a negro man by the name of HARRY, by trade a carpenter, the property of James M'Clary of Augusta county; this fellow says he was sold by Dr. Thomas Carter to Matthew Clay, and by Clay to M'Clary. The owner is desired to pay charges, and take him away. THOMAS NEWMAN, Jailer."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* November 5, 1785, p. 1, col. 3.

**1786, February 18**  
James, Isaac, Sambo, Tom Nokes  
carpenters

**Fairfax County, Va.**

"Took a list to day of all my Negroes which are as follows at Mount Vernon and the plantations around it - viz -" 216 total and 67 at the home house (including 28 men and 13 women); 34 skilled slaves at home house (21 are men), including four carpenters: James, Isaac, Sambo and Tom Nokes.

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington* IV: 277-283. Isaac is identified as "Head Carpr." in V: 83 (December 23, 1786).  
(see above August 18, 1785 and below December 6-12, 1789, January 3-9, 1790, June 1791, December 16, 1792, August 18, 1793, January 19, 1794, February 7, 1796, March 20, 1796)

1786, March 17  
Daniel  
carpenter

Westmoreland County, Va.

"Carpenter Daniel pd Vincent Redman for a blanket - 8..4"

Journal (December 12, 1785 - January 4, 1787), Robert Carter Papers (LC).  
(see December 29, 1786, September 11, 1787)

1786, May 22

Westmoreland County, Va.

"The following Carpenters Sent this day to begin to get framing &c. for to  
build a Tobacco house on Lot No. 3 part of Metcalfs Tract Now Occupied by  
Mr. William Marmaduke. Viz. 1 George

2 Willoughby  
3 Sam  
4 Frank  
5 James  
6 Neill  
7 Vincent  
8 Sawney"

Journal (December 12, 1785 - January 4, 1787), Robert Carter Papers (LC).  
(see January 1, 1782, December 29, 1786, May 4, 1792)

1786, June 27

Orange County, Va.

"My fathers House raised. The joiners with Joseph, Ambrose, & Geo Clark &  
Jno Pendleton were the raisers ...."

Francis Taylor Diary (VSL).

1786, July 10  
Tom  
carpenter

Richmond County, Va.

"RICHMOND COUNTY, July 10, 1786. RUN AWAY from the Subscriber some  
time ago, two Negro men, viz. TOM, a black fellow, well set, a Carpenter by  
trade; I think he has a scar on his left cheek, and is inclined to a rupture; he  
had on when he went away, a blue cotton jacket and white cotton breeches, an  
Oznaburg shirt, he took several other cloaths with him -- PAUL, slim yellow  
fellow, a little round shouldered, he is apt when spoken to a little sharp, to  
stammer in his speech, he had a blue cotton jacket, and several other cloaths;

they are both very great Rogues, and very artful fellows. Whoever takes up the said Negroes, and conveys them to me in Richmond County, I promise them a reward of FIVE POUNDS for each. JOHN SMITH."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* July 19, 1786, p. 1, col. 1.

**1786, July 24**

**York County, Va.**

Jerry and Nat  
bricklayers, plasterers

"Mr. Nathaniel Burwell (York River) Dr."

"To 10 days work of Jerry & Nat at plastering Suky's House & repairing do in dwelling House a 6/" [£ - 3 -]

Humphrey Harwood Account Book, Ledger B (CWF). Harwood was a Williamsburg mason.

(see above September 6, 1783 and below July 22, 1790, March 1, 1792, November 17, 1793, April 26, 1794, May 1, 1794, May 29, 1794)

**1786, September 1**

**Richmond County, Va.**

Cheshire  
carpenter

"SIX POUNDS REWARD. RAN AWAY from the Plantation of WM. BERNARD, in Richmond County, some time ago, a Negro man Slave named CHESHIRE, of a yellowish complexion, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, with a scar on the right or left side of his under jaw, strong made, and rather inclined to be bow legged. He understands something of the Carpenter's business. Whoever will deliver the said Slave to me living near the head of Machodock Creek, in King George County, shall receive the above reward, and if secured in any Gaol [jail] so that I get him again, Three Pounds. JOHN ASHTON, sen. Guardian. September 1, 1786."

*Virginia Gazette or the American Advertiser* September 13, 1786, p. 4, col. 3.

**1786, December 29**

**Westmoreland County, Va.**

Vincent, James, Frank, Natt  
sawyers  
Daniel, Dick, Simon, Sam, Willoughby, George, Lewis  
carpenters  
Nelson  
joiner

"carpenters at Nomoni Hall":

"1 Daniel (invalid) now with Dick Miller (formerly Sawyer with Jack)

2 Dick (Millar)

3 Vincent (invalid) sawyer with Natt

4 Nelson (Joiner)

5 James (sawyer)}

6 Frank (saywer} saw jointly

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7 Natt (sawyer)

8 Simon (son of James sawyer) he to be drafted from Old Ordinary [quarter]  
and to join the Carpenters -

9 Sam (carpenter)

10 Willoughby (carpenter)

11 George (carpenter)

12 Lewis now at Coles point [quarter] he to be drafted & join the carpenters"

Journal (December 12, 1785 - January 4, 1787), Robert Carter Papers (LC).

(see January 1, 1782, March 17, 1786, May 22, 1786, January 1, 1787, September  
11, 1787, May 4, 1792)

1787, January 1

Westmoreland County, Va.

George

carpenter

"Carpenter George Covered the Coopers Shop the 1 & 2d day of Janry 1787."

Journal (December 12, 1785 - January 4, 1787), Robert Carter Papers (LC).

(see January 1, 1782, December 29, 1786)

1787, January 13

Westmoreland County, Va.

"Carpenters Gang Cr[editor] under for Work done in 1786

[]rom Marmaduke {By New Tobo House 30 ft by 16

addition to Dwelling 16 by 16

New Corn House floor & logs sawn 12 by 8

Covering Old Dwelling 16 by 16

Do Small Shed to Do

John Marmaduke {By Covering & putting 2 New Sills to dwelling house 20 by  
16

Covering a Corn house 12 by 16

Do & laying a new loft with [sic] for a kitchen 16 by 8

New Meat house Stuff hewd  
repairing roof of Tobacco house 10 by 8

Thos Sandford {By New Corn house plank floor &  
formerly logs sawn with a partition 16 by 12  
Scrimshaw

Geo: Harrison {Upsetting & Mending the roof  
and making 2 new doors for Tobacco house"

Journal (December 12, 1785 - January 4, 1787), Robert Carter Papers (LC).

1787, February 4 and April 10  
Neptune  
bricklayer

Fairfax County, Va.

George Washington to Henry Lee:

"It is not my wish to be your competitor in the purchase of any of Mr. Hunters tradesmen: especially as I am in a great degree principled against increasing my number of Slaves by purchase and suppose moreover that Negroes sold on credit will go high. yet if you are not disposed to buy the Bricklayer which is advertized for Sale, for your own use, find him in the vigour of life, from report a good workman and of tolerable character and his price does not exceed one hundred, or a few more pounds, I should be glad if you would buy him for me. I have much work in this way to do this Summer. If he has a family, with which he is to be sold; or from whom he would reluctantly part I decline the purchase, his feelings I would not be the means of hurting in the latter case, nor at any rate be incumbered with the former."

George Washington to John Lawson:

"On the 8th. Instant Neptune delivered me your letter of the 2d. Instant. Although he does not profess to be a workman, yet as he has some little knowledge of Bricklaying, seems willing to learn, and is with a man who understands the business, I will keep him, and this shall be my obligation to pay you the sum for which he sold, at the time and agreeably to the terms of Mr. Hunters Sale ... P.S. Since writing the above, and informing Neptune of my determination to buy him he seems a good deal disconcerted on acct. of a wife which he says he has at Mrs. Garrards from whom he is unwilling to be so far removed this also embarrasses me as I am unwilling to hurt the feelings of anyone. I shall therefore if agreeable to you keep him awhile to see if I can reconcile him to the separation (seeing her now and then) in which case I will purchase him, if not I will send him back, and pay what hire you shall think

fit and is reasonable to charge for the time he is here."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXIX: 154, 199.  
(see April 10, 1787)

1787, February 27

Orange County, Va.

Moses  
carpenter

"Set Carpenter Moses about lathing & George and Frank to cram the Kitchen."

Francis Taylor Diary (VSL).  
(see below December 26, 28 and 31, 1792)

1787, April 10

Fairfax County, Va.

Neptune  
bricklayer

"Recd. from Mr. Jno. Lawson, Negro Neptune, on trial as a Brick layer."

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington* V: 131.  
(see above February 4 and April 10, 1787)

1787, May 15

Georgetown, Va.

Bob  
joiner

"FIVE POUNDS REWARD. RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Georgetown on Potomack River, BOB, a Mulatto fellow, rather small size, about 40 years of age, not very talkative, has bushy hair, was brought up to the joiner's business and can do very good work; he is a modest fellow but will get drunk when he can get liquor. His former master, Mr. William Haymond, who I am informed lives in Harrison County, Virginia, sold him to me in the year 1773, but before that time he had intended to procure his freedom as a slave, by selling him to a man in Frederick County, for the term I think of 10 years, but finding the person could not pay the money agreed upon, the bargain became void and Bob was sold to me by Mr. Haymond as a slave, but by some means, having possession of the papers, whereby he was to have obtained his freedom, petitioned the Magistrates of Montgomery Court, for that purpose, and on a hearing was ordered to return to his State of slavery. I suppose he may still have those papers in his possession, and shew them as his discharge. - When he left me, which was about the 4th of April last, he had on a brown sheeting linen shirt, a short coat and breeches of drab frize, stockings, shoes



and hat, but I cannot describe the quality, I think his height is somewhere between 5 feet 6 and 5 feet 8 inches. - I am inclined to think he will endeavour to get up to his old master's, or perhaps to the Eastern-Shore in some vessel from George-Town. - The above reward will be paid for securing him so that I get him again, and reasonable expences for bringing and delivering him to me in George-Town. ROBERT PETER. George-Town, May 15, 1787.

N.B. All Captains, Masters of vessels or other[s] are hereby forewarned from taking on board or [e]mploying him at their peril. R. PETER."

*Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser* May 17, 1787, p. 3, col. 3.

**1787, July 10**

**Richmond County, Va.**

James  
bricklayer

"James Bricklayr Macky Nacy [?] Ralph, Prince John Coghlen were this day sent to Dickerson's Mill to repair the Bridge Causeway &c"

Day Book (January 13, 1787 - February 20, 1788), Robert Carter Papers (LC).  
(see October 26, 1781, May 11, 1782, December 11, 1784, August 24, 1789,  
February 1, 1792, February 13, 1792)

**1787, September 11**

**Westmoreland County, Va.**

Dick and Daniel  
carpenters

"Taurus [plantation] Mr James Harrison wishes that Dick & Daniel maybe Sent to Taurus to put in some light temporary beams into the Dwellg. built by Mr. RC in order to hang Tobo. therein. the Old Tobo House too ruinous to venture any therein"

Day Book (January 13, 1787 - February 20, 1788), Robert Carter Papers (LC).  
(see January 1, 1782, March 17, 1786, December 29, 1786)

**1787, November 20**

**King George's County, Va.**

Sam  
sawyer; ditcher

"Nov. 20, 1787 Five Pounds Reward. RAN AWAY, about the 10th of September last, from the subscriber, a likely NEGRO FELLOW, named SAM, about 24 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches high, rather of a yellowish colour, a little bow-legged, one of his feet is a little swelled; he is a good ditcher and

sawyer, and probable may attempt to pass as a free man, being a cunning, artful, active fellow; he also may probably have procured a pass, and is thought will attempt to proceed to the northward. Any person who will deliver to me the said NEGRO, or secure him so that I get him again, shall be intitled to the above Reward. All masters of vessels and others are forwarned from harbouring or employing him at their peril. PETER HANSBROUGH."

*Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser* November 27, 1787.

1788, January 21

Westmoreland County, Va.

"Gave Jn. Crask an order on the Marsh for 4 barrels of Corn at 15/ a barrel to pay him in part for the Cornhouses he built there last summer £3. - Let 1.8 [ ] I dedicated for his hire of my Negroe makes £4.8.0 deduct from 3/8 his work."

Richard Henry Lee Memorandum Book (HL).

1788, April 17, 28, 29 and May 26

Fairfax County, Va.

Thomas or Tom Davis  
bricklayer

"Charles Hagan came to Brick making to day - set him to makg. a cover for the Bricks before he began to Mould. Gunner and Sam were sent to Work with him."

"Charles Hagan, the Brickmaker, not at Work to day."

"Charles Hagan was at work in the Brick yard."

"Added Thos. Davis, Reuben, and Billy to the Brick layers to day, by which means five were thus employed. The necessary attendance was given them. Also set Gunner to making Bricks, along with Charles Hagan, with attendance also."

Jackson and Twohig, eds., *The Diaries of George Washington* V: 304, 312, 331. Hagan was a free, white brickmaker hired by Washington at a salary of £4 10s. a month; he worked at Mount Vernon from April to November of 1788. Other named individuals were African-American slave laborers, with the possible exception of Reuben (see below March 3, 1793). In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261) Thos. Davis is recorded as "Tom Davis ... B:layr." and Gunner as "Passed Labour" and 90 years of age, both at Mount Vernon. (see below March 31, 1789, November 4, 1792, December 22, 1793, November 5, 1796)

1788, April 24

New Kent County, Va.

Caesar

carpenter, sawyer; mower, shoemaker

"The Dollars Reward. RUNAWAY from the Subscriber, on the 18th instant, a negro man slave by the name of CAESAR, A STOUT strong made fellow, rather short and thick, about 40 years of age, he is a sawyer, a carpenter, a shoemaker, and a remarkable good mower; he is a strong headed sensible fellow; has a rough face with a scar on the right side, he wore a dirty white great coat of twilled cloth, with a g[r]een cape, a short coat, waistcoat and breeches of the same, white German osnabrigs shirt, shoes and stockings; he carried with him a pair of buckskin breeches. - He will probably pass for a freeman, or perhaps has a forged pass. - It is likely he will be seen at the time of cutting small grain, as he is extremely fond of that business, and generally gets from 6 to 8 shillings per day by it. - The above reward will be given for apprehending and securing the said runaway so that I get him again. L.A. Pauly. Diascum bridge, New-Kent county, April 24, 1788."

*Virginia Independent Chronicle* May 7, 1788, p. 3, col. 2.  
(see below August 12, 1790)

1788, July 24

Henrico County, Va.

Will, alias Martin

hewer, sawyer

"Five Dollars Reward. RUNAWAY from the subscriber in Henrico county, the 18th instant (July) a negro man named WILL, but frequently goes by the name of Martin; He is about 30 years of age, a thick well set fellow, about 5 feet 5 inches high, tolerable black; he took with him two coats made of plains, one a green and the other a white, and one pair of white plains breeches, and one of hempen rolls, a pair of white yarn stockings and a pair of shoes with nails in the bottom. He is a very good hewer and sawyer, and in short can turn his hand to any thing in the plantation business. I expect he will endeavour to pass as a free man, and hire himself as such. All persons are forewarned from employing him and masters of vessels from taking him out of the state at their peril. The above reward will be given to any one who will secure him, so that I get him, and all reasonable charges if brought hom to me, living in the lower end of the county, within four miles of Four-mile creek. SAMUEL GATHRIGHT."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* July 24, 1788, p. 3, col. 3.

1788, September 29

King William County, Va.

Stephen

carpenter; waitingman, hostler

"Ten Dollars Reward, WILL be given by the subscriber in King William County, to any person who will deliver or secure in jail, STEPHEN, who has been run-away for some months past; he is a likely bright molatto fellow, about 22 years of age, has a very bushy head of hair and a remarkable scar on the shin of one of his legs; he is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high; he has with him an old peagreen fagathy coat, a red sailor looking jacket, and sometimes wears brown overalls; but it is probably he will frequently [sic] change both his dress and name and endeavor to pass as a freeman; he has been accoustomed [sic] to wait in a house and to act as a hostler, but 'tis expected, he is very artful and ingenious, that he will pretend to the carpenter's trade. He was seen about the beginning of August in company with a mulatto fellow, by the name of Sam, the property of Mr. George Turner of Caroline county, for whom there is also offered a reward of ten dollars. Sam is about 30 years of age, 6 feet high, rather spare, with long bushy hair, and has a remarkable scar on one of his cheeks occasioned by an Imposthume. They then said that they intended to Norfolk, where they should pass for freemen. JOHN CATLETT, Jun. King William, Sept. 29, 1788."

*Virginia Independent Chronicle* October 1, 1788.

1788, December

Williamsburg, Va.

Billy

brickmaker (?)

"Estate of H. Harwood in a/c with W. Harwood the Exor" Dr.

"To pd. negro Billy for burning brick Kiln - 10 - "

Humphrey Harwood Account Book, Ledger D (CWF). Harwood was a Williamsburg mason.

1789, January 21

Powhatan County, Va.

Fox

sawyer

"RUN AWAY from the subscriber, living in Powhatan county, the 26th of December, 1785, a bright mulatto man slave, named FOX. I expect he has altered his name. He is about 34 years old, a short well made fellow, a very bushy head of hair, somewhat bow-legged, has a down look, stammers in his talk when not surprised, but when closely attacked he is much worse. From the information I have had, he passed through the town of Manchester the

20th of January, 1789; he then had on a suit of blue cloathing and a knapsack on his back, and said he was on his way to Petersburg. He can saw very well at the whipsaw. I expect he has passed as a freeman. Any person that will secure him so that I get him, shall receive FIVE POUNDS reward, besides what the law allows. Arthur Branch, Powhatan, Jan. 21, 1789."

*Virginia Independent Chronicle* January 28, 1789, p. 1, col. 2.

1789, March 31

Fairfax County, Va.

Tom Davis  
bricklayer

George Washington to George Augustine Washington:

"After the Carpenters have given security to the old Barn in the Neck, they must proceed to the completion of the New one at the Ferry, according to the Plan and the explanations which have been given. Gunner [a laborer] and Tom Davis should get Bricks made for this purpose ... When the Brick work is executed at the Ferry Barn, Gunner and Davis must repair to D:[ogue] Run and make Bricks there; at the place and in the manner which has been directed that I may have no sammon bricks in that building."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXX: 258. In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261) Tom Davis is recorded as "Tom Davis ... B:layr." and Gunner as "Passed Labour" and 90 years of age, both at Mount Vernon.

(see April 17, 28, 29 and May 26, 1788, November 4, 1792, December 22, 1793, November 5, 1796)

1789, May 28

Richmond,

Va.

Aaron  
carpenter; blacksmith, shoemaker

"Eight Dollars Reward.

Went from the subscribers shop in Richmond, on the 28th of September, a blacksmith, named AARON, LATE the property of Col Bannister, and now belonging to Mr. Wm. Alexander, of Richmond. He is a negro of light complexion, about 5 feet 10 inches high, slim made, with a grave look, about 27 years of age, a piece bit off one of his ears, occasioned by fighting, had on a short brown coat, white waistcoat, and corduroy breeches: He has a wife at Mr. St. George Tucker's, at Petersburg, and once belonged to Col. Byrd, of Westover, and it is expected he has gone that road. He is gone away from an ill grounded apprehension of being sent to the back country, and from no dissatisfaction at his situation. The above reward, besides what is allowed by

law, will be paid on apprehending and delivering him at Richmond, to JOSEPH M'CAUGHEY.

N.B. He is very artful, and as he understands the shoemaking and carpenters business, 'tis probable he will follow those branches."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* May 28, 1789.

1789, May 28

Richmond, Va.

York

plasterer (?)

"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."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* May 28, 1789.

1789, May 28

Stafford County, Va.

Bob, alias Aaron Reid

hewer, sawyer

"Five Pounds Reward. RUN-AWAY the 25th of December last, from the subscriber, living in the upper end of Stafford county, in Virginia, a likely country born negro man, named BOB; he is of a yellow complexion, about 35 years of age, and about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high; he has thin lips and sharp nose for a negro, his two upper fore teeth broad; he is a good hewer and sawyer, and handy at many things; he is exceeding well made to his height. He made an elopement in the year 1783, and passed as a free man for 18 months, by the name of Aaron Reid, in the town of Alexandria. Whoever takes up said negro and brings him home, shall receive the above reward, paid by AARON BOTTS. May 28, 1789."

*Virginia Independent Chronicle and General Advertiser* June 3, 1789.

(see also above May 20, 1784)

1789, July 7

Tom  
sawyer

Cumberland County, Va.

"Twenty Dollars Reward. RUN AWAY from the subscriber's plantation in Cumberland county, about the last of April, TOM, a dark mulatto Negro fellow, about 25 years of age, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, and well made; he has been used to the whipsaw, and perhaps may endeavour to hire himself as a sawyer. He took with him his wife PEGGY, about 20 years of age, a large well made bright mulatto wench, remarkable thick lips, and very slow of speech. They were both raised in King & Queen county from whence they were removed last fall, and where they may now be lurking; but I am rather apprehensive they may endeavour to pass as free people, and attempt to get out of the State. I will give the above reward, besides what the law allows to any person that will deliver them to my overseer, Charles Carter, in Cumberland; to me in this county; or to Mr. Rose, Jailor in Richmond; or one half the above reward for either of them. I forewarn all masters of vessels, and other persons, from carrying them out of the state, or hiring them. JOHN MACON. Powhatan county, July 7, 1789."

*Virginia Independent Chronicle and General Advertiser* July 15, 1789.

1789, August 17

Harry  
carpenter, joiner

Dumfries, Va.

"Ten Dollars Reward. A LIKELY Mulatto Man, named HARRY, about 24 Years of Age, belonging to Miss Ballendine, of Dumfries, left the Service of the Subscriber, to whom he was hired, about five Weeks ago. He is rather under the middle Size, well made, very artful, and by Trade a Joiner and Carpenter. He has Relations in the Neighbourhood of Mattawoman, in Charles County, Maryland, many Acquaintances about Alexandria and Occoquan, near Old-Forge, as well as at this Place, and a Wife at Neabsco Furnace. The above Reward will be paid for apprehending and bringing Home the said Slave, either to his Owner, or to Mr. SOWDEN, my Manager at the Mills, on Powell's-Run, besides what the Law allows by ALEXANDER HENDERSON. Dumfries, August 17, 1789."

*Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser* November 20, 1789.  
(also in *Alexandria Gazette* September 3, 1789, p. 4, col. 4.)

1789, August 24

James  
bricklayer

Westmoreland County, Va.

"James, Brick layer, to be sent to the Old Ordinary [quarter] to underpin the Overseers new dwelling house - Stone and oyster shells ready - "

Day Book (April 18, 1789 - June 7, 1790), Robert Carter Papers (LC).  
(see October 26, 1781, May 11, 1782, December 11, 1784, July 10, 1787, February 1, 1792, February 13, 1792)

1789, December 6-12  
Isaac, James, Sambo  
carpenters

Fairfax County, Va.

Farm Report:

"Dr. Joinners & Carpenters for the work of 4 Men Amtg [per] week to 24 [days] Cr.

4 By Thos Mohony About the green House window Shetters

6 By Isaac engaged about ditto

2 By James & Sambo Sawing 8 pieces for the green House &  
8 laths 16 feet long

5 By James Confined to the House having fallen from the saw pit &  
wounded himself

2 By Sickness Thos Mohony 2 days

1 By rounding Shingles

4 By hewing 10 Stocks 16 feet long 10 Inches deep

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24 Total"

Abbot and Twohig, eds., *The Papers of George Washington* (Presidential Series) IV: 372. Thomas Mahony was a free, white house carpenter and joiner employed by Washington between 1786 and 1788. Isaac is identified as "Head Carpr." in *Diaries* V: 83 (December 23, 1786).

(see above August 18, 1785, February 18, 1786, and below January 3-9, 1790, June 1791, December 16, 1792, August 18, 1793, January 19, 1794, February 7, 1796, March 20, 1796)

1790, January 3-9, 1790  
James, Isaac, Sambo  
carpenters

Fairfax County, Va.



Farm Report:

"Dr. Joiners & Carpenters for the work of 4 men Amtg per week to [days]	24
Cr. By Thomas Mohony puting the plates of the barn Shed walls	
puting up Joists & Posts	4 1/2
By James & Sambo engaged in ditto	10
By Making a Gutter & putg it on the Shed Stable to prevent the water from Injuring the wall	2
By Carrying wheel Stuff from the Top of the Hill to the Houn Kennel for Isaac	1
By Isaac Making a New wheel Barrow and a New wheel to another & assisting about reovg the Lemmon & Orange trees to the Green House and finished a New Cart wheel for D.R. Plantn	6
Total	24"

Abbot and Twohig, eds., *The Papers of George Washington* (Presidential Series) IV: 518. Thomas Mahony was a free, white house carpenter and joiner employed by Washington between 1786 and 1788. Isaac is identified as "Head Carpr." in *Diaries* V: 83 (December 23, 1786).

(see above August 18, 1785, February 18, 1786, December 6-12, 1789 and below June, 1791, December 16, 1792, August 18, 1793, January 19, 1794, February 7, 1796, March 20, 1796)

1790, March 5

Culpeper County, Va.

Pompey

sawyer; shoemaker

"RUN-AWAY from the subscriber in Culpeper county, a likely negro fellow by the name of POMPEY, about 40 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, a black complexion, bow-legged, stout made, very strong and active; he is an artful ingenious fellow, a tolerable good shoe-maker, an excellent sawyer, and has been accustomed of various kinds of business; he is much addicted to liquor, and when intoxicated very talkative; he was allowed the privilege of visiting his wife in Richmond, by the name of Betty, the property of William Banks; she was to return with him to Culpeper, for which purpose they obtained a pass from Richard T. Banks about the 17th of last January, also had a letter directed to Baylor Banks. She is about 38 years old, 5 feet one or 2 inches high, a black complexion, an agreeable countenance, and has lost one of her upper fore teeth. It is very uncertain what kind of clothes they may have on, as they had a variety of them. I suspect they will endeavor to pass as free negroes. Any person that will give such intelligence that they may be had again, or deliver them to Richard T. Banks in Richmond, or the subscriber in Culpeper, shall be generously rewarded and reasonable expenses paid by BAYLOR

BANKS. Culpeper county, March 5, 1790."

*Virginia Independent Chronicle and General Advertiser* March 10, 1790.

1790, March 10

Albemarle County, Va.

Sam and Squire

carpenter, sawyer, blacksmith; carpenter, sawyer

"Forty Dollars Reward FOR apprehending and delivering of two mulatto men, SAM and SQUIRE, to the subscriber in Albemarle county, or SIX POUNDS for either of them, if apprehended in the state of Virginia; if out, I will pay the above reward and all necessary expences. They were formerly the property of Mr. Watt Bradley, deceased, of Charles City county, and sold by his executors to Colonel William Randolph, and since their elopement sold to me. SAM, a bright mulatto, about 6 feet high, about 28 years old, he dresses well, has a bushy head of hair, he has been branded on each cheek; he has been shot with large Bristol shot in the right knee and thigh. He has a wife at Mrs. Eppess in Charles City county, and has been seen to pass and repass frequently of late towards Rappahannock. He has some knowledge of the carpenters and blacksmiths trades and is an excellent sawyer. I am informed he has procured himself a pass, and passes as a free man. He has been once badly whipped. SQUIRE, a dark mulatto, about 24 years old, about 6 feet 1 or 2 inches high, stoops in his shoulders, and a little knock-kneed. He has a scar on one of his thighs and buttocks, occasioned by a burn when a boy. He has some knowledge of the carpenters trade, and is a very good sawyer. He has with him a low, black, well set wench for a wife, the property of a Mr. James Toolers of Charles City, the wench is a decent house servant, can sew and wash very well. I have some reasons to believe they have procured themselves passes, and made to the northward as free people. I expect they are gone to Baltimore or Philadelphia. I also have reason to believe that they have with them a likely black fellow who can read and write, and has upon examination confessed himself to be a slave, belonging to some man in North Carolina. I will give Ten Dollars for apprehending and securing either Sam or Squire, so that I get them. MENAN MILLS."

*Virginia Independent Chronicle and General Advertiser* March 10, 1790.

1790, June 17

Henry County, Va.

Johnson

carpenter

"Twenty Dollars Reward, and all reasonable expences paid, for apprehending and delivering to the subscriber a negro man slave, named JOHNSON, who ran from me the twenty-sixth of April last, a carpenter by trade, about five feet

ten inches high, about forty-eight years of age, and is of a yellowish complexion. I expect he will endeavour to pass as a free man; he was raised near Fredericksburg; but has not been there for many years. GEORGE HAIRSTON. Henry county, June 17, 1790."

*Virginia Independent Chronicle and General Advertiser* June 23, 1790.

1790, July 1

Petersburg, Va.

Tom, alias Tom Corn  
sawyer; drayman, waterman

"RUN away from the subscriber the 28th of July last, a very tall, black, likely negro fellow, upwards of six feet high, by the name of TOM, about 30 years of age, has a stoop as he walks, and a smiling countenance when spoke to: Also, very remarkable bad crooked legs, much scarified by sores; his left leg was very sore when he went away and wore a bandage always round it; by his leg he is sure to be known, as I do not believe it will get cured up soon, owing to its being a running sore for about two years before he went off: His clothes cannot be particularly described, as he carried different kinds with him. He has lived several years at Petersburg, part of his time with a Mr. Lauslet, in Blandford, and has been used to go by water and draying in the town: -- From this he is well known by many watermen, that comes to Petersburg; he is also a Sawyer and can do any plantation business. From information I received soon after he run away, he was lurking about Norfolk and Princess Ann counties, passing for a freeman, and was at Mr. Black's at Kemps landing, and hired himself to him, as a freeman, under the name of TOM CORN, which name he has taken from his wife Peggy Corn, (a free, dark mulattoe wench at Petersburg) but his being informed by Mr. Black, that a gentleman and lady from Petersburg (to whom the said fellow is well known) were to be out there the next day to dinner, he disappeared the next morning from Mr. Black's service. Sometime after my hearing that my fellow was down about Norfolk, his wife abovementioned, went down there likewise; on my enquiring after her, was informed that some of her companions said, she was gone to Norfolk, to live with her brother Tom (which is my fellow, her husband) from this, it plainly appears that it was a scheme agreed upon by them both, before hand, to go off in this manner. If they should be found together his wife will partly convict him (should they even change their names,) as they have been man and wife for several years past, and she has never had a child. She is a stout, strong, thick made wench, and her colour nearly as dark as common negroes are. I will give FIVE POUNDS reward, for his being taken and well secured in irons in the Norfolk gaol [jail], so that I get him again. JOHN THEWATT. July 1, 1790."

*Norfolk and Portsmouth Chronicle* August 14, 1790, p. 4, col. 3.

1790, July 13

Westmoreland County, Va.

Jesse  
carpenter

"Nomony Hall Dr. To Carpenter Jesse for 5 Chickens at 4d 0.1.8"

Day Book (June 8, 1790 - November 26, 1792), Robert Carter Papers (LC).

1790, July 22

Williamsburg, Va.

Nat  
bricklayer, plasterer, carpenter (?)

James Anderson Dr.

"To 2 days work of Nat building a Wall putting in a door frame & window frame 8/ - 8 - "

Humphrey Harwood Account Book, Ledger C (CWF). Harwood was a Williamsburg mason.

(see above July 24, 1786 and below March 1, 1792, November 17, 1793, April 26, 1794, May 1, 1794, May 29, 1794)

1790, August 7

James City County, Va.

Caesar  
carpenter

"THE Subscriber has taken up on his plantation, upon the western branch, a Negro BOY, who says he came from James town, that he was born free and was bound apprentice to a Mr. Barrot House, a carpenter near James town: He is about 5 feet high, well made and active, and appears to be about sixteen years of age, he calls himself Caesar; when taken up he was almost naked. The owner of said boy may get him by applying and paying charges. WILLIAM VEALE, Jun. August 7, 1790."

*Norfolk and Portsmouth Chronicle* August 28, 1790, p. 4, col. 3.

1790, August 12

New Kent County, Va.

Caesar  
carpenter, sawyer; mower, shoemaker

"Ran away from the subscriber, since the month of April, 1788, a negro man called CAESAR, a strong made fellow, rather short and thick, about 40 years of age, he is a sawyer, a carpenter, a shoemaker, and a remarkable good mower, he is a strong headed sensible fellow, has a rough face, with a scar on the right

side; he will probably pass for a freeman or has a forged pass; he is, or has been, harboured near one of Col. Bassett's quarters, in King William, where he had formerly a wife ... [ten pounds reward for Caesar or another slave, Barret] L.A. PAULY. Diascum-Bridge, New Kent county, August 12, 1790."

*Virginia Independent Chronicle and General Advertiser* August 18, 1790.  
(see also above April 24, 1788)

**1790, August 26**

**Essex County, Va.**

Bob

house carpenter; blacksmith

"Forty Dollars Reward. RAN AWAY, on the 15th Inst. from the Subscribers, living in Essex County, Rappahannock River, Virginia, Two NEGRO MEN SLAVES, named BOB and MARLBOROUGH. BOB is about 26 Years of Age, a large able-bodied Fellow, but very lame in his right Leg, owing to a Hurt when a Child; when he walks, his Toes, on the lame Leg, are turned very much out to the right, on his left shin Bone, he has a Lump nearly as big as an Egg, occasioned by the Cut of an Axe -- his Feet are uncommonly large, he has a long Visage, and not a very agreeable Countenance; his Complexion is not of the blackest Hue; the many scars upon his Back will fully evince him to be a very great Villain. He is, by trade, both a rough House-Carpenter and a Blacksmith; he is very fond of playing upon the Fiddle, and can both read and write a little. MARLBOROUGH is a very tall lusty Fellow, about 32 Years of Age, of a very black Complexion, his Lips rather thicker than common, looks well, and has no shew of Villany. They had a Variety of Clothes, which cannot be fully described; it is supposed they are gone to Maryland, where they will endeavour to pass for free Men. Whoever will apprehend the said Runaways, and have them secured in any Gaol [jail], so that we can get them again, shall have the sum of FIFTEEN DOLLARS for each of them; and TWENTY DOLLARS Reward for each, if delivered to us. JOHN MONTAGUE, JOHN OWEN. August 26, 1790."

*Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser* September 3, 1790.

**1790, October 15**

**Richmond, Va.**

John

sawyer; blacksmith

"RUN AWAY, a Negro fellow, by the name of JOHN who has for these three or four years past, lived with Mr. William Gaddy, Mr. Francis Gaddy, and lately with me, the subscriber, Blacksmiths in the city of Richmond, and worked at the trade; he also saws pretty well. He is short fellow, yellow complexion, and pock-marked, lame in both feet, but his left foot in particular

has a twist in it, and is sore at the bottom; he always walks with a short stick, which he seems to bear a good deal of weight upon; had on, when he went away, a short coat, homespun linen shirt, and long trousers of the same; he always wears shoes on account of his feet. Whoever will take up the said fellow and return him to me, or confine him so that I can get him, shall have a reward of THREE POUNDS, besides all necessary charges paid. BENJAMIN NORRIS. Richmond, Oct. 15, 1790."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* October 20, 1790.

1790, October 16

Richmond County, Va.

Peter

hewer, sawyer; ditcher, scytheman

"Fifty Dollars Reward. RAN-AWAY a Negro Man, named PETER, a stout well made black fellow, between 20 and 30 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches high, supposed to weigh two hundred, he has a full face, thick under lip, and stammers in speech generally, but more so when surprized or spoken to suddenly; his clothes uncertain, as it is expected they are changed; he is by trade a Ditcher, but can also hew, and saw at the whip saw or use the sythe in the fields; he is fond of conversing on religion, and professes to be of the Baptist church; is a very cunning artful fellow, and it is probable has changed his name. The said Peter was sold about 3 or 4 years ago by one Harris or Harrison a native of Ireland, to Mr. William Graham of Northumberland county, and sometime after by said Graham to William Siffel, of whom the subscriber in December last purchased the said negro Peter, who had some time before absconded from the said Siffel, and was then out, and has not since been heard of. A few months after Peter's elopement, his first mentioned master, Harris or Harrison, the Irishman, also went off in such a manner that no intelligence can be had of him. It is suspected those two fellows have joined themselves together again, and if a second sale has not already taken place, that it is their design for Peter to be sold as often as they find it convenient, and are either of them in want of money. Whoever may take up the said Peter, and will deliver him to the subscriber in Richmond county, state of Virginia, if taken out of the state, shall receive the above reward, but if taken within the state, ten pounds, exclusive of what the law allows. VINCENT REDMAN. N.B. All masters of vessels and others are forewarned harbouring of carrying him off at their peril. Oct. 16, 1790."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* October 27, 1790.

1791, June

Fairfax County, Va.

Isaac

carpenter

"Memorandum of Carpentry Work to Be Done ... Building a Necessary, with two Seats for the use of the New Quarter; It may be shingled with, old Shingles, and weatherboarded with old plank ripped off the old Quarter. Isaac knows where it is to be placed."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXI: 307. In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261) Isaac is recorded as "Isaac ... Carpr." at Mount Vernon and as "Head Carpr." in *Diaries* V: 83 (December 23, 1786).

1792 and earlier

Fairfax County, Va.

"It was very much the practise with Gentlemen of landed and Slave Estates in the interior of Virginia, so to organize them as to have considerable resources within themselves; to employ on pay but few tradesmen & to buy little or none of the coarse Stuffs and materials used by them, and this practise became stronger and more general during the long period of the Revolutionary War which in great measure cut off the means of supply from elsewhere. Thus my Father [George Mason (1725-1792)] had among his slaves Carpenters, Coopers, Sawyers, Blacksmiths, Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, Spinners, Weavers & Knitters, and even a Distiller. His woods furnished Timber and Plank for the Carpenters and Coopers ... His carpenters and sawyers built and kept in repair all the dwelling-Houses, barns, Stables, Ploughs, Harrows, Gates &c., on the Plantations and the out-houses at the Home House."

"The Recollections of Gen. John Mason Pertaining to Gunston Hall" (Gunston Hall).

1792, January 7

York County, Va.

John  
carpenter; cooper

"Committed to the jail of this city, on Tuesday the 3d instant, A NEGRO MAN who calls himself JOHN, and says he belonged to Col. WILLIAM DIGGS of York County, and was sold to a Mr. SLOTT of Charlotte County about six years ago, and has been runing at large ever since. - He is a stout made fellow about 5 feet 10 inches high, about 40 years of age, and by trade a Carpenter and Cooper. His owner is desired to come, pay charges and take him away, from JOHN FENTON, Jailor.  
WILLIAMSBURG, Jan. 7, 1792."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* February 24, 1792, p. 3, col. 2.

1792, February 1  
James and James  
bricklayer and carpenter

Westmoreland County, Va.

"... on this Day R.C. authorised the following negroes, to bargain for themselves, during the present year, 1792, vizt. Nat, Cartman of this place, James, Bricklayer, James, Carpenter, George Cooper, Glocester Billy, Tom Butcher, all of this place. - Tom Walker & Polly of Taurus [plantation], Daniel & Gabriel of Gemini, Primus of Forest Quarter, - Jerry of Cancer in Richmond - Jesse Dinah & Barbara of Old Ordinary Plantation"

Day Book (June 8, 1790 - November 26, 1792), Robert Carter Papers (LC).  
(see October 26, 1781, May 11, 1782, December 11, 1784, May 22, 1786, July 10, 1787, August 24, 1789, February 13, 1792)

1792, February 13  
James  
bricklayer

Westmoreland County, Va.

"Negroe James Bricklayer, Agrees to Rent the House at Aries [plantation] lately occupied by Woosoncroft & 1/2 Acre of Ground & to pay for the House and Lot 3.0.0

Also to Hire his wife Eve, his Son Solomon 5 years old & their Daughter Polly 1 year old, to Victual & Clothe all of said negroes & pay the Taxes & Levies, and to pay Hire for Eve 2.15 - "

Day Book (June 8, 1790 - November 26, 1792), Robert Carter Papers (LC).  
(see October 26, 1781, May 11, 1782, December 11, 1784, May 22, 1786, July 10, 1787,  
August 24, 1789, February 1, 1792)

1792, March 1  
Jerry and Nat  
bricklayers, plasterers

Williamsburg (?), Va.

Charles Hunt Dr.

"To 3 days work of Jerry building Cellar Steps & mending plasterg - 12 - "

James Davis Dr.

"To 8 days work of Nat a 4/ whitewashing & mending plaistering, grates &c. 1.12 -"

Humphrey Harwood Account Book, Ledger C (CWF). Harwood was a Williamsburg mason.

(see above September 6, 1783, July 24, 1786, July 22, 1790, November 17, 1793,



April 26, 1794, May 1, 1794, May 29, 1794)

1792, May 4

Westmoreland County, Va.

Willoby  
carpenter

"Negroe Prince - Senior wants a Trough to beat Tanners bark 6 feet long in the clear - 18 Inches wide & 6 Inches Deep R.C. directed Prince to inform Willoby - Carpenter - to get a Trough of the above Dimentions immediately"

Day Book (June 8, 1790 - November 26, 1792), Robert Carter Papers (LC).  
(see January 1, 1782, May 22, 1786, December 29, 1786)

1792, June 26 and 27

Orange County, Va.

Joe  
mason

"Majr Moores Joe was here plastering the Dairy."

"Joe finished plaistering dairy and went away about 8 or 9 o'clock. My father let him have 31/2 yds brown linen for his work."

Francis Taylor Diary (VSL).

(see below May 18, 22 and 23, 1798 and May 25-28 and 30, 1798)

1792, July 2

Richmond County, Va.

Bob  
house carpenter, joiner and carpenter; wheelwright

"BOB, about 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, upwards of 30 years of age, large limbs, a strong, well made, active Negro man slave, ranaway the 26th of May last: He is a compleat Wheelwright and house carpenter, and a tolerable good joiner and carpenter; he formerly belonged to Mr. John Wormeley, deceased, and lived in York county, between the city of Williamsburg and York Town, removed to Lancaster county, from where he run away in 1789, was taken up about the North mountain, passing as a free man, he was delivered to Capt. John Edmonds, of Fauquier county, who hired him until the close of the last year. - He is pert, smooth tongued sensible, and very artful, fond of dressing in fine cloaths and ruffled shirts and has a variety of cloaths. I expect he has a pass, and will endeavour to pass as a free man. I have some reason to think he will endeavour to get to Pennsylvania, or some other of the northern states. I will, besides what the law allows, give a genteel reward to any person who will apprehend and deliver the said negro to me at this place, or secure him so

that I can get him again, according to the distance he may be taken up from home. All persons are hereby forewarned from harbouring or employing the said negro, or carrying him out of the state either by land or water, as they will be dealt with to the utmost rigor of the law. GRIFFIN GARLAND.  
Virginia, Richmond County, July 2, 1792."

*Virginia Herald and Fredericksburg Advertiser* July 12, 1792, p. 3, col. 4.  
(see below March 11, 1793 and April 10, 1794)

1792, August 28

Westmoreland County, Va.

"When the Carpenters return from the Old Ordinary [quarter] they are to go to Mr. Spearman's & run up a pair of Stairs in the dwelling House & make 2 Closets"

Day Book (June 8, 1790 - November 26, 1792), Robert Carter Papers (LC).

1792, September 11

Petersburg, Va.

Jack  
carpenter

"Ten Dollars Reward. RUN AWAY the fourth inst. September, from the subscriber living in Petersburg, a Negro Fellow, named JACK, about five feet nine or ten inches high, about 30 years of age, of a black complexion, a down look when spoken to, and is by trade a CARPENTER; he can read, and being a very artful fellow, will no doubt use every means to prevent his being discovered -- he is well acquainted in Gloucester county, as he once belonged to Sir John Peyton, and he is also well acquainted in Fredericksburg, where he served his time and has a wife. His cloathing when he went away was an Osnaburg jacket and trowsers, but had a variety of other clothes, such as a blue cloth short coat, blue cloth overalls, a suit of negro cloath, &c. -- Whoever will secure him in any jail, so that I get him again, shall have the above reward, and all reasonable charges paid if brought home. All masters of vessels and others are forewarned from harbouring or carrying him out of the state, as they shall answer the same at their peril. ALEXANDER ROSE.  
Petersburg, September 11, 1792."

*Virginia Herald and Fredericksburg Advertiser* October 25, 1792, p. 3, col. 4.

1792, November 4

Fairfax County, Va.

[Tom] Davis, Muclus, Sims  
bricklayers and carpenter

George Washington to Anthony Whiting:

"I think you had better turn Sam and George over to the Gardener, that their work may appear in his Report. And Davis and Nuclus [sic] in like manner to [Thomas] Green. Sims also if you think he had better remain with the Carpenters. This will simplify the Mansion house report greatly, and let me see more clearly what that gang are employed in."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXII: 204. Thomas Green was a free, white overseer of Washington's carpenters. In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261), Nuclus is recorded as "W. Muclus ... B:layr.," Davis as "Tom Davis ... B:layr." and Sims as "Simms .... Carpr.," all at Mount Vernon. (see above April 17, 28, 29 and May 26, 1788, March 31, 1789 and below November 4, 1792, March 3, 1793, December 22, 1793, August 3, 1794, September 21, 1794, November 5, 1796)

1792, November 8

Fredericksburg, Va.

"THE Subscriber will take three or four boys, about 14 years of age, as Apprentices to the House Carpenter and Joiner's business - Blacks would be preferred. RICH'd GARNER"

*Virginia Herald and Fredericksburg Advertiser* 8 November 1792, p. 3, col. 4.

1792, December 16

Fairfax County, Va.

Isaac  
carpenter

George Washington to Anthony Whiting:

"If Isaac had his deserts, he wd. receive a severe punishment for the House, Tools, and seasoned stuff which has been burned by his carelessness. He must have left the fire in a very unjustifiable situation, or have been a fine time absent from it, for such an accident to have happened before it was too late to have extinguished it. I wish you to inform him, that I sustain injury enough by their idleness; they need not add to it by their carelessness. The present workshop (Barn) will do very well; at least 'till there is more leizure [sic] for altering that, or erecting another."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXII: 263. In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261) Isaac is recorded as "Isaac ... Carpr." at Mount Vernon and as "Head Carpr." in *Diaries* V: 83 (December 23, 1786). (see above June 1791 and below January 19, 1794 and February 7, 1796)

1792, December 20  
Moses  
carpenter

Orange County, Va.

"I walked to the Quarter, Moses about framing a house there."

Francis Taylor Diary (VSL).  
(see above February 27, 1787 and below December 26, 28 and 31, 1792)

1792, December 26, 28 and 31  
Moses  
carpenter

Orange County, Va.

"I agreed to give Carpenter Moses for working on Overseers house 1/3 per day in holidays and he went to work."

"Raised a house intended for overseer to live in. Carpenter Moses at work upon it."

"I came by Mr. T. Bells, who agreed to let Robin come here tomorrow to get boards to finish the house begun for the Overseer, Moses is to go tomorrow to Mr. John Waughs who has hired him of his master ... paid Carpenter Moses for working 4 days in the holidays on the overseers house 5/-"

Francis Taylor Diary (VSL).  
(see above February 27, 1787)

1793

Fairfax County, Va.

Articles of Agreement between George Washington and a Westmoreland County carpenter-joiner, who "for the wages and other considerations hereafter mentioned, doth oblige himself and four Negro Carpenters belonging to him, who he engages to be good workmen ... to serve the said George Washington one year from the time they shall enter upon the execution of their duties at Mount Vernon ... That he will besides attending to his own, superintend all such Negro Carpenters belonging to the said George Washington as shall be placed under his care and direction; and to the utmost of his skill and industry, so order and contrive the work for the whole, or any part thereof, as to carry it on to the best advantage and with the greatest facility. That he will be particularly attentive as well to the conduct of his own as to such other Carpenters as may be entrusted to him, suffering no idleness when they are in health, nor no neglect of them when sick. That he will cause proper care to be taken of the Tools, and see them forthcoming whenever called; or a satisfactory account rendered of them if they are not. That he will enter in a book to be

kept for that purpose an acct of all the Work which has been done by himself and the Carpenters over whom he is placed, and report the same weekly. That he will never be away from his people when they are at work and he is in health; nor be absent from his duty without permission from the said George Washington or his Manager; but on the contrary, by close attention, and in industrious conduct, will set an example to them worthy of imitation ...." [salary £10 per month plus food, housing, tools; carpenter "to provide his own bed and necessities; as also such kind of beddin as he chuses to allow his own Negros."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXIII: 221-224. (see above November 4, 1792 and below March 3, 1793, October 21, 1793, August 3, 1794, September 21, 1794, September 28, 1794)

1793, March 3  
Gabriel and Reuben  
carpenters

Fairfax County, Va.

George Washington to Anthony Whiting:  
"And let the two Carpenters (Gabriel and Reuben) belonging to that Estate [George Augustine Washington's] if not otherwise disposed of by the orders of their Mistress, join mine under [Thomas] Green; and an account taken of the time it happens, that the said Estate may be paid for the hire of them. I am as apprehensive as you can be, that Green never will overcome his propensity to drink; that it is this which occasions his frequent sicknesses; absences from work, and poverty. And I am convinced, moreover, that it answers no purpose to admonish him. But if the work in hand cannot be carried on without a head to execute it, and no other presents in whom confidence can be placed, there is no alternative but to keep him; unless he should get too bad to be longer borne with; and even then, a house so framed as the Dogue run Barn is intended to be ought not to be entrusted to my Negro Carpenters or any other bungler."

George Washington to William Augustine Washington:  
Do you hire any of your Negro Carpenters by the year? or do you know who is in the habit of doing, or would do it? Having work on hand and in the prospect that I wish to have compleated as soon as it is conveniently possible, I would hire two, four, or Six if they are good common workmen and who are orderly and well disposed people. Your answer to these queries, with the precise terms on which they could be obtained, if to be had at all, would very much oblige Your etc."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXII: 365, 370. Thomas Green was a free, white overseer of Washington's carpenters. (see above April 17, 28, 29 and May 26, 1788, November 4, 1792 and below

August 3, 1794, September 21, 1794)

1793, March 11

Richmond County, Va.

Bob and Duke, alias Doctor  
house carpenter, joiner; wheelwright, cooper  
and carpenter, sawyer; cooper

"TEN POUNDS REWARD, FOR apprehending two runaways: - BOB, about 5 feet, 3 or 4 inches high, upwards of 30 years of age, large limbs, well made, strong and active negro man slave, run away the 26th of May, 1792: He is a wheelwright and house carpenter, compleat: a tolerable good joiner and cooper. - This man was advertised in Mr. Green's papers last summer. - DUKE, sometimes calls himself DOCTOR, about 5 feet 10 inches high, stout, strong, and very able-bodied, big eyes, speaks loud, about the same age of Bob, and run away the 16th of July, 1792: He is a good sawyer, and pretends to the carpenter and cooper's business. - Duke went to Lancaster county where I first got him from, and from thence into the county of Fauquier, where Bob went to when he left me in May. In December last, they were both seen together in the neighbourhood of Ashby's gap, where Bob has a wife, having been hired some time to Capt. John Edmonds of that county. They call themselves brothers, tho' they are not, and will endeavour to pass a free people, and may get a forged pass; are fond of fine dress, and have a variety of clothes that I cannot describe. Bob is the same man that runaway about the year 1789, advertised by Mrs. Burnwell, was taken up about the North Mountain, and delivered to Capt. John Edmonds, who hired him until the close of the year 1791 - I expect they will visit Alexandria. I will give the above reward for them both, if secured so that I get them again, or if delivered to me at this place, and six shillings per day travelling, if taken up over one hundred miles from me, or in proportion for either. All persons are forewarned from harbouring or employing said negro slaves, or carrying them out of the state, as they will be dealt with to the utmost rigour of the law. GRIFFIN GARLAND. State of Virginia, Richmond county, Totuskey, March 11th, 1793."

*Virginia Herald and Fredericksburg Advertiser* March 28, 1793, p. 3, col. 4.  
(see above July 2, 1792 and below April 10, 1794)

1793, April 3

Louisa County, Va.

Jasper  
carpenter

"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."

*Virginia Herald and Fredericksburg Advertiser* April 18, 1793, p. 4, col. 3.

1793, June 25

Caroline County, Va.

Charles  
carpenter, sawyer

"RAN AWAY from the subscriber, living in Caroline county, near Bull-Church A Negro man named Charles: of a yellowish complexion, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, well made, is a tolerable good carpenter, and a very good sawyer, and can read midling well; it is probable he may have got a pass. - Had on when he went away, a pair of black velvet breeches, red striped jacket, brown linen shirt, new hat with a midling deep crown, besides many other clothes - I will give EIGHT DOLLARS to any person who will deliver him to me; or secure him in any gaol [jail] so that I get him again. All masters of vessels and others are forbid harbouring said slave at their peril. TAVERNOR WISDOM. June 25, 1793."

*Virginia Herald and Fredericksburg Advertiser* July 18, 1793, p. 3, col.

1793, August 18

Fairfax County, Va.

Isaac; [Tom] Davis  
carpenter; bricklayer

George Washington to Howell Lewis:

"Unless Isaac is engaged about things, the execution of which cannot be delayed, order him, and whoever is with him, to join Thos. Green [overseer of the carpenters]; and the whole of them to stick to the Barn at Dogue Run until it is compleated. It appears to me that the whole, or greatest part of the time of these people, is employed about one nonsensical job or another; which is the

very thing Green is delighted with, as they afford him a pretext to be idle or to be employed in matters which more immediately relate to himself. I wish this may not be the case also with Isaac as I find he is very desirous of getting by himself always ... Davis, any more than the Carpenters, ought not to be taken from the above work for every little trifle that might as well be done by that lazy scoundrel Charles; who might as well be employed in white washing, Painting, or putting up Bedsteads, as to take Green or him, for these purposes."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXIII: 52-53. Isaac is identified as "Head Carpr." in *Diaries* V: 83 (Decmeber 23, 1786). (see above February 18, 1786, August 18, 1786, April 17, 28, 29 and May 26, 1788, March 31, 1789, December 6-12, 1789, January 3-9, 1790, June 1791, November 4, 1792, December 16, 1792, 1793, March 3, 1793, and below August 25, 1793, October 21, 1793, December 22, 1793, January 19, 1794, August 3, 1794, September 21, 1794, February 7, 1796, November 5, 1796, November 1, 1798)

1793, August 25

Fairfax County, Va.

George Washington to Howell Lewis:

"I again desire that T. Green [overseer of the carpenters] may be made with the other Carpenters (except in cases that cannot be dispensed with) to stick to the New Barn; Putting a single light into a window is an excuse for the loss of a day's work; and while these pretenses are furnished him or indeed any of the rest, I shall have his reports stuffed with nothing but trifling jobs that turn to no acct."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXIII: 64. (see above November 4, 1792, 1793, March 3, 1793, August 18, 1793 and below October 21, 1793, December 22, 1793, August 3, 1794, September 21, 1794, September 28, 1794)

1793, October 21

Fairfax County, Va.

George Washington to William Augustine Washington:

"As one of Mr. Stone's carpenters is a White lad, and two of them but green hands, I decline employing them. I have already more white people about my house than are governed properly in my absence, tho' for the sake of getting an honest, skilful and industrious person to superintend my carpenters I would have added one more, Two is too many; especially as one of Negroe's (as well as the White lad) can have but little knowledge of the trade they profess."



John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXIII: 134.  
(see above November 4, 1792, 1793, March 3, 1793 and August 3, 1794,  
September 21, 1794, September 28, 1794)

1793, November 17

Williamsburg, Va.

Nat

bricklayer, plasterer

Dr. John Galt Dr.

"To 2 days Hire of Nat in plastering & setting up Grates - 8 - "

Humphrey Harwood Account Book, Ledger D (CWF). Harwood was a  
Williamsburg mason.

(see above July 24, 1786, July 22, 1790, March 1, 1792 and below April 26, 1794,  
May 1, 1794, May 29, 1794)

1793, December 11

James City County, Va.

Jerry

sawyer; blacksmith

"RUN AWAY From the subscriber some time in July last, a Negro man named JERRY, About 28 or 30 years old, WHO I have reason to believe has been lurking about the city of Richmond, as he is related to several negroes living in that place; he is a middle sized well made fellow, rather of a light complexion, and combs his hair neatly back, has a very large navel, and as well as I remember has a scar on one of his thighs occasioned by a burn, and generally of a smiling countenance; he is an excellent sawyer, and can work a little at the blacksmiths trade. I have understood he has obtained by some means, a certificate of manumission, consequently passes as a free man, under a fictitious name. I have understood that he solicited a Captain Potts, for a passage to Philadelphia, where he wishes to go. I will give a reward of five pounds to any person who will deliver the said negro to me at Barretts ferry, on Chickahominy river, if taken in this state, or ten pounds if taken out of the state, or if committed to jail, ten dollars, provided he is so secured that I get him; and do forwarn all masters of vessels from taking the said fellow on board, as well as every other person or persons from carrying him out of the state. ISHAM CHRISTIAN. December 11th, 1793."

*Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser* December 13, 1793, p. 3, col. 2.

1793, December 22

Fairfax County, Va.

Thomas Davis and Muclus  
bricklayers

George Washington to William Pearce:

"Thomas Davis and Muclus must, however be considered as among the tradesmen; and when not employed in making and laying of Bricks and other jobs in that way may be aiding the Carpenters."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXIII: 199. In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261) Davis is recorded as "Tom Davis ... B:layr." and Muclus as "W. Muclus ... B:layr.," both at Mount Vernon.  
(see above April 17, 28, 29 and May 26, 1788, March 31, 1789, November 4, 1792 and below November 5, 1796)

1794, January 19

Fairfax County, Va.

Isaac  
carpenter

George Washington to William Pearce:

"You may keep Isaac and the boy Joe, constantly employed about the Carts, Plows, Harrows &ca., until they are in order. Let stuff, however, be always in the Barn that the other Carpenters may work upon when the weather will not permit them to be out. What are Mrs. Fanny Washington's Carpenters employed about that they should (altho' hired by my) be withdrawn from mine so long. All I know they had to do, was, out of the materials of an old Tobacco house, to make a shed for her plow horses. Ask Tayler what more than this they have done, and by whose authority?"

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXIII: 244-245. In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261) Isaac is recorded as "Isaac ... Carpr." at Mount Vernon and as "Head Carpr." in *Diaries* V: 83 (December 23, 1786).  
(see above June 1791, December 16, 1792 and below February 7, 1796)

1794, March 18

Spotsylvania County, Va.

Reuben  
carpenter, sawyer

"FIVE POUNDS REWARD. RUNAWAY from the subscriber, in this county, a Negro man named REUBEN, about 25 years of age, about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, a bright skin and thin visage, has lost one of his upper fore teeth; his clothes cannot be described, as he has sundry suits. He is a good sawyer and carpenter, was hired to Mr. Nicholas Voss in the city of Richmond, last year, and continued till the expiration of his limited time, which was the 25th of December last, from which time and place he eloped. He was seen at Major John W. Willis's about three weeks after Christmas, and it is supposed he is lurking in this county near the borders of Fredericksburg, or has made his way

towards the northern states. -- I forewarn all owners and masters of vessels, from harbouring or taking the said negro on board. -- I will give the above reward to any person that will deliver the said negro to me, or secure him in gaol [jail] so that I get him again. STEPHEN JOHNSTON. Spotsylvania, March 18, 1794."

*Virginia Herald and Fredericksburg Advertiser* April 17, 1794, p. 3, col. 3.

1794, March 31

New Kent County, Va.

John

carpenter; sawyer

"RUNAWAY from my plantation near this city, a tall stout, likely, sensible black negro man named JOHN, the property of Mr. Armistead Russel, of New Kent; he pretends to be a sawyer, and a carpenter, but I believe him skilled in nothing except villany -- he had on when he went away, a dark green coat and new gray cloth for another, in other respects tolerably well clad. I expect he is some where in the counties of New-Kent, or James City -- he has a wife below New-Kent Court-House. I will give TEN DOLLARS REWARD to any person who will deliver him to the Goaler [jailer] of this city. HENRY BANKS. Richmond, March 31, 1794."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* April 2, 1794, p. 3, col. 4.

1794, April 10

Richmond County, Va.

Bob and Duke

house carpenter; cooper, wheelwright  
and sawyer; cooper

"45 Dollars Reward, besides what the law allows. BOB and DUKE, two runaways. - They were particularly described in the advertisements published in Mr. Green's paper July 1792, in the same paper March 1793; also in Mr. Angell's Baltimore paper April following. - BOB run away the 26th of May 1792; he is an extraordinary good house carpenter, cooper and wheelwright; is a very active, artful and sensible black fellow, short and stout made, I suppose him to be upwards of 30 years of age. He run away about the year 1789, when he belonged to Mrs. Burwell, was apprehended about the North mountain and delivered to capt. John Edwards of Fauquier county (where he has a wife) who hired him until the close of the year 1791, tho' not brought home until the April following; it is supposed he is lurking in that neighbourhood, or among the mountains.

DUKE run away July 1792: He is a good sawyer and pretends to the coopers business; has big eyes, is a stout strong fellow, about the age of Bob; he was apprehended near Lancaster court-house the 7th of September last, and about

midnight of that day brought home; he made his escape out of the hands of the people that brought him at my door, a few minutes after he came; he is very fat, and well cloathed in good mixed Virginia cloth, coat, waistcoat and breeches; since then he has been detected stealing corn in that county; a gentleman of undoubted character saw him at large armed with a gun, and has threatened those who informed of his stealing the corn. The few minutes he stayed, he told me he had been about col. Gaskins' in Northumberland county, and in the county of Middlesex, I suppose about Brandon and Rosegill, the seats of Messrs. Grymes and Wormeley. Both these negroes formerly belonged to Mr. John Wormeley of Lancaster county, late deceased. Bob stayed with me about six weeks, the other about six months. I well know they had no cause to complain of ill treatment in any respect whatever, and am satisfied the object of their going is to compel me to hire or sell them, as many a applications have been made, I will do neither till they return to a sense of their duty. I have reason to suspect they are harboured and employed by some ill disposed persons: On conviction of the offenders, I will give Fifteen Dollars for Bob, Twenty Dollars for Duke, Ten Dollars if apprehended and secured in any gaol [jail] so that I get them again; or if brought home and delivered to me at this place, what the law allows over and above the reward. - I expect they will get passes and endeavour to pass as free people. All persons are forewarned carrying them out of the state at their peril. GRIFFIN GARLAND. Richmond county, Totuskey, April 10, 1794."

*Virginia Herald and Fredericksburg Advertiser* April 17, 1794, p. 3, col. 4.  
(see above July 2, 1792 and March 11, 1793)

1794, April 23

Prince Edward County, Va.

Lewis

joiner (?); cabinetmaker

"RUN away from the Subscriber, IN Prince-Edward county, the 20th of May, 1793, a negro man named LEWIS, about 32 or 33 years old, he is a very good hand at the cabinet business, or inside work of houses; he has had one of his thighs broke, which makes him limp when he walks, his fore teeth very short; he took with him some tools, one pair of table plaines. I have some reason to believe he has made towards the Western Government. I will give TWENTY POUNDS REWARD if brought home, or TEN POUNDS if secured in any jail, so that I get him again; and pay for giving me notice in this Gazette. DICK HOLLAND."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* April 23, 1794, p. 1, col. 1.

1794, April 26

Williamsburg, Va.

Nat  
bricklayer, plasterer

St. George Tucker Dr.

"To 1 1/2 days Hire of Nat mending Plastering & Lathing - 6 - "

Humphrey Harwood Account Book, Ledger D (CWF). Harwood was a Williamsburg mason.

(see above July 24, 1786, July 22, 1790, March 1, 1792, November 17, 1793 and below May 1, 1794, May 29, 1794)

1794, May 1

Williamsburg (?), Va.

Nat  
bricklayer, plasterer

James Taylor Dr.

"To 1 days Hire of Nat mending oven a 4/ & 3 Busl. [bushel] Lime a 9d - 6.3"

Humphrey Harwood Account Book, Ledger D (CWF). Harwood was a Williamsburg mason.

(see above July 24, 1786, July 22, 1790, March 1, 1792, November 17, 1793, April 26, 1794 and below May 29, 1794)

1794, May 6

Richmond, Va.

Dick  
carpenter

"FIVE POUNDS REWARD. RUNAWAY on the 1st instant, DICK, a likely black negro man, about twenty five years old, about 5 feet 10 inches high, a tolerable good carpenter, has lately had the small pox; he has carried off with him a band saw, jack and long planes, which are branded with the letters D.M. burnt-in -- having a variety of clothes, it is unnecessary to describe them. -- All masters of vessels are forewarned from taking him out of the state, and others from employing him. The above reward will be paid on delivery of said slave to me in Richmond, and all lawful expences. DABNEY MINOR. May 6, 1794.

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* May 7, 1794, p. 3, col. 4.  
(see below April 15, 1796 and June 11, 1797)

1794, May 28

Northumberland County, Va.

James, alias James Darcas  
sawyer; blacksmith, scytheman

"Five Guineas Reward. RAN AWAY from the subscriber, about the 5th of this month, NEGRO JAMES, alias JAMES DARCAS; He is a stout fellow, of a yellowish complexion, about 28 years of age - Has very large feet, and speaks with a coarse imperious voice. He is by trade a blacksmith, but can saw very well with a pit-saw, or cut grain with a scythe: I believe he can read and write, and perhaps may have a forged pass. He had on and carried with him a blue New-Market coat, a blue broad-cloth jacket, and corded breeches, He has other apparel that I am unacquainted with. He eloped a few years ago, and was employed in the State of Pennsylvania as a labourer in the country, in the season of harvest, and as a blacksmith at other times in Philadelphia. After working a few days at his trade, he complains of a pain in his left wrist, which he says was occasioned by a hurt he received in a fight, in the City of Philadelphia. On a nice examination it may be discovered that he has lost a small part of the rim of his ears. I will give the above reward to any person that will deliver him to me, or secure him in jail so that I get him again. JOHN GORDON. Northumberland County, May 28, 1794."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* June 25, 1794, p. 3, col. 3.

1794, May 29

Williamsburg (?), Va.

Nat

bricklayer, plasterer

Francis Davenport Dr.

"To 1 days Hire of Nat repairing Well & 3 Bushl. [bushel] Lime a 9d. - 6 3"

Humphrey Harwood Account Book, Ledger D (CWF). Harwood was a Williamsburg mason.

(see above July 24, 1786, July 22, 1790, March 1, 1792, November 17, 1793, April 26, 1794, May 1, 1794)

1794, June 8

Fairfax County, Va.

[Tom] Davis

bricklayer

George Washington to William Pearce:

concerning paving of cellar in house in Alexandria - "You had better buy smooth, and well burnt bricks in Town than to carry them up. - This job will afford another week for Davis and his attendants; when one man, in this City, would begin and finish it (the materials being on the spot) in half a day. - "

Moncure Daniel Conway, ed., "George Washington and Mount Vernon," *Memoirs of the Long Island Historical Society* 4 (1889): 82. In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261) Davis is recorded as "Tom Davis ... B:layr." at Mount

Vernon.

(see above April 17, 28, 29 and May 26, 1788, March 31, 1789, November 4, 1792, December 22, 1793 and below November 5, 1796)

1794, July 11

Orange County, Va.

Davy  
carpenter

"M. Biggers & Davy making new steps, which they finished before noon."

Francis Taylor Diary (VSL).

1794, August 3

Fairfax County, Va.

James; Muclus and [Tom] Davis  
carpenter; bricklayers

George Washington to William Pearce:

"It seems to me, to be indispensibly necessary that some person should be engaged in place of Thomas Green, to look after my Carpenters; for in the manner they conduct under his Superintendancy, it would be for my interest to set them free, rather than give them their victuals and cloaths. James, by the Reports, has been 9 days I perceive, in plaining the floors of the house in Town, Muclus (besides what was done to it before) Six days paving, and sanding the Cellar which a man in Philadelphia wd. have done in less than as many hours. Davis eight or nine days papering, and so on; whilst Green himself, and the others, appear determined (as it would seem to me) to make the new-house at Union farm a standing job for the Summer; as the Chimney, and underpinning will, more than probably be, for Davis the sametime. When this last work is done, that is, underpinning the house, it must be remembered that air holes is left in it to prevent the Sleepers from rotting."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXIII: 454-455. In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261) James is recorded as "James ... Do [Carpenter]," Muclus as "W. Muclus ... B:layr." and Davis as "Tom Davis ... B:layr.," all at Mount Vernon.

(see above April 17, 128, 29 and May 26, 1788, March 31, 1789, November 4, 1792, December 22, 1793, June 8, 1794 and below March 20, 1796, November 5, 1796)

1794, August 8

Nansemond County, Va.

Jedel  
carpenter

"Twenty Dollars Reward. RAN-Away on the 23d July last, a young stout St. Domingo Negro Fellow, named JEDEL, about 25 years old, a carpenter by trade, speaks a little English, but lisps when confused. He had on when he went off, a blue cotton cloth coat, green striped vest, long sacking trousers, white shirt, and an old hat. - In a bundle he had two white shirts, one of which had a good deal of needle work on the wrists; a blanket, one pair linen trousers, a tenant saw, and a pair of carpenter's compasses. He was in possession of a pass which I gave him to go in quest of a Negro boy, and had five dollars in money. I have reason to suppose he is gone for Baltimore by way of Petersburg and Richmond. The above reward will be given if delivered to me at my plantation, and half that sum if committed to the jails of Richmond or Petersburg, by Messrs. Mitchell & Gardner, Richmond and James Thorburn & Co., Petersburg. WILLIAM SCHUTTE. Nansemond County, Milner's, August 8, 1794."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* August 20, 1794, p. 3, col. 3.

1794, August 25

Richmond, Va.

Lewy or Lewis  
planer, sawyer

"TEN DOLLARS REWARD, FOR apprehending and delivering to me in Richmond, LEWY, or LEWIS, a very likely black Negro Man, about 25 years old, he was raised in the Hanover estate of the late General Nelson, where he may probably go; he has lately had the small-pox by inoculation, which has left a scar in his left arm -- he is stout and strong, he speaks rather slow, than otherwise; he has latterly been employed at the whip-saw, and in rough plaining. All persons, of every description, are forbid to employ him, and all masters of vessels from carrying him out of the state. DABNEY MINOR. August 25, 1794."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* October 8, 1794, p. 4, col. 3.

1794, September 28

Fairfax County, Va.

George Washington to William Pearce:

"Since writing to you this day week, I have engaged a Scotchman, just arrived in this Country, in the place of [Thomas] Green [overseer of carpenters]. I do not expect much from him as an overlooker; that is, I do not believe he will carry much authority among my negro carpenters, as he appears to be a simple, inoffensive man; and because, that of House Carpentry or Joinery, is not his profession; but as he has the character of a very honest, sober, and industrious man, his example, with such representations as he may make to you, of neglect and misconduct, may be serviceable. Making of all sorts of



Plows, Carts, wheels of all kinds, and various impliments of husbandry, is what he has been brought up to; though he says he has worked two or three years at house work, and can make a Sash or a pannel door. The buildings in his country being all of Stone, he knows nothing of framing. The enclosed memorandum contains the out lines of the agreement between us; which has yet been verbal only ... Donaldson, if he is really skilful in making plows, Carts, Wheels, &ca, may be extremely useful to me; first in makg. these things himself for the farms, and next, in putting my own people in the way of doing it."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXIII: 512-513.  
(see above November 4, 1792, 1793, March 3, 1793, October 21, 1793, August 3, 1794, September 21, 1794)

1794, November 6  
Lewis  
carpenter

Richmond vicin., Va.

"Ten Dollars Reward. RAN AWAY from William Hylton's, Esq near to the City of Richmond, in July last a Negro Carpenter by the name of LEWIS - 22 years of age, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, well formed. He had one of his legs broke last Christmas, but had got perfectly well before he went off. He is the property of my son, who is now in the Western Country. I will pay the above reward to have him secured in any jail within the state of Virginia, so that I may get him, and five pounds if taken out of this state. W. CLAIBORNE."

*Virginia Gazette and Richmond and Manchester Advertiser* November 6, 1794, p. 4, col. 4.

1794, December 22

Fredericksburg, Va.

"TO HIRE, A NEGRO MAN, Who is acquainted with the BRICKMAKING BUSINESS. - Enquire of RICHARD JOHNSTON. Fredericksburg, Dec. 22, 1794."

*Virginia Herald and Fredericksburg Advertiser* 25 December 1794, p. 3, col. 4.

1794, December 23  
Sam  
sawyer (?)

Goochland County, Va.

"Twenty Dollars Reward. RUN AWAY from the subscriber, living in Goochland County, on the night of the 20th instant, a mulatto man named

SAM, about 28 or 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high or thereabouts, has a scar on his forehead, occasioned by a whipsaw, is pitted with the small pox and has a bushy head of hair, is addicted to strong drink, and is fond of playing the violin, is very sensible and capable of telling a good story. He carried with him several suits of cloathes, both of foreign and domestic manufacture, which he will probably exchange. I expect he will endeavor to pass for a free-man, and for that purpose may procure a forged certificate. All masters of vessels and others are forewarned from carrying the said fellow out of this state. Whoever will deliver the said negro to me, or secure him in any jail within the United States, so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward, besides what the law allows. EDWARD COX. Virginia, Goochland County, December 23, 1794."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* January 28, 1795, p. 4, col. 1.

1794, December 28

Fairfax County, Va.

George Washington to William Pearce:

"In bad weather, when the carpenters are unable to work out, let them prepare frames, shingles & ca. for putting in more dormant windows in the back of the Stables at Mansion house and two in the front part of them; one on each side the pediment, in the centre between it and the ends for the purpose of giving air to the Corn and hay loft."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXIV: 73.

1795, January 1

Rockingham County, Va.

Moses

woodworker; shoemaker

"TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD, RANAWAY from the subscriber, living in Rockingham county, Virginia, near the court-house, about the first of July last, a negro fellow named MOSES, about 22 or 23 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, straight made and in proportion, very active, no perceivable flesh marks. He can make shoes, and is very ingenious in wood work of any kind. Is apt to be singing the new tunes by note; can play the fiddle and read plain print. Take notice of the above remarks, as he may by his artfulness procure a pass from some ill-disposed person and pass as a free negro. -- If taken within bounds of the county, shall be paid Ten Dollars, if out of the county the above reward, and all reasonable charges. JACOB CHRISTMAN. January 1st, 1795. N.B. Any persons harbouring or dealing in any manner with the above mentioned negro, will be prosecuted to the extent of the law, more particularly

those who have been guilty of the same hertofore."

*Virginia Herald and Fredericksburg Advertiser* January 8, 1797, p. 3, col. 4.

1795, January 24

New Kent County, Va.

Ned  
carpenter; shoemaker

"Ten Pounds Reward. RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, some time the last spring, when working in Richmond as a Carpenter, a yellowish NEGRO MAN, named NED, about 25 years old, 5 feet 9 inches high, bow legged, well made for strength; he is an artful fellow; and acquainted with shoe-making. The above reward will be paid to any person that will deliver the said Negro to me at this place; or Five Pounds for securing him in any jail within this State, and giving such information as may enable me to recover him. JAMES SEMPLE. New-Kent Courthouse, January 24, 1795."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* February 4, 1795, p. 3, col. 4.

1795, July 9

Chesterfield County, Va.

Going  
bricklayer

"EIGHT DOLLARS REWARD, FOR APPREHENDING GOING, A WELL set fellow, about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, when spoken to is slow of speech, and about 23 years of age. I lately purchased him of Richard Banks, a brick-layer of Richmond, with whom he sometime worked at that trade, both there and in Staunton, in Augusta County, at one of which places I expect he is now lurking; -- he had on a new oznaburg shirt, an old jacket and breeches, and an old crown of a hat. The above reward will be given for delivery of the said fellow to me, or for committing him in jail so that I get him agian. JOHN TRABUE. Chesterfield County, July 9, 1795."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* July 15, 1795, p. 3, col. 4.

1796, January 12

Norfolk, Va.

George  
bricklayer

"TEN POUNDS REWARD. RUNAWAY from the subscriber in Prince-George county, in November, 1794, a likely dark Mulatto Man, by the name of GEORGE, About 25 years of age, and I expect has forged a pass; he is about 5 feet 10 inches high, with one of his fore teeth out; he has worked at the

bricklayer's business about one year, and I expect he will hire himself to some workman; he holds his trowel in his left hand when at work. I have reason to believe he has been in and about this town, and at times aboard of the shipping. I will give TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD to any person to secure him, in jail so that I get him, or the above reward if brought home. William Glover. Norfolk, January 12, 1796."

*American Gazette and Norfolk and Portsmouth Public Advertiser* January 15, 1796, p. 3, col. 4.

1796, February 7

Fairfax County, Va.

Isaac  
carpenter

George Washington to William Pearce:  
discussion of hiring workman to undertake repairs of the mansion house, including fabricating "Venetian blinds" - "let Isaac and the boy assist, under his direction, in slitting out and trying up the stuff from the rough."

Moncure Daniel Conway, ed., "George Washington and Mount Vernon," *Memoirs of the Long Island Historical Society* 4 (1889): 223-224. In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261) Isaac is recorded as "Isaac ... Carpr." at Mount Vernon and as "Head Carpr." in *Diaries* V: 83 (December 23, 1786). (see above June 1791, December 16, 1792, January 19, 1794)

1796, March 2

Petersburg, Va.

Ralph  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY from the subscriber, about the last of January, a negro man, by the name of RALPH, by trade a carpenter; about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, his nose is wide at the nostrils and flat: had on a green short coat lapelled, made of thickset, and breeches of the same. It is presumable he may attempt to work on board some craft going from this place or Richmond to Norfolk, &c. Having a wife at Mr. James Strange's in Manchester, perhaps he may some times visit her. All Masters of vessels are hereby forewarned employing the said negro, or carrying him out of this state. TWENTY DOLLARS will be paid in hand, on delivery of the said negro to ERASMUS GILL, in Petersburg, or the subscriber, JOHN VERELL. March 2, 1796."

*American Gazette and Norfolk and Portsmouth Public Advertiser* March 4, 1796, p. 3, col. 3.

1796, March 12  
Jerry  
sawyer; blacksmith

James City County, Va.

"Run-away the 13th of February last, a likely young NEGRO FELLOW, NAMED JERRY, about five feet nine or ten inches high, has a remarkable high forehead, thin hair, and of a yellow complexion. He is a remarkable good sawyer, and has worked at the smith's trade. He took with him a variety of cloathing, amongst which is a remarkable suit of green plaid. He is supposed to be in the lower end of New Kent, or the upper end of James City. Whoever will secure him in any jail within this state, shall receive FIVE DOLLARS; and if delivered to me in James City County, shall receive TEN DOLLARS, with an allowance of reasonable expences. JOHN P. SHEILDS. March 12, 1796 ... N.B. I forewarn all persons from carrying the said fellow out of the state, at their peril. J.P.S."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* March 12, 1796.

1796, March 20  
James  
carpenter

Fairfax County, Va.

George Washington to William Pearce:  
"Is there no work in the shop (drawing shingles and such like) in which Carpenter James could be usefully employed. He is a very worthless fellow; indeed I have sometimes suspected that he cuts himself on purpose to lay up. for something or another of this sort is constantly happening to him. In Harvest, he is sure to get a cut in the beginning of it, so as to lay him up during the continuance of it."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXIV: 502-503. In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261) James is recorded as "James ... Do [Carpenter]," aged 40 years at Mount Vernon.

1796, March 20  
Sam  
sawyer, shinglemaker; cooper, shoemaker

Powhatan County, Va.

"Thirty Dollars Reward. RANAWAY from the subscriber on the 25th of July last, a likely negro fellow, named SAM, six feet high, about 27 years of age, of a yellow complexion, and has the sign of a double lip. He is a tolerable good rough shoe-maker, cooper, shingle-getter, and an excellent sawyer. He was raised by John Ford, of Cumberland, who sold him to Joshua Chaffin, of Amelia, he sold him to Thomas Whitworth, of Amelia, of whom I purchased

him, in September 1793. He has many connexions in Lunenburg. He had a wife at Mr. Gideon Seas, of Amelia, who has removed to South-Carolina, in the neighbourhood of Ninety-Six, where I think it probable this fellow has gone. I will give the above reward to any person who will deliver him to me, or one half for securing in jail, within this commonwealth, provided I get him again. JAMES DRAKE. Powhatan, March 20, 1796."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* March 23, 1796, p. 3, col. 2.

1796, April 14

Norfolk, Va.

"FOR SALE A likely young Negro Fellow, nineteen years of age, is a good sawyer, and handles an ax well. For particulars enquire of the Printer. Wanted to purchase Two NEGRO BOYS, from 12 to 13 years old. Enquire as above. Norfolk, April 14, 1796."

*American Gazette and Norfolk and Portsmouth Public Advertiser* April 22, 1796, p. 1, col. 4.

1796, April 15

Richmond, Va.

Dick, alias Dick Thomas  
carpenter

"One Hundred Dollars Reward, WILL be given to any person, who will take up and deliver to me in Richmond, DICK, a black negro man, about the age of 25 years, and about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high; he is by trade a carpenter, and is a lively brisk hand at business. I have reason to believe he has a forged pass -- that he goes by the name of Dick Thomas. He ran away on the 27th of December last, when he was accused of being concerned in breaking open a lumber house in this place. All and every person, are forewarned from employing him, and all masters of vessels from carrying him out of this state -- The above reward will be given on his delivery to me in this place; or in proportion, to any who will commit him to goal [jail] so that I get him again. DABNEY MINOR. Richmond, April 15, 1796."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* April 27, 1796, p. 4, col. 4.  
(see above May 6, 1794 and below June 11, 1797)

1796, July 13

Fluvanna County, Va.

Tom  
millwright; cooper

"TEN DOLLARS REWARD. RAN-AWAY from the subscriber on the 11th inst.

a negro man named TOM, about twenty eight years old, a yellowish complexion, about five feet seven or eight inches high, and slender made; he is apt to stutter when frightened, and has lost the upper joint of one of his thumbs: He is a tolerable good cooper, and has worked at the millwright business. He carried away with him a black coat and vest of Virginia manufacture, and double wove; also a reddish coloured broad cloth coat, and callico vest: Also a white negro cotton great coat, and sundry other articles. I will give the above reward, besides travelling expences, to any person who will deliver him to me -- or a proportionate reward to any person who will confine him in prison. HEZEKIAH HOLLAND. Fluvannah, July 13, 1796."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* August 3, 1796, p. 1, col. 1.

1796, September 7

Fauquier County, Va.

Willis

carpenter; cooper

"FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD. RUNAWAY from the subscriber, living in Fauquier county, on the 29th ult. a mulatto man named WILLIS, by trade a carpenter and cooper, nearly six feet high, about twenty-five years of age; had on when he went away a short blue regimental coat turned up with red, his other clothing not recollected; he may endeavor to pass as a free man. I will give the above reward to any person who will deliver him to me in Fauquier county, or twenty dollars to have him secured in any jail so that I get him again. FRANCIS WHITING. Sept. 7th, 1796."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* September 14, 1796, p. 3, col. 3.

1796, September 24

Caroline County, Va.

Isaac

sawyer; shoemaker

"RUNAWAY from the subscriber the 5th Instant, a likely NEGRO MAN, named ISAAC, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, of a black complexion, well made; when walking carries himself very straight. He has (I believe) over his right eye a small scar, and on his breast a large whelk, which appears, occasioned by a burn, he talks very plain, and when spoken to sharply, puts on a smile, he is a good sawyer, and can make a good negroe's shoe.

He took with him, when he went away, a Virginia cloth coat, double wov'd and fill'd with yarn, over the pockets bound with blue, a jacket strip'd with coperas, a mixt pair Virginia cloth breeches, and sundry other clothes He formerly lived in Essex near Leighton's ware house, where it is probable he may be lurking about at present. Any person apprehending said negro, and

deliver him to me, living in Caroline county, near Ellis's tavern, shall receive TEN DOLLARS reward by the subscriber JOS. BRAME. Sept. 24th, 1796. N.B. I forewarn all masters of vessels from taking the said negro out of this state."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* October 5, 1796, p. 3, col. 3.

1796, November 5  
[Tom] Davis and Muclus  
bricklayers

Fairfax County, Va.

Memorandum:

"If it shall be found, on experiment, that the pounded Stone answers as well, as sand for coating the houses, Frank, Herculas and Cyrus may get a good deal of it pounded. They may get up a large quantity of gravel at the place I shewed you. They may, when Davis and Muclas [sic] have done the Brick work at River farm assist them in throwing up Brick earth at the place I pointed out for at least One hundred thousand Bricks. They may assist the Gardener in making good the Hedges about the Mansion house, getting Dung into the Garden, or in any thing else. In short let them be employed in any manner at, or near the M. House that will Keep them out of idleness and mischief."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXV: 265. In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261) Davis is recorded as "Tom Davis ... B:layr." and Muclus as "W. Muclus ... B:layr.," both at Mount Vernon. (see above April 17, 28, 29 and May 26, 1788, March 31, 1789, November 4, 1792, December 22, 1793)

1796, November 7  
Aaron, alias Tom or Tom Aaron  
carpenter, sawyer

King William County, Va.

"Ten Dollars Reward. RAN away from the subscriber, the 9th of last month, a NEGRO MAN named AARON, but will probably call himself TOM, or TOM AARON; he is about 40 years of age, a large, stout, well formed fellow, of a yellow complexion, talks much, but in a submissive manner, uses many superfluous words, can read and write, sometimes preaches, will probably pretend to know something of the carpenter's trade, is a good sawyer; - had on or carried off a deep green cloth coat, the rest of his clothes were of Virginia cloth. He will probably endeavour to pass as as free man. - I do hereby forewarn all persons whatever from harbouring him, and all masters of vessels from receiving, or suffering him to come on board their said vessels. The above reward will be paid to any person who will deliver the said fellow to me in King William County, or secure him, so that I get him again. JOHN



LUMPKIN. November 7, 1796."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* November 16, 1796, p. 1, col. 2.

1796, November 17

Chesterfield County, Va.

"Negroes Wanted. A LIBERAL price in Ready Money, may be obtained of the Subscriber for NEGROES of the following description, viz -- Two Carpenters, who are capable of building a dwelling-house in a complete manner; wainscoting, sashes, paneled doors, &c & under 40 years old and of good character; -- Eight or ten likely Boys, from 12 to 16 years old; -- Two Men Servants, not over 35 years of age, who understand the care of horses and driving a carriage, one with long reins and the other as a postillion -- if they, or either of them are capable of being useful as house servants likewise it will encrease their value -- and should they have families, that are not large, they may be included in the sale at a proportionate price; -- A young fellow, who is a good Cook, and of unexceptionable character, with or without a family. D.M. RANDOLPH. Presq Isle, Nov. 17, 1796."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* 23 November 1796, p. 2, col. 3.

1797, February 7

Dinwiddie County, Va.

"Will be offered for sale, at the house of the subscriber, in Dinwiddie County on Cox Road, 8 miles from Petersburg, on the last Thursday in March next, 15 likely Virginia born Slaves, Among which is an excellent Carpenter, a valuable pair of sawyers, and several likely boys and girls. The above Negroes will be sold for Cash only."

*Virginia Gazette and Petersburg Intelligencer* February 7, 1797.

1797, April 9

Fairfax County, Va.

George Washington to George Lewis:

"This leads me to ask if you know of a good House Joiner (white or black) that could be hired by the year, or month, and on what terms. I want one who is capable of making a rich finished pannel Door, Sash, and wainscot; and who could be relied on for his sobriety and diligence."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXV: 435.

1797, May 10

Prince Edward County, Va.

James

carpenter; cooper, shoemaker

"RUNAWAY from the subscriber, on Monday the 8th of this instant, a remarkable bright Mulatto fellow, by the name of JAMES, about 30 years old; he has brown curly hair, grey eyes, one of his upper fore teeth out, he has a slow way of talking, is about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, a little inclinable to be knock knee'd; he carried away with him an old drab coloured broad cloth coat, with white plated buttons, a mixed Virginia cloth coat, two waistcoats, one made of a striped Dutch blanket, and the other of nankeen, with pewter buttons, three pair of breeches, viz. one pair of nankeen, one ditto of white Virginia cotton, and the other pair white kersey overalls, patched on the knee, a coarse felt hat, about half worn; he understands a little of the carpenters, coopers, and shoemaker's trades - he can play a little on the violin - I expect he will aim for Gloucester county, where I am informed his mother lives; he formerly belonged to John and William Smith, of Mecklenburg county - I will give Twenty Dollars reward to any person that will deliver the said slave to me in Prince Edward county, at the place known by the name of Moore's Ordinary; or Ten Dollars to secure him in any jail so that I get him again. All persons are hereby forewarned from harbouring the said slave, and owners of vessels likewise from carrying him out of this state. RAY MOSS. May 10, 1797."

*Virginia Gazette and Petersburg Intelligencer* June 27, 1797, p. 3, col. 2.

1797, June 11

Richmond, Va.

Dick

carpenter

"Thirty Dollars Reward. ELOPED from the service of the subscriber, on the 19th instant, a Negro Man by the Name of DICK, About twenty five years of age, and five feet nine or ten inches high; by trade a carpenter, and is a very lively brisk workman. His countenance is very good -- When spoken to, he converses with ease and confidence, and is pretty sagacious. I purchased the said fellow of Mr. Dabney Minor, in whose name he has been twice advertised in the Richmond newspapers. During his last runaway trip (last summer) he was employed a considerable length of time, by some person near Dumfries, from which circumstance, I conjecture, he has taken another northern route. I forewarn all persons from giving him employment, of any kind whatever; and masters of vessels and others, from carrying him out of this state. The above reward will be given if he is taken within forty miles of this city; and an additional sum, in proportion to the distance he may be brought, or the trouble and expence the apprehender may be at, in bringing him to this place. AUG: DAVIS.

N.B. His apparel was of the usual negro kind, but he had more cloathes than is customary for them to possess. A.D. Richmond, June 11, 1797."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* June 28, 1797, p. 3, col. 2.  
(see above May 6, 1794 and April 15, 1796; see also a June 21, 1797 version of the above text with "ten dollars reward" in the June 27, 1797 edition of the *Virginia Gazette and Petersburg Intelligencer*, p. 3, col. 2)

1797, June 28

Hanover County, Va.

Jess  
sawyer

"ELOPED from the subscriber, the 27th instant, a NEGRO FELLOW named JESS, is about 22 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, has a yellowish complexion, has a lump or wen on his right cheek and has a scar on his right thumb, which makes it appear as if it was in twain; he has a very down look when spoken to, and is a very artful fellow, and perhaps may endeavour to get off from the neighbourhood, as he is a very good sawyer; and from the manner of his elopement, I think he means to get to some distant place. I therefore forewarn all persons and masters of vessels from employing or carrying him out of the state at their peril. I will give FIVE DOLLARS REWARD, besides what the law allows, to any person that will apprehend and bring the said fellow to me. JOHN AUSTIN, jun. Hanover county, June 28, 1797."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* July 5, 1797, p. 3, col. 3.

1797, July 13

Petersburg, Va.

Dick  
house carpenter

"Twenty Dollars Reward. ABSCONDED from the service of the subscriber, in April last, a Negro Carpenter Named DICK, The property of Mrs. S. Holloway; he is of a dark mulatto complexion, about 5 feet 10 inches high, and has remarkable white teeth, a plausible talking artful fellow, and tolerable good house carpenter, carried off tools with him, and is supposed to be jobbing about in the neighbourhood, under the protection of a forged pass -- has a wife at W. Morgan's in Prince George county, about 8 or 9 miles from town, where it is probable he harbours, -- The above reward will be paid on delivering him to me, or secure him so that I get him again. ALEXANDER HORSBURGH. July 13, 1797."

*Virginia Gazette and Petersburg Intelligencer* July 14, 1797, p. 3, col. 4.

1797, July 24  
Tom  
carpenter (?)

Orange County, Va.

"G.C. Taylors Tom began to work on Spring house."

Francis Taylor Diary (VSL).  
(see below May 14, 1798, and below June 6 and 7 and July 19)

1797, September 14  
Jack  
carpenter

Norfolk, Va.

"On Saturday, the 2d instant, the following Negroes left my house in Mason street, viz -- JACK a Carpenter by trade, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, of a dark complexion. PHEBE his wife, ... They have probably gone to the Eastern shore, or towards Gloucester, where they have relations. I will give THIRTY DOLLARS Reward on their being confined in any jail in this State so that I get them; and FORTY DOLLARS on delivering them to me at Norfolk or Williamsburg. JOHN SAUNDERS. Norfolk, Sept. 14, 1797."

*Norfolk Herald and Public Advertiser* September 14, 1797, p. 3, col. 5.

1798, February 17  
Solomon  
sawyer; batteaux-man

Albemarle County, Va.

"Ten Dollars Reward, FOR taking and securing my negro man SOLOMON, who eloped from my plantation about the sixteenth of December last. I have reasons to believe he is lurking about the city of Richmond, Manchester, or Petersburg, and will attempt to get on board some vessel. He is about thirty four of five years of age, of a very black complexion, and remarkable stout for his height, of a pleasing countenance when spoken to, and pretty talkative; has lost nearly all his teeth, occasioned by the scurvy; he carried off with him sundry clothes, and a new fife, which he is fond of playing, but not a professed hand at it; also, about forty or fifty pounds worth of ribbons which he stole: His clothes I expect he has changed, therefore useless to describe them -- his shoes had a quantity of nails in them. He is a pretty good sawyer, used to saw at bottom, and a very good batteaux-man. I will give the above reward to any person who will secure him in any jail, so that I get him again, or if delivered to me in Albemarle county, near Milton, the above reward, besides what the law allows, and all reasonable expences. RICHARD

JOHNSON. February 17, 1798."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* February 21, 1798, p. 2, col. 4.

1798, May 14

Orange County, Va.

Tom

carpenter (?)

"G.C. Taylors Tom came here to work, mended Kitchen."

Francis Taylor Diary (VSL).

(see above July 24, 1797 and below June 6 and 7 and July 19, 1798)

1798, May 18, 22 and 23

Orange County, Va.

Joe

mason

"Maj. Moores Joe came here to underpin floor of spring house, but the water at the bottom would not admit of working on it, drained off part."

"Joe mended fireplace in kitchen and pinted [sic] meathouse underpg."

"Paid Majr. Moores Joe 7/6 for underping [sic] springhouse, mending kitchen fireplace and pointing under meathouse, being in full for work to this time."

Francis Taylor Diary (VSL).

(see above June 26 and 27, 1792 and below July 25, 28 and 30, 1798)

1798, June 6 and 7 and July 19

Orange County, Va.

Tom

carpenter

"Tom laid new floor in west porch."

"Tom about repairing floor etc. of portico."

"Tom cieled my lodging room."

Francis Taylor Diary (VSL).

(see above July 24, 1797 and May 14, 1798)

1798, July 25-28 and 30

Orange County, Va.

Joe  
mason

"Joe came to work, pointed cracks etc."

"Joe whitewashed part of house below stairs ...."

"Joe whitewashed above, finished (except to go once more over the staircase.)"

"Joe finished before 10 oclock, I paid him 15/ and a bottle of whisky for mending & whitewashing. Had the floors scoured above and below, Frank had a busy day about it, Did not clean all the white wash from doors etc."

"Frank cleaned most of the wooden parts of the walls, etc."

Francis Taylor Diary (VSL).

(see above June 26 and 27, 1792 and May 18, 22 and 23, 1798)

1798, September 17

Cumberland County, Va.

Jim Stovall  
carpenter; shoemaker

"RAN AWAY FROM the Subscriber living in Cumberland county near Cartersville, on the night of the 9th of May last, a likely Mulatto Man, known by the name of JIM STOVALL, aged 45 years, about 5 feet 7 inches in height, tolerably well set, a full beard and bushy hair when combed; one of his legs much larger than the other at the ankle, a little above which place it is somewhat flattened and crooked, caused by losing some of the bones from it by a white swelling; this defect I make no doubt he will endeavour to conceal by wearing overalls or trowsers -- He is a very handy fellow at most businesses, a rough carpenter and coarse shoemaker, he is loud and talkative, and very impertinent where he thinks he may take the liberty. The above described fellow I have reason to suppose was some time since in Richmond, where he will perhaps endeavor to make his escape by water. I therefore caution masters of vessels from employing or carrying him out of the state. -- I will give a reward of TWENTY DOLLARS for securing him in any jail so that I get him again. RICHARD JAMES. September 17, 1798."

*Virginia Argus* October 12, 1798, p. 1, col. 1.

1798, October 15

Cumberland County, Va.

Peter  
carpenter; cooper, shoemaker

"Ten Pounds Reward. RANAWAY from the subscriber, in Cumberland County, on the 3d day of July last, a negro man slave, something of a yellow complexion, by the name of PETER, twenty eight years of age, he is about five feet eight inches high, straight and well made, has small feet, a scar across the back of his left hand, occasioned by a cut, a dent near the corner of his left eye, perceivable when laughing; took with him sundry wearing clothes, some of which supposed to be very fine; likewise sundry tools, such as would answer a carpenter or cooper; also some cash. He is a tolerable shoe maker, carpenter, and an extraordinary flour barrel cooper. He is a cunning artful fellow, and will endeavour to pass as a freeman, and probably has procured papers for that purpose. He has made attempts of this kind before, taking different routs [sic] in the year 1790, having been furnished with a free pass -- He was then detected in Nansemond county, and put in Suffolk jail. The said negro continued in my neighbourhood until about the 25th of the said month, at which time was taken from Cumberland courthouse, a horse, bridle and saddle, belonging to Mr. William Thompson: The horse is a likely bright bay, about four feet eight inches high, with high spirit and carriage, a short switch tail, a good saddle and bridle, with plated bosses, with the letters A.R. engraved. Mr. Thompson will give ten pounds reward for the horse and saddle. JOHN BURTON, near Cumberland courthouse October 15, 1798."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* October 16, 1798, p. 2, col. 1.

1798, November 1

Fairfax County, Va.

Tom Davis and Muclus  
bricklayers

"WORK FOR THE JOINER 1st. ... Finish the Garden Gates which he is about, which, so soon as done, have fixed in their places and painted (by Thoms Davis) with white lead ..."

WORK FOR THE BRICKLAYERS 1st ... Davis, with those who are now with him, may continue sloping the hill, above the New Wall, in the manner I have directed him until it is time to throw up Earth for Brick making in the Spring, when

2d ... He and Muclas may proceed to that business and turn up enough to make at least Sixty thousand.

3d ... Upon reconsideration of the first Article above, I believe it will be best for Davis and Muclus to proceed to digging Brick Earth immediately. For as the care of all the Stable horses, as well as the Jacks &ca. must devolve upon Peter, he will require assistance: of course, Mike must join him, and as Anthony will, probably be required to supply the House with Wood [it] will hardly be necessary to keep David [Davis?] [and] Muclus alone, at the slope before th[at] until they can be joined by the House g[ang]. When Davis (who understands the de[sign] will be indispensably necessary to regu[late] the Work."

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXVII: 4-6. In the 1799 list of slaves (XXXVII: 256-261) Davis is recorded as "Tom Davis ... B:layr" and Muclus as "W. Muclus ... B:layr," both at Mount Vernon. (see above August 18, 1786, April 17, 28, 29 and May 26, 1788, March 31, 1789, November 4, 1792, December 22, 1793, June 8, 1794, November 5, 1796)

1798, November 12  
Jeffrey  
carpenter; shoemaker

Charlottesville, Va.

"Thirty Dollars Reward. RAN-AWAY from the subscribers on the eleventh of November, instant, a Likely Negro Fellow named JEFFREY, Twenty five of twenty-six years of age, not of a very dark complexion, has a pleasant countenance when in conversation, dressed in old cloaths, has a striped swansdown waistcoat -- He took with him a blanket and a set of shoemaker's tools, and is a rough shoemaker and carpenter. I purchased him lately of a Mr William Cox of Accomac county. He came by water to Richmond, and I expect he will endeavour to get on board of some vessel to return there. I will give the above reward if apprehended over the bay and TEN DOLLARS if on this side and secured in any jail so that I get him again. WILLIAM WARDLAW. Charlottesville. Nov. 12th, 1798. N.B. All masters of vessels and others are forewarned carrying him out of this state at their peril. W.W."

*Virginia Argus* November 27, 1798, p. 1, col. 3.

1799, April 18  
Bob  
bricklayer, plasterer

Prince George County, Va.

"RUNAWAY from the subscriber in Prince George, the 14th of this month, a likely Negro Man by the name of BOB, and on the 15th left Mrs. Whisegers, near Blanford, where he has a wife: he is about 35 years, of age, about 5 feet 10 inches; he is an excellent brick-layer and plaisterer; he drones his words very much in talking. I expect he will endeavor to pass as a freeman and follow his trade. I do hereby forewarn all masters of vessels from carrying him out of the state, or harboring him. WILLIAM GLOVER. Petersburg, April 18, 1799."

*Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser* April 23, 1799, p. 2, col. 3.



1799, June

Fairfax County, Va.

"NEGROES Belonging to George Washington in his own right and by Marriage ..."

"Tradesmen, &ca." are listed separately from quarters and associated with the "Mansion House;" they total 52 (38 men and 14 women) and include 6 carpenters and 2 bricklayers. Total number of all slaves is 317. The carpenters are Davy, Isaac, James, Joe, Simms and Sambo; the bricklayers are Tom Davis and W. Muclus.

John C. Fitzpatrick, ed., *The Writings of George Washington* XXXVII: 256-268. Isaac is identified as "Head Carpr." in *Diaries* V: 83 (December 23, 1786).

1802, November 27

Norfolk, Va.

"WANTED, Two well disposed Black Boys, From 14 to 16 years, Apprentices to the Carpenters' business -- As also a MAN to Hire by the year, brought up to the above trade, and a BOY to act as house servant -- Enquire of the Printers. Nov 27"

*Norfolk Herald* November 23, 1802, p. 3, col. 5.

1805, December 21

Mecklenburg County, Va.

Dick and Frank; Dick and Ben  
carpenters; masons

inventory and appraisement of Sir Peyton Skipwith -  
at home plantation lived 128 slaves, including 2 carpenters Dick and Frank, valued at £150 and £120 respectively, and 2 masons Dick and Ben, valued at £100 and £165 respectively; slaves valued from 6s. to £165, most between £40 and £60.

Mecklenburg County Will Book 5: 301-6.

1812, June

Albemarle County, Va.

John Hemings, Lewis  
carpenter-joiners

"1812. June. Johnny Hemings & Lewis make a set of Venetian blinds with fixed slats, i.e. 2. pair 3 f. 3 l. square in 6 days, splitting out the slats from common plank with the handsaw. say a window a week."

Edwin Morris Betts, ed. *Thomas Jefferson's Farm Book*, p. 114.  
(see below July - September, 1825)

**1812, August - December**

**Richmond County, Va.**

"8/2/12 - Carpenters ... have been for the last week engaged about the repairs at Rd C House ... one cart from each plantation with mule wagon hauling stone, timber &c. to the C House ....

10/23 - Smiths ... made hinges etc. for the Court house. Carpenters getting shingles. James and Phil about the work at Richmond C House, masons Do ....

11/16 - James working at the Ct house; masons do; mule waggon hauling timber for benches, sand, water, etc., at the courthouse ....

11/20 - James at work at the court house, masons do., Mule waggon hauling water & lime to the courthouse ....

12/3 - James about glazing window sashes ....

12/31 - Carpenters about the posts & railing at the Ct house, masons about the chimney at the Ct house; Jobbers ditching at the Ct house ...."

John Tayloe III Minute Book 1811-1812, Tayloe Family Papers (VHS).

**1825, July - September**

**Bedford County, Va.**

John Hemings  
carpenter-joiner

"Poplar Forest July 23th. [18]25

dear Sir [Thomas Jefferson] I hope thes few [lines] may find you well and in good health We begin to tin the West Side of the house [recently damaged by fire and belonging to TJ's grandson, Francis Wayles Eppes] and we have joust 5 1/2 boxis

We shal in a few days finish that side except the Potcos the rouft [roof] is so ruff that I am fost [forced] to imploy both of the boys the house being [ ] with oak we have to strik every [ ] the ridg lists

all ar sound and good on the Turit We ar [ ] to git the stuff for the gutters the onars of the saw mills [d]onte agree to cut thar timber trees at at this seson for feare of the worms [k]iling the trees

Mr. hiks tils me that thars a man 25 mils off that says he will Let him hav it ef he Lets him hav the holing [hauling] and then he says he wold deliver it for 5 Dolars Pay a hundred but he cant do it with out further odders I am your Sirvant John Hemings"

"Poplar Forest Aug 11th. 1825

dere Sir [Thomas Jefferson] I hop you ar Well We have got through the 15 boxis of tin and it will take 4 boxis more to fenish the house I hope you hav . got inforemation of before by Mr. F Eppes

I am in hopes we Shal git the stuff fore the gutters in 2 weeks it coms much sooon by giting the inch Stuff from him it coms at 3 dollars Pay a hundred and four Dollars for the waggin to hall it he Says he can hall the hold at one Loade

We Shoul go about perparing the chines raling & Puting up the onanmentes of the hall marster F. Eppes was saying something abot tining the flat rouft over the hall you and him can deside it between you how it shal be don Sir plese to send the tin as soon as you can the flat rouft will take 3 boxis thats 7 in all thars tin in Linchburg at 15 1/2 Dolars wich is much nedner ef it could be got I am Your obedant Sirvant Jon hemmings"

"Poplar Forest August 28, 1825

Dear miss Septima [Septimia Randolph] your Letter came to me on the 23th and hapey was I to embreasit to see you take it upon you self to Writ to me and Let me know how your grand Par was glad am i to hear that he is no worst dear I hope you ar well and all the famely give my Love to all your brothers [,] George With Randolph specaly I shoul gite don the house on tusday that is tining it we have all the Terreste to do yet wich is one hundred feet Long and 22 feet 8 inches wide Yesterday we just hade one Lode of the stuff brought home fore the gutters and that is 25 miles off where it came from I am in hope I shol be able to com home by the 25 of November Ef Life Last I am your obediente Sirvant John hemmings"

"Popler Forest September 18th [18]25

dear Sir [Thomas Jefferson] Your Letter dated Augut 17th Came to me September 1th Your Last on the 16th Sep I am very sorry that it was not in my Power to writ to you sooner the cause of that was for the want of stuff to carry on my work We had 1 Load August 27th and no more until yes ter day the 17th the first Load he brought 55 peis of the gutter stuff Yes ter day he brought the hole of the inch Plank and the 11 peis for the gutter those 55 ar don redey for puting up the 11 is to do yet the[re] was sum days between the arivoul of the Larst tin and my working on the house in that time I frame the plats of the Walls the hole of them ar rootin the walls has to be stript nakid sence the Puting the Plats to gather I hav bin in the Woods and git as meny shingles as I thinke wold be wanting to recovering it agin for we find a grat meny rootin besides what we shal Lost in taking up We hav takin off a third of the top the[re] was a litel sound Plank amung it and that we used for the top of the house in the plase of sheting which was about 300 feet I may say we was thrown back 10 days 5 windows out of hang the weaghts all falling doown [,] had them to rehang 2 Doors to chang and hang on the contrary sides 1 of the foldling doors that had bin cut both crosst the midel [ ] to put on to [ ] the Panels in Sir the[re] is not one inch of Plank to do every thing [ ] the teros floor Mr Eppes says that it will have to stand until sumother time just with the shingles thers no plank of yours at Mr Martins mill I am told that you had a good deel of oak Plank thar and Poplar to wich I give the bill by your odders for the Parlour cornice this fall four years

seprately from the old stock I hope by the nex to be able to Let you no when  
I Shul finech and when to send for me Dere Sir I hope you well I am your  
Sirvant John Hemmings"

"Poplar Forest Sep. 28. [18]25.

Sir [Thomas Jefferson] I hope thes may find you well with all my hart for it  
is my wish I shal be don my work on Saturday 7th of October We hav got  
every thing repest agin We hav Closed one [ ] I must beg you to send  
for me Mr Eppes has convins me that he cant git the Plank for the floour  
I shal pack up on Sunday 8th of October and be radey to Set out for monticello  
on monday by daylight Sir plese to odder the muls and gear and the old one  
eff you plese for me to ride Sir plese tell Wormly to see that the boy carris all  
the gear and the Long trais that I had made for the one to work befour the  
other eff the boy set out on friday he m[a]y fit up in 3 days with the muls  
unly the to[o]ls I shal bring hom that hav bin here sometime I am your  
homble Sirvant John Hemmings"

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**1729, October 20**

**Burlington, N.J. (?)**

Malato John  
house carpenter

"Burlington, October 20, 1729. Broke out of the Gaol [jail] at Burlington, the 20th Day of October, Two Men. One named Aristobulus Christopher, about Thirty years of age, of a Swarthy Complexion, thick Brown Hair, about five feet and eight Inches high, Shipwright by Trade. The other a Malato and goes by the name of Malato John, about Forty Years of age about six Feet and two Inches high and well set, and smooth Fac'd, short Brown Hair, he pretends to be a Housecarpenter by Trade. Whosoever takes up the said Persons or either of them and bring them to Burlington shall have Forty Shillings Reward for Each and Reasonable charges paid by Thomas Hunlock."

*The American Weekly Mercury* (Philadelphia), October 16, 1729.

**1731, March 11**

**Delaware**

Jack  
carpenter

"RUN away the 27th of February from John England and Company, at Principle Iron Works, a Negro Man named Jack, formerly belonging to Sir William Keith, Bart at his Works in New-Castle County: He is an elderly Man, speaks thick, and generally pretty Sawcy; is a Carpenter by Trade, and has a Wife in New-Castle County. Whoever secures him, so as his Master may have him again, shall have Five Pounds Reward, and reasonable Charges paid by John England."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* March 11, 1731, p. 4, col. 1.

**1733, April 7-14**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Primus, Venture and Syphax  
sawyers

"RUN away from Charlestown, the seventh Instant at Night, three Negro Sawyers, belonging to Mrs. Catherine Bettison, named Primus, Venture, and Syphax. They were well cloathed in welch Cottons of a yellow Colour, and carried their Blankets & Cloaths along with them; the said Negroes being hired by Mr. Chardon for the Service of Georgia. Whoever brings them, or either of them, to Mr. Chardon, or Mrs. Bettison, shall have 40 s. Reward for each. Note, Good Cyprus Shingles to be sold by the said Bettison."

*South Carolina Gazette* April 7-14, 1733.

**1733, October 1**  
Andrew Saxon  
carpenter; cooper

**New York City, N.Y.**

"Ran away the 18th of August, 1733 from Jacobus Van Cortlandt, New York City, a Negro man slave named Andrew Saxon, a tall lusty fellow, is very black, walks stooping and somewhat lamish with his left leg; the thumb of his left hand is somewhat stiff by a wound he had in his hand; the shirts he had with him and on his back are marked with a Cross on the left breast; he professeth himself to be a Roman Catholic, speaks very good English, is a carpenter and a cooper by trade and has a Broad-Ax with him, a Two-foot rule and a Howell-hovel. He had on a pair of linnen or ozenbrig breeches, and an old coat, but 'tis uncertain what other Cloathes he has with him. Whoever takes up and secures the said Negro Man, and gives notice to his said Master, so that he may be had again, shall have Forty Shillings if taken within Ten Miles of the City of New-York, and Three Pounds if further, as a Reward, and all reasonable Charges paid by Jacob Van Cortlandt."

*The New York Gazette*, October 1, 1733.

**1737, July 9-16**  
Cuffee  
carpenter (?)

**Charleston, S.C.**

"RUN AWAY about 3 Weeks ago, a Negro Fellow, named Cuffee, bought at the Sale of the Estate of the late Mr. Joseph Mackey Carpenter, with whom he used to work, he is a short black Fellow, of a dull heavy Countenance, with one Leg bent, as tho' it had been broke, is known in most Parts of this Province, and now it's thought he's gone to Mr. Wallis's Plantation on Santee River. Whoever brings the said Cuffee to Capt. Wm. Pinckney in Charlestown, or to the Subscriber's Plantation on the Horseshoe Savannah, shall be well rewarded. Cutel Golightly."

*South Carolina Gazette* July 9-16, 1737.

**1738, April 27**  
Abram  
sawyer

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

"RUN AWAY from Roger Saunders, on Saturday the 22d Inst. an Indian Man, named Peter ... Also run away about two Years since, a Negro Man, named Abram, who is a good Sawyer, middle sized and middle aged, and speaks broken English, he formerly belonged to Major Tobias Fitch, I have a good deal of Reason to think that he is harboured sometimes about Four hole Swamp,

sometimes about Mr. Baccots at Goose Creek, and sometimes on the Town Neck, he having been frequently seen about them Places, and not long since on the latter. Whoever apprehends and brings him to my Plantation above mentioned, shall have 20 l. reward."

*South Carolina Gazette* April 27, 1738.

**1739, September 15 - October 13**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

England, Prosper and Prince  
bricklayers

"RUN AWAY about a Month past, from the Plantation of Joseph Wragg Esq; at Goose-Creek, an old Negro Man named England, And a young slim Mustee Fellow, named Prosper (his Son) about 19 Years of Age. About 10 Days ago went away from the said Plantation, another young Mustee Fellow, named Prince, about 22 Years of Age, (also Son of England) with an Iron round one Leg, he took with him out of the Stable, a large Bay natural pacing Stallion, branded on the Mounting Shoulder IW in one and no other Marks or any White about him. It is supposed they are together near Dorchester, or about the Plantation of Bethal Dewes to whom they did belong, the old Fellow England is well known, having worked at the Bricklayer's Trade at several Plantations in this Province and his Sons with him. Whoever brings either of the said run away Slaves or Horse to said Wragg in Charlestown, to Mr. Rattery at Ashley Barony, or John Little at said Wragg's Plantation near Mr. Keating's at Goose Creek, shall be well rewarded ...."

*South Carolina Gazette* September 15 - October 13, 1739.

**1739, November 10-17**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Sampson  
glazier, painter

"RUN AWAY A Negro Man named Sampson, well known in Town & Country for his painting and glazing, had on when he went away a green Coat with brass Buttons and a pair of Trowsers he took with him a Bundle of several sorts of Cloths he is a middle siz'd Fellow with Pock holes in his Face, speaks very good English being a West India born, about [?] Years old. Whoever takes him up and brings him to the Subscriber shall have 5 l. reward, and all reasonable Charges paid by Michael Jeanes. NB He is likely to be hid on Board of Vessels, therefore I desire all Commanders to make enquiry on board their respective Vessels."

*South Carolina Gazette* November 10-17, 1739.

**1740, December 18**

**Charleston, S.C.**

"An Act for regulating the Buildings hereafter to be erected in Charles-Town ... For Carpenters and Joyners Master Workmen per day £2. For Negro Men Carpenters and Joyners per Day £1. For Apprentices (white or black) in the first Year of their Time per Day, £0.7.6. In the Second per Day, £0.10.0 In the third per Day, £0.15.0 In the fourth per Day, £1. For bricklayers and Plaisterers Master Workmen, per Day £2. For Negro Men per Day, £1.5.0. For Apprentices (white or black) the same prices as are limited for Carpenters or Joyners Apprentices. Negro Labourers per day £0.7.6... And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in any Case any Action or Suit, shall be brought, sued or prosecuted against any Person or Persons whatsoever, for any Matter or Thing to them done, or to be done, in Pursuance of the Direction of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Defendant and Defendants in every such Action or suit to plead the General Issue and to give this Act, and the special Matter in Evidence; and in case the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall discontinue, become Non-Suit, or a Verdict shall pass against him the Court in which such action shall be brought or commenced shall tax and allow to every such Defendant his and their double Costs of Suit. WILLIAM BULL, Jr. Speaker. In the Council Chamber, December 20, 1740."

*South Carolina Gazette* December 18, 1740

**1741, August 6-15**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Limas  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY from the Subscriber about a Fortnight ago, a Negro Carpenter named Limas, late the Property of Thomas Bennet, deceas'd; The said Negro for some Time wrought clandestinely about Town, and thereby defrauded his Master of several Sums of Money. This is therefore to forewarn all Persons, at their Peril, to employ or entertain him without a Power from his Owner. And whoever can give Intelligence of him so that he may be had again, or will bring him to the Subscriber, shall be well rewarded by James St. John. N.B. The said Negro is thought to be skulking about Town, or concealed at Mr. Harvey's Plantation over the Water."

*South Carolina Gazette* August 6-15, 1741.

**1742, May 7**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Will  
carpenter

"Run-away about Three Weeks since, a Mullato Fellow named Will, by Trade a

Carpenter, lately belonging to Benjamin Whitaker, Esq; he is well known about Town. Whoever brings him to the Subscriber or to the Work House in Charles Town, shall have a Reward of Ten Pounds from S. Hurst. May 7, 1742."

*South Carolina Gazette* May 1-8, 1742.

**1742, October 18-25**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Limbrick, Cato, Cyrus, Scipio  
sawyers

"Run away about a Month ago, from Mr. Wragg's Plantation, in the Parish of St. James Goose 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 [?] 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."

*South Carolina Gazette* October 18-25, 1742.

**1743, February 14**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Hector  
sawyer

"RUN AWAY from Mr. Rich. Tookerman's Plantation at Goose-Creek, a Negro Man named Hector, had on when he went away a white Negro Cloth Jacket and Breeches, is a Sawyer; also another Negro Man named Jack, cloathed in the same Manner as the other, is a Cooper. Whoever takes up and brings the said Negroes to their Master aforesaid, or to Mr. John Steele, Tavern-Keeper in Charlestown, shall have 5 l. reward for each."

*South Carolina Gazette* February 14, 1743.

**1743, August 29**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Joe  
carpenter; shoemaker

"RUN AWAY from the Subscriber near Dorchester, a likely young very black Negro Fellow, named Joe, he can work at the Shoemaker and Carpenter's

Trades, he is this Country born, and suppos'd to be about Charles Town, had on when he went away an Oznabrugb Shirt, a Hat, and white Negro Breeches. Whoever takes up and brings him to the Work house in Charles-Town, shall have 3 l. reward of John Cussens."

*South Carolina Gazette* August 29, 1743.

**1743, October 3**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Primus  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY from the Subscriber, about two Months ago, a likely young Negro Fellow named Primus, formerly belonged to Mrs. Ford at Hobcaw, by Trade he is a Carpenter. He pass'd over Combahee Ferry about 6 Weeks ago, and is suspected to be on Port-Royal Island, having a Wife at or near Mr. Hazard's Plantation, he had on a white Whitney Coat and generally goes well dress'd. Whoever takes up and brings the said Negro to the Work House in Charles Town, shall have a Reward of 10 l. from William Cattell, jun."

*South Carolina Gazette* October 3, 1743.

**1745, March 13**

**Bertie County, N.C.**

Tony  
brickmaker, sawyer

"Maherrin, in Bertie County, North-Carolina, March 13, 1745.  
RUN away from the Subscriber, in Bertie County, North-Carolina, a likely Negroe Slave, named Tony, Virginia born, about Thirty Years of Age, middle sized, well set, short Neck, and somewhat round Shoulder'd, yellow Complexion, and scarr'd on his Shoulders by Correction. He pretends to making and burning Bricks, and is a good Sawyer. He ran away the 18th of June, 1743, and has been heard of in Pennsylvania Government. Whoever takes him up, and brings him to the Subscriber, in North-Carolina, shall be Paid Ten Pistoles, or if delivered to Mr. Hugh Parker, in Philadelphia, shall receive Five Pistoles. Benjamin Hill."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* April 4, 1745, p. 3, col. 2.

**1745, October 14**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Jack  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY from the Subscriber, about six Months ago, a short well made



young Negro Fellow, named Jack, by Trade a Carpenter, speaks good English, and formerly belong'd to Mrs. Hugh Cartwright. Whoever apprehends the said Run away, and brings him to his Master in Charles Town, shall have 5 l. current Money Reward. And all Persons are forewarn'd against harbouring or entertaining him at their Peril. Mathew Roche."

*South Carolina Gazette* October 14, 1745.

**1746, May 22**

**Bertie County, N.C.**

Toney  
brickmaker, sawyer

"RUN away from the Subscriber, in Bertie county, North-Carolina, on the 18th of June, 1743, a likely negroe slave, named Toney, Virginia born, about Thirty Years of age, middle sized, well set, short necked, somewhat round shoulder'd, yellow complexion, scarr'd on the shoulders by correction, pretends to making and burning bricks, is a good sawyer, and has been heard of since he went away in Pennsylvania government. Whoever takes him up, and brings him to the subscriber, in North Carolina, shall be paid Ten Pistoles, or if delivered to Mr. John Blakeley, in Philadelphia, Five Pistoles. BENJAMIN HILL."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* May 22, 1746, p. 4, col. 3.

**1748, April 18-27**

**Charleston, S.C.**

name not given  
carpenter, sawyer; cooper

"RUN AWAY the 4th Instant April from the Subscriber, a tall, likely young Mustee Slave, Cooper, Carpenter, and Sawyer. Whoever will apprehend and deliver him to the Subscriber his Master, or to the Warden of the Work-house, shall receive 5 l. Reward, and reasonable Charges. John Man."

*South Carolina Gazette* April 18-27, 1748.

**1748, June 8**

**Kent County, Md.**

Toby  
carpenter or sawyer

"RAN-away from Cornelius Harkins of Kent County, and since bought by the Subscriber, a Negro Fellow called Toby; he formerly belong'd to the Rev. James Williamson in Calvert County, and afterwards to Mr. Matthias Harris: He is a low well-set Fellow, bow leg'd, of a very tawny Complexion; he took with him a Canoe, a new Fiddle, a Bonja, on both which he at times plays, and

Howel with an Iron Handle, with which he makes Bowls; he pretends to be a Carpenter or Sawyer: Had with him a broad cloth snuff-coloured Waistcoat lined with red shalloon, an old broad cloth Coat lined with red, a pair of old Pumps, a pair of Kersey yarn Stockings pretty fine, an old pair of Kersey Breeches, and an old Hat which he usually wears cock'd; but all or most of those Things may be changed, he being a dextrous Thief, and a very deceitful Fellow. Whoever takes up the said Fellow, and brings him to the Subscriber at Fairly, in Kent County, shall have Thirty Shillings Reward, more than allowed by Law, and all reasonable Charges, paid by WILLIAM HARRIS. N.B. He is suspected to endeavour to make to his former Master, the Rev. Mr. James Williamson in Calvert County."

*Maryland Gazette* June 8, 1748.

**1748, July 20**

**St. Mary's County, Md.**

Tom

house carpenter, sawyer; cooper

"RAN away from the Subscribers, living in St. Mary's County, near the Cool Springs, on the 24th of June last, Two Mulatto Slaves, one named Clem, about 25 Years of Age; he is a very white Mulatto and stutters very much when strictly examin'd: He took with him a good Country Linnen Shirt, and an old striped ditto, an old Linnen Waistcoat, and pair of old Linnen Breeches, and has straight Hair close cut. The other a lusty dark Fellow, named Tom, about 27 Years of Age; the Fore-Finger of his Left Hand is cut close off: He took with him a check Shirt, three Waistcoats, one a Brick coloured German Serge, one a Blue Drugget with Mettle Buttons, and the other an old one, he has different Sorts of Breeches, and other Clothing. He is a Cooper, a House-Carpenter, and a very good Sawyer. Whoever secures the said Servants so as their Masters may have them again, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows, and reasonable Charges, paid, by WILLIAM JOSEPH, JOHN MILES."

*Maryland Gazette* July 20, 1748.

**1748, July 27**

**Baltimore, Md.**

Jack

carpenter

"RAN away from the Baltimore Iron-Works, on the 23d of July, a Negro Man named Jack, a Country born, middle aged Fellow, was brought up in Dorchester County, and 'tis likely will make that Way. He formerly belonged to Mr. Morris of Oxford. Had on when he went away, a Felt Hat, an Oznabrig Frock and Trousers, and Osnabrig Shirt, and coarse Shoes. He pretends to be a Carpenter. Whoever delivers him to Daniel Dulany, Esq; in Annapolis, or to

the Subscriber at the said Works, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward.  
RICHARD CROXALL."

*Maryland Gazette* July 27, 1748.

**1749, January 2-19**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Caesar  
bricklayer

"RUN-AWAY, a very lusty young negro fellow named Caesar, by trade a bricklayer, lately work'd with Mr. Humphry Sommers in Charlestown. He had on when he went away, an old red coat made of strouds, has a scar on his upper lip, is this country born and speaks good English. Likewise lost some time since, from Elliott's wharff, a cypres canow about 24 feet long and 4 feet wide: she is branded in several places on the inside with the name HILL, and has a new piece in her stern. Whoever delivers the fellow to the warden of the work-house shall have 3 l. reward, besides reasonable charges, and the like reward for the canow. Samuel Quincy."

*South Carolina Gazette* January 2-19, 1749.

**1749, August 21-28**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Peter  
carpenter; cooper

"RUN AWAY on the 13th of August, a negro fellow named Peter, belonging to Mr. Thomas Hasell of Winyaw, and supposed to be on or about James-Island; he is a carpenter and cooper by trade, and lately belonged to the subscriber. Whoever brings him to me shall have 10 l. reward. John Vaun."

*South Carolina Gazette* August 21-28, 1749.

**1751, July 15-22**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Adam  
sawyer

"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."

*South Carolina Gazette* July 15-22, 1751.

**1753, February 6**

**Philadelphia, Pa.**

"To be sold, his master leaving off the business, A Likely well-set Negroe man, that talks good English, and understands the Block-maker's business, turning, and making both land and sea pumps, and is capable of carrying on said business, likewise very handy at many other businesses. He would suit any gentleman that lives in Maryland or Virginia, in order to teach their young Negroes the above business. Enquire at the New-Printing Office."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* February 6, 1753, p. 2, col. 3.

**1754, January 22-29**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Cudjoe  
bricklayer

"RUN AWAY, an Angloa 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 10 l. reward."

*South Carolina Gazette* January 22-29, 1754.

**1754, July 4-11**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Ben  
house carpenter

"RUN AWAY from the subscriber, the 18th of June last, a mustee slave named Ben, a house carpenter by trade. Whoever takes up and delivers him to the warden of the work-house, or to me on my plantation, shall have Ten Pounds reward, besides lawful charges. MILLER ST. JOHN."

*South Carolina Gazette* July 4-11, 1754.

1755, January 16-23

Charleston vicin., S.C.

Toby

carpenter; cooper

"RUN AWAY the 20th of January, 1755, from the subscriber at Ponpon, a likely mustee fellow named Toby, a cooper and carpenter by trade: He took his cloaths with him, and is supposed to have gone on horseback some distance. Any person that will bring him to the said subscriber, shall have 10 l. currency reward, and all reasonable charges paid. Thomas Sacheverell."

*South Carolina Gazette* January 16-23, 1755.

1755, March 12

Kent County, Md.

Toby

carpenter; cooper, overseer

"Chestertown, Maryland, March 12, 1755. TEN PISTOLES Reward. RAN away last night, from James Ringgold, of Eastern Neck, in Kent County, in the province of Maryland, the two following servant men; one named James Francis, an indented servant for five years, a middle siz'd young fellow, about 26 years of age, of a smooth fair complexion, his hair cut off, is an Englishman, and speaks a little in the west country dialect; was brought up to farming and husbandry: Had on, a country kersey jacket and breeches, blue fearnought jacket, and an old dark colour'd coat. The other a lusty young Mulatto fellow, named Toby, a slave about the same age, he is a well-set, clean limb'd, stout fellow, neither a very bright or very dark Mulatto, has large nostrils, is a likely fellow, and when he talks drawls his words out in a very slow manner, is no other way very remarkable; he had on the same sort of clothes with the other servant, and one of them has a check or striped green and red everlasting jacket on or with them; and perhaps the Mulatto may set up for a cooper or carpenter, having work'd at both those businesses, and also understands plantation affairs. Whoever takes up and secures the above persons, and gives notice, so as their master gets them again, shall have Four Pistoles reward for the white servant, and Six Pistoles for the Mulatto; and if brought back either to their master or to the subscriber, shall be paid reasonable charges for their trouble of bringing them, either by their master or the subscriber. That this slave should runaway, and attempt getting his liberty, is very alarming, as he has always been too kindly used, if any thing, by his master, and on in whom his master has put great confidence, and depended on him to overlook the rest of his slaves, and he had no kind of provocation to go off. It seems to be the interest of least of every gentleman that has slaves, to be active in the beginning of these attempts, or whilst we have the French such near neighbours we shall not have the least security in that kind of property. I should be greatly obliged to any gentlemen that shall hear of these fellows, to endeavour to get certain intelligence which way they have taken, and to inform

me of it by express, and also to employ some active person or persons immediately to take their tract and pursue and secure them, and I will thankfully acknowledge the favour, and immediately answer all expences attending it. THOMAS RINGGOLD."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* March 25, 1755, p. 3, col 3.

**1756, March 25**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Jack  
carpenter

"RUN away about a Month ago, from the plantation of Mr. William Townsend on John's Island, a negro fellow named Jack, a carpenter by trade; he is well known on Ashley-River and in Charles-Town. Whoever will bring him to me, or to the Work-House, shall have 5 l. reward: But whoever will give information of his being harboured or entertained by any white person, shall have 20 l. paid them on proving the same, and if harboured by a negro, they shall have 5 l. from Solomon Milner."

*South Carolina Gazette* March 25, 1756.

**September 23, 1756**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Cupid  
bricklayer

"RUN AWAY the beginning of last June, from my plantation on John's Island, 2 negro men, one named Cupid, a bricklayer by trade, the other named Cuffee, a cooper, both well known in Charles Town and in most parts of the country. Whoever brings one or both to me, or to the work-house, shall have a reward of 20 l. for the former, and 10 for the latter; and whoever gives notice of their being harboured by any white person, shall have a further reward of 20 l. if convicted by a white man, of 10 l. if by a negro. MEL. St. JOHN."

*South Carolina Gazette* September 23, 1756, postscript to the supplement.

**1756, November 11**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Tom  
carpenter

"RUN away from the subscriber at Ponpon, the latter end of September last, a sensible country-born negro man, named Tom, about 6 feet high, well made, by trade a carpenter, carried with him when he went away some carpenters tools, and had on a negro cloth jacket and oznabrigs trowsers, has a large beard,

and breast very hairy, is well known on St. Helena, Edisto-Island, and at Ponpon, at either of which places 'tis supposed he may be concealed, as he is cunning and sensible enough to tell a very plausible story any where. Whoever takes up the said fellow, or can give certain information where he may be had, shall (if a white person) have a reward of 15 pounds, of (if a negro) 7 pounds. James Reid."

*South Carolina Gazette* November 11, 1756, postscript to the supplement.

**1757, January 31**

**East Chester, N.Y.**

Joe

stone wall builder

"Run away from Caleb Ferris of East-Chester, in the Province of New York, sometime before last Christmas; a lusty likely man slave named Joe, aged about 25 years old, he is of a yellow complexion being mixed Indian and Negro, much of an Indian countenance, he speaks altogether English and is well set every Way, about five feet ten inches high, understands all sorts of Plantation Work and is an excellent Hand to make a Stone-Wall, he was born of a slave and brought up by Martha Clarks of W. Chester and upon her death he is so often running about, he sometimes pretends to be free and it is supposed that some vile person has given him a pass, he is a great Fiddler and when he went away he took his Fiddle and a bundle of cloth. Whoever will take up the said Servant and secure him so that his Master may have him again shall have three pounds reward and all reasonable charges paid by me, Caleb Ferris. All persons are hereby forewarned from harbouring or carrying off said servant."

*The New York Gazette: or, The Weekly Post-Boy*, January 31, 1757.

**1757, July 21**

**Charleston, S.C.**

William Sauders and Jack Flowers  
bricklayers

"RUN away from the Subscriber, a thick set mustee fellow, calls himself William Saunders, and says he is free: And a mulatto fellow, about 5 feet 6 inches high, named Jack Flowers, belonging to Richard Lampton, esq; both bricklayers. Whoever apprehends the above two fellows, or either of them, and brings them to me at the Work house, shall receive 5 pounds reward, and all reasonable harges [sic]. Christopher Holson."

*South Carolina Gazette* July 21, 1757.

**1757, August 25**

Jacob  
carpenter

**Charleston, S.C.**

"RUN away from the Subscriber, about [?] weeks ago, a negro man named Jacob, a likely sensible fellow, this country born, a carpenter by trade, well known in Charles-Town and the adjacent parts, has a mother called Free Peg, who lives at Mr. Ladson's plantation on Ashley River, and many other relations both in that and Stono parish by some of whom it is probable he may be [?]. Whoever delivers him at the Work house, shall have 10 pounds reward, and double that sum [?] made of his being harboured or employed [?] by white person, or free negro. Rawlins Lowndes."

*South Carolina Gazette* August 25, 1757.

**1758, October 13-20**

Strephon  
carpenter

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

"RUN AWAY from the Subscriber's Plantation near Willtown, the beginning of April last, a Negro Man named Strephon, West-India born, about six Feet high, smooth Countenance, down Look, slouching clumsy Gait, remarkable long flat Feet, and his Legs seem to stand on the Middle of his Feet, speaks very proper English, and is a Piece of a Carpenter; suspected to be harboured in or about Charles-Town; and as he has been used to go in a Scooner, may possibly offer himself as a Freeman to go to Sea on board some outward-bound Vessel. If any Person will apprehend the said Negro Man, and convey him to me or the Warden of the Work-House, or give information by whom he is concealed, so as the Person may be convicted, shall be paid 25 l. and all Charges, by JAMES STONO."

*South Carolina Gazette* October 13-20, 1758.

**1759, December 8-15**

Anthony  
carpenter

**Charleston, S.C.**

"RUN away from Charles-Town, the 7th instant, a negro fellow named ANTHONY, of a yellow complexion, this country born, a carpenter by trade, had on when he went away an under jacket, called a robbin, welted with strip'd tape, a check shirt, and a white one under it. Whoever apprehends the said



negro, and carries him to the work-house, shall have FIVE POUNDS reward, and all reasonable charges paid, by ALEXANDER RANTOWLE."

*South Carolina Gazette* December 8-15, 1759.

**1760, February 23 - March 1**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Bob  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY on the 24th of February last, from my plantation at Horse-Savannah, four negroes formerly belonging to doctor John Hutchinson, deceased, and therefore supposed to be gone toward Port-Royal, viz. three men and a boy, one of the men named BOB, this country born, is a carpenter by trade; the two others Angola born, named TOM and PUNCH; the boy named BOB, has a scar on the side of his mouth. TEN POUNDS reward will be given to any person that delivers Bob, the carpenter, to me, and three pounds for each of the others, besides reasonable charges. SAMUEL WAINWRIGHT."

*South Carolina Gazette* February 23 - March 1, 1760.

**1760, April 26 - May 3**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Bob  
sawyer; driver, plowman

"Run away the 26th of January last, A NEGRO Fellow named BOB, formerly the Property of Luke Stoutenburgh, Esq; and was bought at the Sale of Joseph Poole's Estate; he is a good Plowman, Sawyer, and Driver, which he has been used to; is a thin black Fellow, very hairy about the breast, and had on a brown Negro Cloth Jacket and Breeches with Brass Buttons, an Oznabrug Shirt, green Negro Cloth Boots, and is supposed to be gone to Winyah: He has a Brother at Mr. Thomas Broughton's at Goose-Creek. Whoever takes up the said Fellow and delivers him to me in Charles-Town, shall have TEN POUNDS Reward and all reasonable Charges. Thomas Else."

*South Carolina Gazette* April 26 - May 3, 1760.

**1761, June 13-20**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Owen  
bricklayer

"Run away a few days since, FROM Christopher Gadsden, A negro fellow named Owen, formerly belonged to Mr. Freeman, and served four years with Mr. Sommers the bricklayer: He is a short, thick very black fellow, has a very

broad flat nose, and is about 26 years old; had on a sailor's large blue pea jacket, and osnabrug trowsers. Whoever brings him to me, or secures him in the work-house, shall have 5 l. and all reasonable charges. CHRISTOPHER GADSDEN."

*South Carolina Gazette* June 13-20, 1761.

**1761, October 24-31**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Jacob  
carpenter

"RUN away from the subscriber about 10 weeks ago, from Wando-neck, five negroes, viz. ROVER, a thick short negro man above 50 years of age; MARIA, his daughter, a strong middle-sized wench, about 20 years of age; JACOB, a yellow negro fellow middle-sized, is a carpenter by trade, has one of his great toes cut off with an ax, and is about 28 years of age; CUPID, a short, thick, black fellow, above 40 years of age, and walks lame: These two last negroes were lately seen at John's Island, at the plantation of the late Robert Gibbs; but are supposed to be now about Wando: JOE, a black boy about 15 years of age, this country born. Whoever apprehends the above negroes, or any of them, and delivers them to the warden of the work-house, shall receive Three Pounds for each; or whoever will give information where any of them are harboured, if by a white person shall, on conviction, receive Fifty Pounds, or if by a negro Five Pounds.... ROBERT WILLIAMS."

*South Carolina Gazette* October 24-31, 1761.

**1762, September 26**

**Orange County, N.Y.**

Adonia or Duca  
carpenter; blacksmith, shoemaker

"Tappan, Sept. 26, 1762. RUN away last Sunday Evening, from his Master, in Orange County, Johannes Blauveldt, Blacksmith, a Negro Fellow, named as he says, Adonia, but by us Duca, he is a yellow Complexion, being a mixed Breed, speaks and reads pretty good Low Dutch, and speaks little English: is a very good Black Smith by Trade, and can make Leather Shoes, and do some thing at the Carpenters Trade, is about 5 and a half Feet high, full Faced, black Hair, but cut off about one Inch long, is 20 or 22 Years old, had on, when he went away, homespun Trowsers, Shirt, gray Waistcoat, and Felt Hat; took with him a check Shirt and Trowsers, a white Shirt and a Pair of blue Cloth Breeches, and one home spun Waist Coat, he had been whip'd the day before he went off, which may be seen pretty much on his right side, he pretends to be free, and perhaps will get a Pass for that Purpose: Whoever takes up and secures the said Fellow, so that his Master may have him again, shall have THREE

POUNDS Reward, and all reasonable Charges paid by JOHANNES  
BLAUVELDT N.B. All Masters of Vessels and others are forbid to carry him  
away."

*The New York Gazette; or, The Weekly Post-Boy* September 30, 1762.

**1762, November 13-20**  
York Tom  
painter

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

"RUN away from my plantation at Stono, two negro men, named York Tom and Hetter. York Tom is well known in Charles-Town, being a painter, where he was lately seen; Hetter is supposed to be about Wadmelah, where I understand he hath a wife, at Mr. Stanyarn's plantation: both the negroes have a little impediment in their speech. Five Pounds, and all reasonable charges, will be be [sic] paid to any person that will deliver either of the said negroes to the warden of the work-hosue, by HUMPHRY SOMMERS. N.B. As the above named York Tom may endeavour to make his escape to the northward, all masters of vessels and others are hereby forbid carrying him off the province."

*South Carolina Gazette* November 13-20, 1762.

**1763, March 12-19**  
Limerick  
carpenter

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

"RUN away, on the 28th of February last, from the subscriber, a negro fellow named LIMERICK, about five feet five or six inches high, of a thin visage, speaks good English, is by trade a carpenter, and well known in town, where it is supposed he is gone: He had on when he went away a white negro cloth jacket and breeches, and a pair of blue boots. Whoever apprehends the said fellow, and delivers him to the warden of the work-house, or to capt. Benjamin Roberts in Charles-Town, or the subscriber, at the head of Cooper-river, shall receive a reward of five pounds and all reasonable charges; and whoever will give information of his being harboured by any white person, upon conviction, shall receive a reward of twenty-five pounds, and if by a negro, ten pounds. FRANCIS ROCHE. N.B. All masters of vessels are forbid carrying the said negro fellow off the province at their peril."

*South Carolina Gazette* March 12-19, 1763.

**1763, October 27**  
Henry

**Berks County, Pa.**

brickmaker (?)

"RUN away from the Subscriber, living in Manatawny, in Berks County, 3 Miles from Thomas Pott's Old Furnace, on the 8th of July last, a Negroe Man, named Henry, about 24 Years of Age, middle sized, and well set, has on each Side a Hole through his Nose, and one through each Ear; speaks neither English nor Dutch. He went away from the Brick kiln, and had on a green Jacket and a Pair of Tow Trowsurs, leaving his Hat and Shoes behind him. Whoever takes up and secures the said Negroe, so that His Master may have him again, shall have Thirty Shillings Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by GEORGE ADAM WEIDNER.

N.B. All Masters of Vessels are forewarned to carry him off, at their Peril; and whoever in Town or Country harbours him, shall be dealt with according to Law."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* October 27, 1763, p. 3, col. 3.

**1764, June 29 - July 6**

**New Bern, N.C.**

Tony  
carpenter

"FIVE POUNDS Reward. RAN away from the Subscriber, about the first of February, a mulatto or mustee Slave, called Tony, about 24 Years of Age, with long stiff black Hair, and greatly the Looks and colour of an Indian. He is about 5 feet 9 inches high and strong limbed, and is used to work at the carpenter Trade: Had on when he went away, a homespun Jacket, and old Coat girt round him with a broad buff Belt, and a large Brass Buckle. Whoever brings the said Slave to the Subscriber in Newbern, or procure him so as to be recovered, shall receive Five Pounds Reward, and all reasonable charges. William Powell."

*North Carolina Magazine; or, Universal Intelligencer* June 29 - July 6, 1764.

**1765, March 21**

**Calvert County, Md.**

London  
carpenter; cooper

"RUN away from the subscriber, living near Prince Frederick Town, Calvert County, Maryland, on the 1st day of October last, a Negroe man, named London, about 35 years of age, and about 5 feet 7 inches high, of a yellow complexion, stammers in his speech, if examined strictly, bow legged, and when he talks, one corner of his mouth stands awry. He may change his name, is very artful, and at no loss for a plausible, story, is a cooper and carpenter by trade. Whoever takes up the said negroe, if in the county aforesaid, and brings him to the subscriber, shall receive Forty Shillings reward; if taken 30 miles

from home, Five Pounds; if out of this province Seven Pounds, and reasonable charges. As I have some reason to apprehend the above mentioned negroe has been carried off by some ill-disposed person, I hereby promise a reward of Twenty Pistoles to any person who will discover the thief, so as he can be convicted. ROBERT FREELAND."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* March 21, 1765, p. 1, col. 3.

**1765, April 25**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Pompey and Sampson  
axman and carpenter

"RUN AWAY from the subscriber last February, a NEGROE MAN, named YORK, about 40 years of age, about 5 feet 4 inches high, had on when he went off a blue negroe cloth jacket and breeches, speaks good English, and is well known about Ebenezer and Abercorn. And last Sunday went off, TWO NEGROES, one named POMPEY, about 46 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches high, he is dull of hearing, and is a good axman and hunter; the other, named SAMPSON, is by trade a carpenter, aged 26 years, has a downcast surly look, and is about 5 feet 8 inches high; they were both born in North-Carolina; had on when they went away hats, blue jackets and breeches, and white Indian boots. Whoever delivers the above negroes, before the last of May next, to the warden of the workhouse in Savannah, or to me at Skidaway, shall receive for York 10 s. sterling, and 20 s. for each of the others, over and above what the law directs. WILLIAM MACKENZIE."

*Georgia Gazette* April 25, 1765.

**1765, May 9**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Dick and Pompey  
carpenters

"RUN AWAY from Mrs. Butler's plantation on Great Ogechee river the 27th April last, TWO SLAVES, named DICK and POMPEY, both carpenters, country born, and speak good English. Dick is a mustee about 27 years of age, bow-leg'd, and about 5 feet 8 inches high; Pompey is a black well made fellow of the same height, and about 23 years of age. They took each a gun and all their cloaths, that their dress cannot with certainty be described. Whoever apprehends the said slaves, and will deliver them to the subscriber at the said plantation shall receive ten pounds sterling reward, or five pounds for either of them. BENJAMIN FOX."

*Georgia Gazette* May 9, 1765.

**1765, June 20**

**Pensacola, Fl.**

Prince

carpenter; cooper

"RUN AWAY from Mr. John Watts, of Pensacola, about the 8th May last, a very tall well made sensible NEGROE FELLOW, named PRINCE, six feet high, an exceeding good carpenter and cooper. It's supposed he will make either for this province, or Carolina, where he was bred; had on when he went away blue cloaths, but may have changed them; he is an artful cunning fellow, and may attempt to pass for a free man. A REWARD of TWENTY DOLLARS, and all reasonable charges, will be paid to any person who will take up and deliver the said negroe to the subscriber, or the warden of the work-house. ROGER KELSALL. Savannah, June 20, 1765."

*Georgia Gazette* June 20, 1765.

**1765, October 5-12**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Joe and Peter

sawyers; boatmen, herdsman

"RAN away from the plantation of William Allston, Esq; on Pedee, March 12th, 1764, two negro men, Carolina born, one named JOE, middle sized, yellowish complexion, stutters much, and pretends to be free: the other named PETER, very likely and round faced, complexion very black; both very good sawyers and boatmen, and used to the management of horses and cattle. Information has been received that they went first to the back settlements, and are supposed to have gone from thence to St. Augustine. Twenty Dollars reward, besides all reasonable charges will be paid for each, if delivered to the warden of the work-house, or Mr. John Forbes, Merchant in Charles-Town; and Fifty Dollars for discovery of any white persons' harbouring them, to be paid on conviction of the offender."

*South Carolina Gazette* October 5-12, 1765.

**1766, June 20**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Bridgee, Prince and Aboo

sawyers

"RUN AWAY from my plantation at Sunbury, about seven weeks ago, FOUR NEGROES, viz. three men and one woman: BRIDGEE, a stout fellow about 40, five feet ten inches, with a high nose; he was first purchased by the Portuguese, and sold to the Spaniards (by which he speaks both languages) taken last war, bought by Capt. James Dunbar, who sold him to me: CELIA, his wife, a likely wench about 26: PRINCE, a tall handsome young fellow about 23:

ABOO, a thick short fellow about 25, with a cut in his face, to the best of my remembrance on his right temple. The men are all prime sawyers. When they first went off, having some connections with Mr. Martin's and other negroes upon South-Newport, they were supposed to have gone there; but after having committed several outrages, particularly upon Mr. Ross at the Ferry, and a chained canoe being cut away some nights after from a wharf at Sunbury, and no people missing, they are suspected to be the villains, and are gone to the Northward. Whoever will apprehend all or any of the aforesaid negroes, and deliver them to the goal-keeper in Savannah, to Mr. Thomas Carr in Sunbury, or to me at Frederica, shall receive for each upon delivery the sum of 20 s. sterling, with all reasonable charges. MARK CARR."

*Georgia Gazette* July 2, 1766.

**1766, August 29**

**Pensacola, Fl.**

Nero  
sawyer

"RAN AWAY, from Pansacola, about three months since, and supposed to be come to this province, a negro man, belonging to Governour Johnstone, named NERO, about five feet six inches high, a sawyer and wood cutter, has a large head, short neck, pursy, sore feet, and many scars about his head. Whoever takes up said negro, and delivers him to the warden of the work-house shall receive Five Pounds reward, and all reasonable charges paid by WILLIAM RICHARDSON. August 29, 1766."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* August 29-September 5, 1766.

**1766, November 26**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Abraham  
bricklayer

"Charles-Town, November 26, 1766. RUN-away yesterday, from my Schooner, lying at Burn's Wharf, a Negro fellow named ABRAHAM, by trade a bricklayer, belonging formerly to Mr. Tew, afterwards to Mrs. Saunders, and is now the property of JOSIAH TATNALL, Esq; of Georgia, whither I was about to carry him: Had on when he went away, a blue broad cloth coat and jacket, with metal buttons; striped trowsers, and silver buckles in his shoes. On his right leg he had a large clog of iron, which had been but just put on, in order to prevent him from escaping, he being an old offender that way; as he was born in this Town, he is very well known, and it is supposed may be secreted by his relations. I hereby offer a reward of TEN POUNDS to any person that will bring him to me, or to the Warden of the Work-house: And I will give TWENTY POUNDS to

whoever will discover where he is harboured or entertained, so that the offender may be convicted. TUNIS TEBOUT."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* December 9, 1766.

**1767, January 21**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Jack  
carpenter

Bill of sale: Daniel Slade, a Charleston carpenter sold to Henry Laurens an African-American slave named Jack, a carpenter, for £500 currency. Bill recorded on March 11, 1767, Miscellaneous Records, MM, Part 2 (1763-1767): 682-683, South Carolina Archives.

Philip M. Hamer, et al., eds., *The Papers of Henry Laurens* V: 224.

**1767, May 5**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Toney  
bricklayer

"RUN-AWAY from the subscriber, the 13th of April, 1767, three Negro fellows named BILLY, YORK, and TONEY; Billy and York are black fellows, both boatmen, have been long used to go in a schooner, and are well known in Charles-Town. Toney is a yellow fellow, by trade a bricklayer, and served his time to Joachim Phalthaser, at Chidsberry. Any person that will take up the said fellows, and deliver them to me at Ponpon, or to the Warden of the Work-house in Charles-Town, shall receive a reward of Five Pounds currency for each. And any person harbouring or employing any of the said runaways, may depend on being prosecuted, by WILLIAM COACHMAN. Ponpon, May 5, 1767."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* May 21, 1767.

**1767, July 1**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Noko  
carpenter; waitingman; boatman

"RUN-AWAY from the subscriber, a short but square set elderly Negro man, named NOKO, who is very handy in the use of carpenters tools, and as a waiting-man; he has a remarkable large wart on one of his shoulders, plays on the violin, and belonged formerly to Mr. Brownwell, dancing-master. He has been lately in Charles-Town; and as he is a good boat-man, it is probable he may associate with some of the island Negroes who frequent the markets. Whoever will take him up, and deliver him to Messrs. CORRIE & CARSANS, in



Charlestown, or to me at Ponpon, shall receive Five Pounds reward. JOSEPH GLOVER. July 1, 1767.

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* July 7, 1767.

**1767, July 3-10**

**Charleston, S.C.**

John  
carpenter

"RAN AWAY the 5th July instant, a negro man named JOHN, a carpenter by trade, wrought for some time past with Mr. Moncrief, is about 35 years old, sensible, and speaks very good English and French; had on when he went away, a broad striped check waistcoat, and red breeches, but sometimes wears striped trowsers, is about five feet nine inches high, had a gold earring in one ear, wears his hair far down on his cheeks; was born in Jamaica and lived some years at Mobbile. Whoever delivers the said negro to the warden of the Work-house, or to me, shall have SEVEN POUNDS reward and all reasonable charges; and any white person giving information of his being harboured, or protected, so that the person guilty thereof may be convicted according to law, shall have TEN POUNDS reward. JOHN STUART."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* July 3-10, 1767.

**1767, August 19**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Dublin  
brickmaker

"RUN away from the subscriber's brick yard, at Wando, in Christ-Church parish, on Monday, the 17th of August instant, a NEGRO man named DUBLIN, a black, well set fellow, about five feet seven inches high; has a large scar on one of his cheeks, speaks good English, has a grum voice, and bold countenance; can mould bricks. He was born at Philadelphia, and belonged to one James White there, who sold him to Josiah Parvezole of Cross Creek in North Carolina, who sold him to John Bohanson of Mecklenburgh county, and he to John Roy of the same county, and he to James M'Clenashan, of Charles-Town, of whom the subscriber bought him, at public vendue, in June last. It is supposed he will make for North Carolina. Whoever will apprehend him, and deliver him to the subscriber in Charles-Town, or to the warden of the work house, shall have Twenty Pounds reward, besides the charges allowed by law. WILLIAM HOPTON. August 19, 17678."

*South Carolina Gazette* August 24-31, 1767.

**1767, September 22**

**Sussex County, De.**

Harry  
carpenter, millwright; miller

"Sussex county, on Delaware, Three Run Mills, Sept. 22, 1767. TEN POUNDS Reward. RUN away, from the subscriber, on the 13th instant, a mulattoe slave named HARRY, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 Inches high, and well set. Had on, when he went away, a brown cloth coat, white linen jacket, and brown breeches; he was bred a miller, and understands very well how to manufacture flour, and can invoice the same; is much given to strong drink, and playing on the violin; understands the carpenter's and millwright's business middling well; was removed from East New-Jersey in the year 1762, by one Nicholas Veight, who lived at Rockey-Hill, and kept a mill. The said fellow has a free mulattoe wife, named Peg, and two children, and I expect they will endeavour to get together (though they did not run away at one time) it is expected they will endeavour to get to the province of East New-Jersey; it is imagined said mulattoe has a pass. Any person or persons that takes up and secures the said mulattoe, and delivers him to CHARLES WHARTON, merchant, in Philadelphia, or to the subscriber, shall have the above reward of Ten Pounds, if taken in the province of New-Jersey, and Six Pounds if in the province of Pennsylvania, paid by LEVIN CRAPPER.

N.B. The said mulattoe woman, named Peg, has run away from her bail, at Lewis Court, in Sussex county."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* October 1, 1767, p. 4, col. 2.

**1768, January 26**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Henry Laurens to Alexander Gray in St. Augustine, Florida -

"P.S. the 28th. From a Specimen of my Cooper's Work this morning, yours must be a bungler if he does not excel him, but in Sport they call Negroes Tradesmen at Vendues, merely to run up the prices."

Philip M. Hamer, et al., eds. *The Papers of Henry Laurens* V: 567.

**1768, February 8-15**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Bullock  
sawyer

"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 high 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."

*South Carolina Gazette* February 8-15, 1768.

1768, June 27

Charleston, S.C.

Tom  
house carpenter

"One Hundred Pounds Reward. RAN AWAY last night, about 11 or 12 o'clock, Three Negro Men, One Wench, and her male child, viz. A Negro man named TOM, born in the Havanna, speaks Spanish and French, a very likely fellow, and somewhat used to the house carpenter's trade: Had on an osnabrigs shirt and breeches, green jacket, an old felt hat, and a blanket surtout coat. PETER, a short well set fellow, remarkable for large rolling eyes, having on much the same cloaths as the former, with a red surtout coat. POMPEY, a middle sized, down-looking ill-favoured fellow, has a scar on the side of his nose, his toes very crooked. Had on a ragged black jacket, and green breeches. He can write and read, and talk good English. The wench named ARABELLA, is very likely, short and slim, with a clear black skin, and a good sett of teeth, a scar on the side of one of her hands, and a deep dimple in her chin: Had on and carried with her, a blue callimanco gown, and a check'd ditto, also sundry coats and jackets of different sorts. Her child answers to the name of CASTILA, a smart looking boy, about six years old, has a scar on his forehead. As there is a small Scooner or fishing boat missing this day, it's suspected they may have off in her; and as some other Negroes are missing, among whom is a French or Spanish fellow, a fisherman, it is strongly suspected that they are gone to the Southward, on their way to Havanna. Any person or persons apprehending and securing said Negroes so that the subscriber may have them again, shall receive ONE HUNDRED POUNDS currency reward, besides all reasonable charges. ELIAS VANDERHORST. Charles-Town, South-Carolina, June 27, 1768."

*South Carolina Gazette* June 27, 1768.

**1768, July 10**

**St. Mary's County, Md.**

Will, alias Will Butler, Will Curtis, Will Ferrall  
house carpenter; tight cooper

"MARYLAND, St. Mary's county, JULY 10, 1768. A STOUT lusty yellow slave named WILL (tho' sometimes calls himself Will Ferrall, Will Butler, and Will Curtis) has been ran away 2 years ago from the subscriber; he is a house carpenter, tight cooper, understands plantation business well, and is a very handy fellow. I am informed he was about Colchester in Virginia, near 10 or 12 months, was taken by one Henry Wingate, and before he got him to the ferry, made his escape; last fall he was taken again, and carried before Major Francis Moor, in Orange county, near a place called Raccoon ford, in Virginia, and rather than go to gaol [jail], owned his master; upon which two lusty young men undertook to bring him home, and when they got within sight of Mr. Hooe's ferry he made his escape with his handcuffs on, and have not heard any thing of him since. Whoever will secure the said slave in any gaol [jail], or otherwise, and give me notice, so that I get him again, shall have FIVE POUNDS reward; and reasonable charges paid by the subscriber, if brought home. EDWARD MATTINGLY."

*Virginia Gazette* (R) September 22, 1768, p. 3, col. 2.

**1768, November 3**

**Halifax County, N.C.**

Ned  
carpenter, hewer, sawyer

"RUN away from the subscriber in Halifax county, North Carolina, last April, a Virginia born Negro man named NED, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, has a high forehead, a bold look, has very good sense, talks good English, one of his under fore teeth out, and as for his clothing I cannot describe them. He is branded on the inside of his right thigh B, and has been branded on the left do. and left breast IL in a piece, though I am not sure they are plain, but the first is plain. He is a good sawyer and hewer, and part of a carpenter, can play on the violin, and will endeavour to impose upon the publick and pass for a freeman. As I understand he intends to leave the colony, I must therefore entreat all commanders of vessels, and others, that if such a person should offer his service they will have him secured and delivered to the subscriber, who will give 5 l. reward. JAMES BARNES."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) November 3, 1768, p. 3, col. 2.

**1769, February 2**

**Hertford County, N.C.**

Will, Harry  
sawyers

"A SCHEME for disposing of (by way of LOTTERY,) the several valuable tracts of LAND, SLAVES, &c. belonging to the subscriber, .... A Negro man Will, a likely fellow, about 21 years of age; he is a good hand at the whip-saw and scythe, and any other plantation business .... A Negro man Harry, a likely young fellow; he is a good sawyer, and understands ditching ...." [slaves valued from £45 to £90, Will and Harry at £90 each; subscriber is Josiah Sumner and drawing to be held at Hertford Courthouse.]

*Virginia Gazette* (R) February 2, 1769, p. 3, col. 2.

**1769, April 18**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Bristol

house carpenter

"RUN-AWAY from the subscriber, two negro fellows, named BRISTOL, and ABRAHAM, very well known in Charles-Town: Bristol is a tall black fellow, by trade a house-carpenter; Abraham is a tall mustee fellow, formerly the property of Mr. Elianon Moncrief. Whoever will deliver the said fellows to me in Goose-Creek, or to Mr. James Lingard in Charles-Town, shall receive FORTY SHILLINGS reward, for each. PETER TAMPLET."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* April 18, 1769.  
(see below July 13, 1769)

**1769, April 18**

**Charleston, S.C.**

York or Yorkshire

sawyer; boatman

"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 [them] WILLIAM COACHMAN."

*Georgia Gazette* April 26, 1768.

**1769, July 1**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Prosper, alias Jamel, John

bricklayer, carpenter

"RUN-AWAY from the subscriber, the 20th of June last, a mustee fellow named PROSPER; but calls himself Jamel, and sometimes John, a bricklayer and jobbing carpenter by trade; is about five feet ten inches high, thin visage, a little round shouldered, generally wears a large head of curled hair, has been lately branded in his right cheek R, but it now only appears as a scar; had on when he went away a negro cloth jacket turned up with blue, with breeches and boots of the same, and petticoat trowsers, took with him an oznabrug and checked shirt; he has lately been seen in Charles-Town, where he formerly lived, and in which place he is, with good reason, believed to be harboured. Whoever will apprehend and deliver the said fellow to me at George-Town, to Mr. John Cogdell, Factor, in Charles-Town, or to the warden of the work-house, shall receive TWO GUINEAS reward, and reasonable charges. All masters of vessels and others are cautioned not to entertain or carry the said fellow off the province. BENJAMIN TRAPIER. July 1, 1769."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* July 4, 1769.

**1769, July 13**

Bristol  
carpenter

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

"RUN AWAY from the subscriber, three NEGRO FELLOWS, named SCIPIO, BRISTOL, and ABRAHAM; Scipio is a stout black fellow, this country born; Bristol is a tall black fellow, a carpenter by trade, well known in Charles-Town and at Goose-Creek; Abraham is a tall mustee fellow, plays upon the fiddle, well known in Charles-Town and at Goose-Creek. Whoever delivers the said fellows to me or Mr. James Lingard, shall receive FIVE POUNDS reward for each. A reward of TWENTY POUNDS will be given for Abraham's head. PETER TAMPLETT. July 13, 1769."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* July 25, 1769.  
(see above April 18, 1769)

**1769, August 8**

Bristol  
carpenter

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

"RUNAWAY from the subscriber, three Negro Fellows, named SCIPIO, BRISTOL, and ABRAHAM: Scipio is a stout black fellow, this country born; Bristol is a tall black fellow, a carpenter by trade, well known in Charles Town and at Goose Creek; Abraham is a tall mustee fellow, plays upon the fiddle, well known in Charles Town and Goose Creek. Whoever delivers the said fellow to me or Mr. James Lingard, shall receive FIVE POUNDS reward for each. A reward of TWENTY POUNDS will be given for Abraham's head. July

13, 1769 PETER TAMPLETT."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* August 8, 1769, p. 5, col. 2.

**1769, October 12**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Simon  
carpenter

"RAN AWAY, about the 12th of September, 1769, from the Subscriber, a NEGRO LAD, named SIMON, the Property of Doct. Channing, but now Apprentice to William Miller, Carpenter: He is a likely Fellow, about 18 Years old, this Country born, and well acquainted at Goose-Creek, where he formerly lived. Whoever delivers him to the Warden of the Work-House, to John Edwards, Merchant, or to the Subscriber, shall be well rewarded for their Trouble. WILLIAM MILLER. All Persons are forwarned from harbouring, or employing the said Fellow."

*South Carolina Gazette* October 12, 1769.

**1769, November 2**

**North Carolina**

William  
carpenter; cooper

"Nov. 2, 1769. RUN away, on the 11th of September last, from the Subscriber living in Bladen, a Negro Fellow named WILLIAM, aged about 25 Years, and about 5 feet 8 Inches high; is well made, has lost some of his Upper fore-Teeth, this Country born, Sensible, and speaks English very well; he is a good Cooper and very handy at Carpenters Work. Whoever secures the said Negro WILLIAM, so that his Master may have him again, shall have Five Pounds Reward, paid by JOHN LUCAS."

*Cape Fear Mercury* (Wilmington) November 24, 1769.

**1770, January 30**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Prince  
painter

"RUN AWAY from the subscriber, a mustee young fellow, named Prince, well known in Charles-Town, lately belonging to Mrs. Perkins, a painter by trade, very often undertakes jobs of his own head, both in town and country, and meets with encouragement, altho' I have in the public papers forbid any person employing him, without my licence: It is probable he is now in the country, having been met going out of town lately, with a paint pot in his hand. FIVE

POUNDS will be given for taking him up, and TWENTY POUNDS to any person who will prove, by whom he is employed. RAWLINS LOWNDES."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* January 30, 1770.

**1770, April 3**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Sam  
carpenter; cooper

"RUN-AWAY from Mr. John Davies's plantation, at Ponpon, near Jacksonburgh, a MUSTEE FELLOW, named SAM, about five feet eight inches high, well made; has a scar on the top of his head, and commonly wears his hair tied; had on when he went away a purple negro cloth jacket and white breeches. It is supposed he will pass for a free negro, as he has formerly done: He is a good carpenter and cooper, and took with him some workman's tools. Whoever will devlier the said negro to the Warden of the Work-House in Charles-Town, or to the subscriber in Jacksonburgh, shall have Five Pounds reward, and all reasonable charges paid, by JAMES RICHARDS. March 29, 1770."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* April 3, 1770.

**1770, May 24**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Ben  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY from the Subscriber's Plantation at BEACH-HILL, a black NEGRO FELLOW, named BEN, formerly the Property of JOHN STEVENSON, very much Pock-frecken, and can work a little at the Carpenter's Business; he is well-made, about 5 Feet 7 Inches high. Whoever delivers the said Fellow to me at Dorchester, or to the Warden of the Work-House, shall receive THREE POUNDS reward. GEORGE PORTER."

*South Carolina Gazette* May 24, 1770.

**1770, June 6**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Dick  
carpenter

"RUN-AWAY from the Subscriber about two Months ago, a NEGRO FELLOW, named DICK, formerly belonging to Mr. Thomas White, on Indian Land, by trade a Carpenter, about Twenty-five Years of Age, short well set, very well known about Charlestown and Wando, where it is probable he is harboured, most likely at the latter, having there a father who is free: Whoever will deliver



him to Mr. William Livingston, in Charlestown, or Mr. Thomas Rutledge, in Beaufort, shall be entitled to a Reward of TEN POUNDS Currency, and all reasonable Charges; and if harboured by a white Person, on Conviction, ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, or by a Negro, TWENTY, from A. DEVEAUX."

*South Carolina Gazette* June 21, 1770.

**1770, July 3**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Jack  
bricklayer

"RUN-AWAY from the subscriber, the 12th instant, a MUSTEE fellow, named JACK; had on when he went away, a blue pea jacket, he is well known in town, and is by trade a bricklayer, formerly the property of Thomas Gordon, and purchased at vendue by Bernard Elliott, Esq. Whoever will take up the said fellow, and deliver him to the warden of the work-house, to Messrs. Atkins and Weston, or Mr. Paul Porcher, shall receive FIVE POUNDS reward, and all reasonable charges, paid by JOSEPH FERBIAN."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* July 3, 1770.

**1770, September 8**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Pompey  
carpenter

"RUN-AWAY from the Subscriber at Ponpon, last Sunday evening, a NEGRO FELLOW, named POMPEY, by trade a carpenter, an artful, sensible fellow, very much pitted with the small-pox, and was formerly the property of Mr. John Webb, Merchant; he is well known in Charles Town, where it is supposed he is harboured, as he was seen on his way to town; had on when he went away a jacket and pair of trowsers of blue plains, and a speckled shirt. Whoever will deliver the said fellow to the warden of the work-house in Charles-Town, or to the subscriber at Ponpon, shall receive a reward of FIVE POUNDS. JOSEPH BEE. September 8, 1770."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* September 18, 1770.  
(see below December 18, 1770)

**1770, December 18**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Pompey  
carpenter

"RUN-AWAY from the Subscriber, at Ponpon, two NEGRO FELLOWS, NAMED

POMPEY and ABRAHAM: POMPEY is of a very black Complexion, much pitted with the Small-pox, by Trade a Carpenter; he is an artful, sensible Fellow, and formerly advertised in this Paper; It is supposed he is harboured at Arthur Middleton, Esq's Plantation, on Ashley River, where he has a Wife, or in Charles-Town, where he has been seen. ABRAHAM is a Mustee Fellow, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, a sensible and cunning Rascal: He probably is harboured at Mr. Thomas Farr, senior's Plantation, at Stono, where he has a Sister, or in Charles-Town, where he is well known. A Reward of FIFTEEN POUNDS is offered for POMPEY, and TEN POUNDS for ABRAHAM, to whomever will deliver either of them to the Warden of the Work-House, in Charles-Town, or to the Subscriber, at Ponpon. JOSEPH BEE."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* December 18, 1770.  
(see above September 8, 1770)

**1771, January 31**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Sam  
carpenter (?)

"RAN AWAY from the Subscriber, in St. Stephen's Parish, the 13th of January, 1771, a stout Mustee Fellow, named SAM, about five Feet eight Inches high, speaks good English, has lost one of his fore Teeth: He had on when he went away, a blue Coatee and Breeches; and also carried with him a Hand-Saw, a Square, and Blacking-Line. ALSO, A young Negro Wench, named PHILLIS, this Country born, about 18 Years of Age. They were both lately bought of Mr. John Davies, Merchant in Charles-Town, and brought from his Plantation at Ponpon, near Jackson's-Borough. Whoever apprehends and delivers the said Negroes to the Warden of the Work-House, shall have FIFTY POUNDS Reward, and all reasonable Charges paid, by Mr. THEODORE GAILLARD, Junior, in Charles-Town. JOHN GAILLARD. N.B. The Mustee Fellow, SAM, has a Mother at the Indian Land, where it is thought he may be harboured."

*South Carolina Gazette* January 31, 1771.

**1771, April 11**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Abraham, alias Charles  
bricklayer

"RUN-AWAY from the Subscriber, about the Beginning of January last, a Negro Man, named ABRAHAM, by Trade a Bricklayer, who is well known in many Parts of this Province, and in Georgia, having formerly been the Property of Mr. Tatnell there; but since he absented himself he passes for a free Man, by the Name of CHARLES, and has been employed by several Persons about Toogodoo. He is a talkative, grumbling, well-set Fellow, of a yellowish

Complexion; 5 Feet 7 or 8 Inches high, 33 Years of Age, tho' he seems older, and wears his Hair bushy and long below his Ears; his proper Dress consisted of a Coat, Waistcoat, and long Trowsers of blue Plains, good Stockings, Shoes, Silver Buckles, and an old Beaver Hat; but he some Times puts on a dark Olive-coloured Coat, and blue Breeches, both of superfine Cloth, which he stole from his Master when the former was quite new, the Sleeves of which being too long for him, he had the Cuffs raised higher than they at first were. FIVE POUNDS shall be paid, on his being delivered to the Warden of the Work-House; but those who apprehend him must be very attentive, else he will give them the Slip; and Masters of Vessels are cautioned not to carry him off. LIONEL CHALMERS. April 11, 1771."

*South Carolina Gazette* April 11, 1771.

**1772, February 18**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Scipio  
carpenter

"RUN-AWAY from the subscriber in St. John's parish, about two months ago, a negro fellow named SCIPIO, country born, by trade a carpenter, having worked for some time in the employ of Mr. Bull, in Charles-Town, about which place he is known, and supposed to be harboured, having been several times jobbing about, and told it was with my permission. SCIPIO is a likely black fellow, about 23 years of age, 5 feet and an half high, with thick bushy hair; he had on when he went away, a brown clouded, or (as is termed) a thunder and lightning cloth surtout coat, blue jacket, and white negro cloth boots. I hereby forbid all persons whatever from harbouring or employing the said fellow, on pain (if to be proved) of having the LAW put in execution against them. A reward of TEN POUNDS, will be paid to any person that will deliver him to Mr. William Doughty, merchant, in Charles-Town, to the warden of the work-house, or to me in the parish aforesaid, with reasonable charges. JOHN FREIRSON."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* February 18, 1772.

**1772, March 2-9**

**Cumberland County, N.C.**

Bob or Robert  
carpenter; cooper, hunter

"RUN away from the subscriber in North-Carolina, Cumberland County, on or about the 14th of December last, a MULATTO MAN named Bob, otherwise Robert, about five feet eight inches high, stout made, some parts of his face appear blacker than others, has a small speck about the bigness of a pin's head on his lower lip; he understands carpenter's and cooper's work, and is a remarkable good hunter. He had with him when he went away, a rifle gun, a

small [ ] bay horse, saddle and bridle. Whoever apprehends said fellow, and brings him to me in Cumberland County aforesaid, shall receive TWENTY POUNDS PROCLAMATION MONEY reward, besides all reasonable charges. It is supposed he has procured a pass for himself, and that he will pretend to be a free man, and it is suspected he is gone to the southward. FARQUHARD CAMPBELL."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* March 2-9, 1772.

**1772, April 6-13**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Jacob  
carpenter

"RAN away from my Plantation at Ashepoo joining the Fish Pond Bridge, the two following NEGROES, viz. JACOB, of a yellowish complexion, about five Feet nine or ten Inches high; he is a Carpenter by Trade, and a Native of this Province. It is most probable he is somewhere about Jacksonborough, near which Place he has lived for ten or twelve Years past, where he has a very general Acquaintance, and was but lately removed from thence. The other is a tall stout black Fellow named MONDAY, about six Feet high, has been in the Province five or six Years, but of what Country originally is not known; he was lately the Property of Mr. John Miller of [ ], by whom he was purchased a new Negro, and with whom he lived until about eighteen Months ago, when he was purchased at one of the Provost-Marshal's Sales, to which Part of the Country it is most natural to suppose he is returned. Whoever will apprehend either or both of the said Negroes and deliver them or either of them to me or the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown, or to my Overseer at Ashepoo, shall receive a Reward of TEN POUNDS for each of them. JOHN MATHEWS."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* April 6-13, 1772.

**1772, April 6**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Robert (Bob) Lindsey  
house carpenter

"RUN-AWAY on the second Instant, from the Subscriber, a Mulatto Man, named ROBERT LINDSEY, commonly called BOB, a House Carpenter by Trade, well known in Charles-Town, and passes for a free Fellow. Whoever delivers him to me, or the Warden of the Work-House, shall receive TWENTY POUNDS Currency; and whoever will inform of his being harboured by a white Person, free Mulattoes or free Negroes, on Conviction of the Offender, shall receive a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS, from JOHN ERNEST POYAS. April 6, 1772. N.B. All Masters of Vessels are cautioned against carrying him off the

Province, as they will answer the same at their Peril."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* April 7, 1772.

**1772, April 7**

John and Bellier  
sawyers

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

"RUN-AWAY about ten days ago, from Mrs. Mary Russell's estate plantation, in St. Thomas's parish, two negro FELLOWS, called JOHN and BELLIER; they had on when they went away, white negro cloth jackets and trowsers: John stammers when he sepaks, and Bellier is a very sensible young fellow, this country born, both about 5 feet 7 inches high, both sawyers and plantation slaves. Whoever brings them to me, or either of them, or to the work-house, in Charles-Town, shall receive FIVE POUNDS reward for each, and reasonable charges; and if any person gives information of their being harboured by white people Twenty-five Pounds currency, and by negroes Ten Pounds, on conviction of the offenders, from ANDREW DEVEAUX, Administrator of Mary Russell's estate."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* April 7, 1772.

**1772, July 6**

Charles Harding, alias Dick  
carpenter, joiner, painter

**Baltimore County, Md.**

"TEN POUNDS REWARD. July 6, 1772. RAN away from the Subscribers, living near Soldier's Delight, in Baltimore County, Maryland, a dark Mulatto Slave, who goes by the Name of CHARLES HARDING but formerly by the Name of DICK; about 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 7 Inches high, large Nose, hollow eyed, low Forehead, has upwards of Forty Scars on his Head of different Sizes, well made, has a small Scar on the upper Part of his Nose on the left Side, a small Scar on the right Side his under Lip, close knee'd, his shins bend forwards, some Scars on the small of his legs occasioned by wearing of irons, a large Scar on the Outside of his left leg occasioned by a Burn, a Scar on one of his Thumbs, he has been unmercifully whipped from his Neck to his Knees, which he says was by his former Master, is a Carpenter and Joiner by Trade, and can paint, which he learned of Lewis Altmorn, of Nanceman County in Virginia who sold him to Edward Voss, a Bricklayer by Trade, and worked in sundry Parts of Virginia, and when the said Slave ran away from him, living in King and Queen County near Rapahannah, got by Water to Philadelphia, and from thence travelled through Lancaster and York Counties to Hanover-Town, where he continued, from about the Year 1765 to the Year 1772, as a free Man, and since he left his former Masters in Virginia, has learnt to read and write, and to

play on the Violin; it is possible he may forge a Pass and change his Name, as he has done before: Took with him a Castor Hat, a Suit of white Russia Drab Cloath [sic], a blue Cloth Coat, red striped jacket, a new redish brown Broad-Cloth Jacket much too large for him, new darkish coloured Cotton-Velvet Breeches with large old fashioned Pocket Flaps, Shirts, Stockings and Shoes of different Sorts, and large plated Buckles. Whoever secures the above Slave in any jail, so that his Masters get him again, shall receive Five-Pounds, and if 50 Miles from Home Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, and if 100 Miles the above Reward; and reasonable Charges if brought Home, Paid by SAMUEL OWINGS, jun. ALEXANDER WELLS."

*Maryland Gazette* July 16, 1772, p. 3, col. 1.

**1772, August 5**

**Cecil County, Md.**

Jem

carpenter; blacksmith, farmer

"FIVE POUNDS REWARD. RUN away the 15th of July, at night, from Elk Forge, in Caecil county, Maryland, a Mulattoe SLAVE, named JEM, about 28 years of age, and about 6 feet 2 inches high, and well proportioned to his height, can read pretty well, and talk Dutch, was born in Kent county, Maryland, is a cunning ingenious fellow, and probably will endeavour to pass for a freeman, is a good workman in a forge, either in finery or chafery, can do any kind of smith's or carpenter's work, necessary about a forge, can also do any kind of farming business; had on, and took with him, a felt hat, of the best kind, Philadelphia make, a black broadcloth coat, blue and white striped linen vest, fine white shirt, new buckskin breeches, thread hose, good pumps, and narrow trimmed plain silver buckles; he also took with him, one tow shirt, one pair of tow trowsers, and a coarse brown cloth jacket. Whoever takes up said Slave, and secures him in any goal, and gives notice thereof to the subscriber, at said forge, shall have the above reward; and if secured in Philadelphia goal, or brought home, reasonable charges besides, paid by ISAAC ATTMORE, in Philadelphia, or THOMAS MAY."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* August 5, 1772, p. 4, col. 1.

**1772, September 15**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Will

rough carpenter; cooper

"Three Hundred Pounds Reward. St. Stephen's Parish, September 15, 1772. RUN-AWAY from the subscriber, about fifteen months since, two negro fellows and a wench, viz. WILL, GEORGE, and SYLVIA: WILL, about twenty five years of age, five feet eight inches high, of a yellowish complexion, is slim and a little

knock knee'd, has his teeth filed, and his country marks in his face, is a cooper and rough carpenter by trade: GEORGE, about twenty years of age, five feet five inches high, of a dark complexion, is very artful; he has been used to attend horses: SYLVIA, is a likely young wench, about five feet inches high, of a yellowish complexion, her teeth filed; she 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 Work-House, or at his plantation in St. Stephen's parish, near Murray's ferry, or in proportion for one if taken in the province. THOMAS WEST, An Overseer, of a swarthy complexion, about twenty five years of age, five feet seven inches high, very slim, who lived at the subscriber's plantation about three years, and just about the time the said three negroes run-away, he left him. It is generally imagined the said Thomas West has carried the said negroes 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 the said slaves 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 further 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."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* November 3, 1772.  
(see also *Cape-Fear Mercury* (Wilmington) January 13, 1773 and *Virginia Gazette* (PD) January 14, 1773, p. 3, col. 2.)

**1772, October 6**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Caesar  
bricklayer

"RUN-AWAY from the subscriber, about two months ago, a negro fellow named CAESAR, a bricklayer by trade, and well known in Charles-Town; he is a stout able fellow, about 5 feet 5 inches high, of a very black complexion, has large legs, big mouth, and some of his country marks on his breast. Whoever apprehends and delivers him to me, or the warden of the work-house, shall receive TEN POUNDS currency reward, and all reasonable charges; and whoever will inform of his being harboured by any person, shall be well rewarded, by MARTIN MILLER."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* October 6, 1772.

**1772, December 24**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Davy  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY, About the Middle of NOVEMBER last, from the Subscriber's Plantation, on SANTEE, A short likely NEGRO FELLOW, Named DAVY, about five Feet five Inches high, and Twenty-five Years of Age: He can work a little at the Carpenter's Trade, has a large Bump on his right Leg, which has been broke. He had on when he went away a black Cloth Jacket, and white Russia Drab Breeches, Whoever will deliver him to the Warden of the Work-House in Charles-Town, or to the Subscriber, at his Plantation on Santee, shall receive FIVE POUNDS Reward, and all reasonable Charges, from ISAAC LE GRANT."

*South Carolina Gazette* December 24, 1772.

**1773, January 21**

**Charleston, S.C.**

John  
carpenter

"RUNAWAY from the SUBSCRIBER, A MULATTO MAN, named JOHN, About Forty Years of Age, by Trade a Carpenter, Five Feet Six or Seven Inches high, well sett, a smooth tongue'd Fellow, talks good English, and may pass for a Free Man as he has done before. Whoever takes up the said Fellow and delivers him to the Warden of the Workhouse, or to me in Charles-Town, shall receive TEN POUNDS Reward, and reasonable Charges paid by PATRICK HINDS."

*South Carolina Gazette* January 21, 1773.

**1773, March 8**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Simon and Ned  
carpenters

"FORTY POUNDS Reward. RUN-AWAY from the Subscriber, on Monday the first day of March instant, two sensible Negro men, named SIMON and NED, both carpenters by trade, and speak good English. Simon is a well-made black Fellow, of the Guinea country, about five feet nine inches high, one of his feet has been split with an ax, and is grown up in a ridge: Ned is a short, well-made fellow, of the Angola country, about five feet four inches high. They carried with them both blue and white Clothes. Whoever apprehends and delivers the said run-away Negroes to me, at my plantation at Horse-Savannah, or to the Warden of the Work-house, in Charles-Town, shall receive a reward of Twenty Pounds for each, and all reasonable charges paid: And I Will give a further reward of Fifty Pounds to any person who can prove that they are harboured by a white person, and Twenty Pounds, if by a Negro, upon conviction of the



offender. SAMUEL WAINWRIGHT. Charles-Town, March 8, 1773."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* March 9, 1773.  
(see below June 24, 1774)

**1773, May 24**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Sambo  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY from the Subscriber, On TUESDAY the 11th of MAY Instant, A Negro Fellow, named Sambo, Belonging to the Estate of WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN, deceased; he is about Five Feet Eight Inches high, and about Twenty-one Years of Age, rather close kneed, a Carpenter by Trade; has the lower End of his right Ear grown in a Knob, and has a Father at Mr. John Wragg's, where probably he may be harboured. Whoever delivers the said Fellow to the Warden of the Work-House in Charles-Town, or to the Subscriber at Cane-Acre, shall receive FIVE POUNDS Currency Reward, and all reasonable Charges paid, by GEORGE LIVINGSTON."

*South Carolina Gazette* May 24, 1773.

**1773, June 9**

**Hertford County, N.C.**

name not given  
hewer, sawyer

"TEN POUNDS REWARD. RUN away from the Subscriber, about January last, a NEGRO MAN about forty Years of Age, a short thick Fellow, very black, both Ears cropped, has a Brand on his Forehead, though hardly perceivable, and a large Hole in one of his Legs, occasioned by a Bite from a Dog; he can read and write tolerably, and is a very good Hewer, Sawyer, and Fiddler. I expect he is somewhere about Norfolk, or the Great Bridge, in Virginia, and will endeavour to pass for a Freeman. HERTFORD County, North Carolina, JUNE 9, 1773. JOHN HARE."

*Virginia Gazette* (PD) June 24, 1773, p. 3, col. 3.

**1773, August 20**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Saul  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY about a Month ago, From Mr. MAZYCK's Plantation; on Santee, Two young NEGRO FELLOWS, Named SAUL and JACK: The First is a Carpenter by Trade, about Five Feet and an Half high, and is very smart and

sensible; Jack was not bred to any Trade, is about Five Feet five Inches high, and very sensible and knowing. They are both stout well-made Fellows, and had heavy Irons on their Legs when they went away. They made their Escape in a large Canow belonging to Mr. JONAH COLLINS, and are supposed to be gone Inland for Georgia; they also took with them a Quantity of Carpenter's Tools. Whoever will deliver them to the Warden of the Work-House in Charles-Town, or to Mr. JOHN RANTOWLE, in Elliott-Street, shall receive TEN POUNDS Currency Reward for each, and all reasonable Charges paid. N.B. They were formerly Free, and are well known in Georgia by the Names of Saul and John Winners. They were born in Bermuda, and may probably attempt to get a Passage thither. August 20th, 1773."

*South Carolina Gazette* August 23, 1773.

1774, February 9

Savannah, Ga.

Jack

house carpenter; waiting man

"Twenty Pounds Sterling Reward. RUN AWAY from the subscriber some time ago, A NEGROE MAN, named JACK, about five feet eight inches high, 21 years of age; he formerly belonged to Mr. Alexander Kennedy, Merchant, of St. Croix, and on which island he was born; he is an artful fellow and speaks good English, and understands a little of the house carpenter's business, also a good waiting man; he used to wear ear-rings, and had on when he went away a suit of green cloaths with yellow livery.

ALSO RUN AWAY, A NEGROE MAN, named BEN, about five feet ten inches high, 24 years of age, born in Bermuda; he is also an artful fellow, and speaks pretty good English; he is used to the sea, and has been employed in the drogging business for some years in this province. The sum of ten pounds sterling reward, besides reasonable charges, will be given, on delivery of each of said Negroes to Mr. Andrew Lord, of Charlestown, or in Savannah to SAMUEL DOUGLASS."

*Georgia Gazette* February 9, 1774.

1774, March 8

Savannah, Ga.

Jack

sawyer

"RUN AWAY, A NEGROE FELLOW, named JACK, about five feet eight or nine inches high, of a yellow complexion, can saw with a whipsaw and play a little on the fiddle, had on a brown surtout coat, leather breeches, and very fine hat, wears a handkerchief about his head, had no shoes, but it's supposed bought a pair of new ones as he had money with him; it is thought he is gone to

Carolina, where he was born. A reward of thirty shillings will be given to any person who will deliver him to me, and if harboured by a white person three pounds will be paid to whoever shall give such information as to convict the offender. PETER JOHNSON. Savannah, March 8, 1774."

*Georgia Gazette* March 9, 1774.

**1774, March 14**

**South Carolina**

Sandy  
carpenter

"Fifty Pounds Reward. RUN AWAY from the Subscriber, and it is supposed may travel towards North-Carolina, a Negro Man, named SANDY, About 5 Feet 9 or 10 Inches high, a little pitted with the Small-Pox, a Carpenter by Trade, and had on when he absconded, a blue Surtout Coat, Drab Coatee, Flannel Robbin, and Leather Breeches: At the same Time took away, a grey Horse about 14 Hands and an Half high, branded IH in one on the mounting Shoulder. I will give £5 Reward for the Horse, and as I am told SANDY has a Ticket with my Named forged thereto, I will give a further Reward of £50 to whoever shall convict the Person guilty of the Forgery. CHARLES MOTTE."

*South Carolina Gazette* March 14, 1774.

**1774, April 18**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Bob  
carpenter; sadler, shoemaker, tanner, wheelwright

"ABSENTED himself from the Subscriber, On SATURDAY the 9th Instant, BOB, a Mulatto Fellow, Upwards of Six Feet high, thin Visage, knock-kneed, a Scar on one of his Legs occasioned by the Cut of an Ax, about 45 Years of Age. He was once the Property of Capt. Aikin, is remarkable artful and ingenious. It is supposed he will endeavour to leave the Province, or get to the Back Parts and follow the Business of a Tanner, Shoemaker, Sadler, Carpenter, or Wheelwright. He has Money and Cloaths sufficient to make his Appearance suitable to his Intention, and it is not improbable, but he may shew some Kind of Pass, which he might have got of some infamous Person. All Persons are hereby cautioned against him, and whoever will deliver him to the Warden of the Work-House in Charles-Town, or to any of the Country Goals, shall be rewarded agreeable to the Case, by ROBERT JOHNSTON. St. Thomas's, April 12th, 1774."

*South Carolina Gazette* April 18, 1774.

**1774, June 6**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Joe and Sam  
carpenter and bricklayer

"RUN AWAY from the Subscriber the 2d Instant, an Negro Man named JOE, a Carpenter by Trade, Country born, well known about Town, a very black Fellow, well made, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, artful and sensible, and carried with him his Wife, named FLORA, Country born, and speaks very proper, brought up about House Work, and is very remarkable, having when a Child burnt three or four of her Toes almost off, on her left Foot: They are supposed to be gone to the Southward; THIRTY POUNDS Reward will be given for JOE, and TWENTY for FLORA, delivered at the Work-House. RUN AWAY also, about a Year ago, a Mustee Fellow, named SAM, a Bricklayer, well-known in Town, and is supposed to be harboured about Ashley-Ferry, having a Wife at Doctor Honour's where he has been several Times seen, and at Mr. William Scott's, by the Ferry, who owns his Father: FIFTY POUNDS Reward to any Person that will deliver him in the Work-House, to be paid by WILLIAM HARVEY. June 6, 1774."

*South Carolina Gazette June 6, 1774.*

**1774, June 24**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Simon and Ned; Bob and Abel  
carpenters; sawyers

"SIXTY POUNDS REWARD. RUN AWAY the 20th instant, four negro men, viz. SIMON and NED, carpenters; Simon is a well made black fellow about 5 feet 10 inches high, and about 28 years of age, one of his feet has been split with an ax, and is grown up with a ridge: Ned, is a short well made fellow, of the Angola country, about 5 feet 4 inches high and about 27 years of age; he has several scars on his head. I do hereby promise a reward of TWENTY POUNDS for each of the above negroes, to any person that will deliver them to me at my plantation at Horse-Savannah: They carried their carpenters tools with them, in order to deceive people who may meet them. The other two negroes are sawyers; the one named BOB is a well set fellow, near 6 feet high, his knees pretty close, and walks battle hamm'd, has very large feet, and a scar on his face, this country born, about 24 years of age: ABEL, is about 5 feet 8 inches high, this country born, has weak eyes, and is well shaped. I will give a reward of TEN POUNDS currency, for each of the two last mentioned negroes, besides all reasonable charges, to any person that will apprehend and deliver them to me at my plantation aforesaid; and do hereby offer a further reward of FIFTY POUNDS, to any person or persons, that will give me certain information of there being harboured by any white person or persons, and TEN POUNDS if

harboured by a negro, on their being convicted. SAMUEL WAINWRIGHT. June 24, 1774."

*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal* June 28, 1774.  
(see above March 8, 1773)

**1774, September 26**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Primus and Alexander Gowen  
carpenters

"RUN away from the subscriber the beginning of August, PRIMUS, a short well set fellow, of a yellow Complexion, about five feet three inches high, very artful and cunning; was formerly the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, who had purchased him from Alexander Gowen, a free negro, of St. Bartholomew's parish, by trade a carpenter, at which Business Primus wrought for many years about Ponpon, where probably he may be harboured. He had on when he went away a short blue coat and robbin. I will give TEN POUNDS to any persons who will deliver the said fellow to the Warden of the Workhouse, or to me near Dorchester, and a farther reward on proving his being harboured either by white or black persons. WILLIAM MORGAN."

*South Carolina Gazette* September 26, 1774.

**1774, November 16**

**Savannah, Ga.**

Ishmael  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY from the subscriber, A NEGROE MAN, named Ishmael, well known in Savannah as a jobbing carpenter; he has been seen frequently of late about the wharves, and working on board of vessels, particularly at Yamacraw, notwithstanding he has no ticket from me, or any other license authorizing him to work out. Twenty shillings reward will be paid to any person who will deliver him to me. ALEX. WYLLY."

*Georgia Gazette* November 16, 1774.

**1774, December 15**

**Annapolis, Md.**

"To be sold at public vendue, on Tuesday next the 20th instant, at the late dwelling-house of William Buckland, deceased, for current money, Six men servants of the following trades, viz. two bricklayers, a stone-mason, carver, carpenter and painter, and five country born negroes; also a parcel of

household furniture, &c. MARY BUCKLAND, admx. JOHN RANDALL. DENDON JACQUES, admrs."

*Maryland Gazette* December 15, 1774, p. 3, col. 1.

**1774, December 19**

**Georgia**

Quaco and Solomon  
carpenters

"RUN away from the subscriber in Georgia about the middle of September last, TWO NEGRO MEN, carpenters by trade, viz. Quaco about five feet six inches high, and Solomon about five feet ten inches high; had on when they went away, blue negro cloth jackets and breeches; they were seen on their way to Charlestown where they both have wives. Whoever will deliver said negroes, or either of them, to Mr. John Fullerton in Charlestown, or to me in Georgia, shall receive a reward of TEN POUNDS for each. This is likewise to forbid all persons to harbour said negroes, and whoever is guilty thereof will be prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law. CHARLES ODINGSSELLS. December 19th, 1774."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* December 16-23, 1774.  
(see below April 26, 1775)

**1775, March 2**

**St. Mary's County, Md.**

Joss, alias Joss Collins  
house carpenter, joiner

"Ran away from the subscriber, living in St. Mary's county, Maryland, on the 1st day of January last, a negro man slave named Joss, he sometimes calls himself Joss Collins, 23 years of age, about six feet high, by trade a house-carpenter and joiner; I have reason to believe that he is gone up to Culpepper county, in Virginia, in company with a mulatto man, named Tom, belonging to Mr. James Jordan: he had on, and took with him a cotton jacket and breeches, osnabrig shirt, felt hat, white stockings, and a pair of country shoes. Whoever secures the said negro so that I may get him again, shall receive eight dollars reward, and if brought home, reasonable charges paid by CLEMENT GARDINER."

*Maryland Gazette* March 2, 1775, p. 3, col. 2.

**1775, April 26**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Quaco  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY from the subscriber at Little Ogechee, A NEGROE FELLOW named QUACO, about five feet eight inches high, speaks good English, a carpenter by trade, had on when he went away a blue negroe cloth jacket and trowsers, and oznabrig shirt. This is to forewarn all persons from harbouring said fellow, as they will be prosecuted as the law directs. Whoever will deliver said fellow, to the subscriber, or to the Warden of the Work-House, shall receive a reward of twenty shillings, besides all reasonable charges. CHARLES ODINGSSELL."

*Georgia Gazette* April 26, 1775.  
(see above December 19, 1774)

**1775, May 24**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Sambo

axman, sawyer; hoe- and ploughman

"RUN AWAY from the subscriber the 4th of April, a country born NEGROE FELLOW, very black, six feet high, speaks very good English, something short faced; tolerable well breasted, but gaunt made, very humble and smooth spoken, pretends to be something complaisant, he is a good dancer and proud of it, his name is SAMBO, but likely will change it, he is a good hand to plow, to cut with an axe, or maul rails, work with a hoe, saw with a whip saw, drive staves, or to do any plantation work, can read print, had when he went away one of his toes lately cut next to his little toe, is about 30 years old, carried off with him green sagathy breeches, oznabrig coat, brown coat, striped jacket, white ditto corded, a white embroidered jacket with blue silk, white shirt, cap, and band or neckcloth, he pretends to be a kind of a taylor. Five pistoles reward will be given for delivering him to the subscriber near the mouth of Brier Creek, on Savannah river. PHILIP DELL."

*Georgia Gazette* May 24, 1775, supplement.

**1775, August 4**

**Wilmington, N.C.**

Cuffee

carpenter

"RUN away from the subscriber about ten days ago, an old Negro man, named CUFFEE, a carpenter; he formerly belonged to the estate of Job Howe, senior, deceased, and is in general very well known. Whoever apprehends and delivers him to me, or the sheriff of New Hanover county, shall receive a reward of forty shillings currency, and a further reward of Forty shillings will be paid to any person who will give information of his being harboured by a Negro, and five pounds if by a white person upon conviction of the offender. CORNELIUS

HARNETT. Wilmington, August 4, 1775."

*Cape Fear Mercury* (Wilmington) August 7, 1775.

**1775, September 25**

**Charleston, S.C.**

John

carpenter

"RUN away from the Subscriber, THREE NEGRO MEN; the first, his name is JOHN, he is a mulatto, about forty years of age, about five feet six inches high, a sensible fellow, a carpenter by trade, had on when he went away a gray and an osnaburgs coat with round brass buttons, good stockings and shoes, with round silver plated buckles; it is thought he is gone his old range to Indian-Land or Combahee: The second, his name is SAM, a mustee, with a large bushy head of hair and a large belly, about five feet six inches high, about thirty years of age, had on when he went away a check shirt osnaburg petticoat trowsers, a shoemaker by trade, he formerly belonged to Hollybush & Scotty and to Mr. John Weston: The third, his name is OLIVE, a yellow fellow, about twenty-one years of age, five feet six inches high, thick and punchy, very large feet, a shoemaker by trade, had on when he went away a blue jacket and breeches. Whoever takes up any of them shall have TEN POUNDS reward, besides all reasonable expences. PATRICK HINDS. September 25th, 1775."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* September 22-29, 1775.

**1775, October 2**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Isaac and Sawney

sawyer, squarer and carpenter

"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 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 Negroe, 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 Negroe 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."

*Georgia Gazette* October 4, 1775.

**1775, October 27**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Abraham  
bricklayer

"RUN away from the subscriber, a Negro Fellow named ABRAHAM, by trade a bricklayer, did formerly belong to John Mulryne, Esq; afterwards belonged to Josiah Tatnell, Esq; both of Georgia, and lastly to Dr. Lionel Chambers, of whom I purchased him; also a Negro fellow, named TOBY, remarkable for having one of his great Toes cut off. They are both artful and plausible, and will endeavour to impose upon people. TWENTY POUNDS will be given for each of their heads. Whoever harbours them may depend upon being prosecuted according to law. WILLIAM MAXWELL. October 27th, 1775."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* November 24 - December 8, 1775.

**1776, November 14-21**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Bob Lindsay  
carpenter

"MULATTO BOB. RUN away from the subscriber, about ten months ago a stout Mulatto Fellow, named BOB LINDSAY; he is very artful, and sometimes changes his name; is well known in Charlestown, where he served his time to the carpenter's trade, and formerly belonged to Mr. Bourgett and Mr Poyas. He worked at Savannah in Georgia, and has been seen working in Charlestown and about Georgetown since he ran away, where he passes for a free fellow, and may endeavour to go to North-Carolina. Any person taking up the said fellow, and delivering him to the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown,

shall receive a reward of Fifty Pounds currency, and all reasonable charges, by applying to Mr. Robert Brisbane, or to the subscriber. All persons are desired not to harbour or to hire the said fellow, as they may depend upon being prosecuted for so doing. WILLIAM BRISBANE."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* November 21-24, 1776.

**1777, January 6**

**New York City, N.Y.**

Caesar  
glazier

"Eight Dollars Reward. RUN-away on Monday the 22nd of December, a negro man named CAESAR, about 30 years of age, very short, well-set, bandy leg'd, of a grave countenance, speaks civilly, and wants some of his fore teeth, wears commonly a dirty looking cloth coat with buttons of the same colour, a new round hat with high crown, and a set of silver shoe and knee buckles of open work; in wet weather commonly wears boots, and has a variety of cloaths. He passes himself for a free man and a glasier by trade. Whoever takes him up and secures him in any Goal so that his master gets him again, shall receive Eight Dollars reward, and reasonable charges, on application to the printer, or the subscriber, at the ordnance-office in New-York. All persons are forewarned not to harbour, employ, or carry off said negro. WILLIAM WOOD."

*The New York Gazette: and the Weekly Mercury* January 6, 1777.

**1777, February 13**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Valentine  
carpenter; boatman

"ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS reward. Run away from the subscriber in March 1776, a Negro Man named Valentine, born in Virginia, is about 34 years of age, speaks good English, and is very sensible and artful; he can read a little, and pretends to be very religious, is of a yellow complexion, about 5 feet 9 inches high, pretty strong made, has lost some of his upper jaw teeth, and has very thick lips, is a very good boatman and a tolerable good carpenter, very handy, and has been seen several times since he run away on Savannah-river, near Silver-Bluff. Any person that will deliver said negro to Aaron Leacock, Esq; in Charlestown, to Mr. Samuel Boykin at Granby, or to the subscriber at Camden, shall receive the above reward. JOHN CHESNUT."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* February 13, 1777.

**1777, March 17**  
Joseph Thompson  
carpenter

**Bushwyck, N.Y.**

"RUN-AWAY on Saturday, the 8th inst., a negro man about 50 years of age, goes by the name of Joseph Thompson: He is about 5 foot 11 inches high, has a remarkable black spot under his eye. Had on when he went away, a grey watchcoat, claret coloured breeches, and plain silver buckles; he often wears boots, can play upon the violin, and work at the carpenters trade. -- Whoever will bring him to Jacob Bennet, jun. at Bushwyck, or confines him, shall have Ten Dollars reward, and all expenses paid."

*The New York Gazette: and the Weekly Mercury March 17, 1777.*

**1777, April 10**  
Joe  
bricklayer

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

"RUN away from the subscriber, a Negro Man named Joe, a bricklayer by trade; he is a well made fellow, and very artful, has attempted to pass for a free man, and thereby endeavoured to get out of this State. All masters of vessels are hereby cautioned not to carry him off, and any person harbouring or concealing him, will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law. Whoever will deliver him to the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown, or to the subscriber at the Four Holes, shall receive Ten Pounds reward, and all reasonable charges. THOMAS YOUNG."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette April 10, 1777.*

**1777, June 10**  
Jacob  
carpenter

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

"RUN away about the 10th of last month, from my plantation at Stono Landing, a NEGRO FELLOW named JACOB, of a yellowish complexion, by trade a carpenter, country born, he is a short well made fellow, had on a good coat made of brown duroy, a blue broad cloth jacket, and white breeches. This is to forewarn all persons from harbouring him, as they may depend on being prosecuted. Any person delivering the said fellow to the Warden of the Work-house in Charlestown, or at my plantation at Stono Landing shall receive a reward of TEN POUNDS with all reasonable charges, from ROBERT ROWLAND. June 10, 1777."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette June 12, 1777.*

**1777, June 16**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Jack  
carpenter

"RUN away from the Subscriber, a Negro Man named JACK, this Country born, he is short and very black, about 22 Years of Age, has been several Years at the Carpenter's Trade, and is very well known in Charles-Town. Whoever apprehends the said Run-away, and delivers him to the Warden of the Work-house, shall be intitled to Ten Pounds currency, besides lawful Charges. BENJAMIN DART."

*Gazette of the State of South Carolina June 16, 1777.*

**1777, August 4**

**Georgia**

Ned  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY from the plantation of John Hume, Esq; in Georgia, about the 6th of July last. A negro man named NED, by trade a carpenter -- a stout, well made, sensible fellow; has a large bushy head of hair, which he wears remarkably high; and is about 35 years of age. He formerly belonged to Ebenezer Simmons, Esq; is well known in Charles-Town, and has several relations upon John's Island, where it is supposed he will endeavour to find his way and conceal himself. TEN DOLLARS reward will be paid, to any person who delivers the said fellow to the warden of the work house in Charles Town; and the same reward, with all reasonable charges, will be paid, if taken up in this state and delivered to his master in Georgia."

*Gazette of the State of South Carolina August 4, 1777.*

**1777, October 21**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

London  
bricklayer

"RUN away from my plantation in Saint Mark's parish, a negro man named London, a Bricklayer by trade: he did formerly belong to the late Mr. Thomas Else, deceased, and served his time to Mr. Horlbeck in Charles-Town, where he has worked ever since, until lately, and where he is well known: As he has lately been frequently seen in town, I have reason to believe, that he is harboured by some person in it. Whoever will apprehend the said negro man London, and deliver him to me, or the Warden of the Workhouse, shall receive Ten Pounds reward. And any person who will give me information, by whom he is harboured or employed, shall receive Twenty Pounds, upon conviction of the.

offender. THOMAS FARR."

*Gazette of the State of South Carolina* October 21, 1777.

**1778, February 26**

**New Bern, N.C.**

Abraham

house carpenter; shoemaker

"NEWBERN, NORTH-CAROLINA, Feb. 26. RUN away from the subscriber, a mulatto man named Abraham, who he lately bought from Mr. Isaac Patridge of this place, he is very likely and well made, near or about six feet high, tolerable good house carpenter and shoemaker, about forty years of age, as to his clothes I cannot give any particular description of them, but he has a plenty, therefore make no doubt but he will appear well dressed, and have reason to beleive [sic] he has a considerable sum of money with him, he was seen about ten days since on his way to Holly Shelter, in company with a mulatto man named Lewis, belonging to Mrs. Barron, of this town, both on horse-back, he was the property of the late Major David Barron, deceased, he is 18 years of age, and about 5 feet 6 inches high, well set, has black hair which curls naturally, remarkably large eyes, his face is much freckled, he will also appear well dressed, as he has a plenty of clothes and money; it is expected they will both keep together, and am very sure they will change their names, and endeavour to pass as freemen, they will make the best of their way for South Carolina, to enter on board some vessel, in order to make their escape to the West-Indies, as Abrahm [sic] has relations in St. Eustatia. Any person apprehending the said slaves, and securing them in any goal where the owners can get them, shall have one hundred dollars reward, if taken out of the state two hundred dollars, and if brought here all reasonable expences paid by WILSON BLOUNT. N.B. They have been seen on their way to Cross-Creek, and are supposed to be lurking about that place."

[New Bern] *North Carolina Gazette* March 13, 1778.

**1778, May 1**

**Guildford County, N.C.**

John Fransway  
bricklayer

"Guildford County, North Carolina, May 1, 1778. RUN away from the subscriber, the beginning of last month, a negro fellow named John Fransway, a tall yellow fellow, has a small scar on one of his cheeks, speaks broken English, but understands the Spanish and French languages tolerably well. He is by trade a bricklayer, and I supposed will endeavour to pass for a free man. I forewarn all masters of vessels and others, not to harbour or carry the said fellow off, as I am determined to prosecute any such offender or offenders, to

the utmost rigour of the law. A reward of Thirty Dollars will be paid to any person that will take up the said slave, and deliver him to Capt. KOLB in the Cheraw district, or the Warden of the Work house in Charlestown, or to WILLIAM COLTRANE."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* May 14, 1778.

**1778, May 7**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Will

painter, glazier; boatman

"THE subscriber will give Ten Dollars reward to any person that will take and deliver to him a negro fellow named WILL, by trade a painter and glazer, formerly the property of Mr. Harry Miche; the said negroe is a stout well made fellow, 26 years of age, and about 5 feet 6 inches high; he is supposed to be either sculking about Charlestown, gone on board some vessels in the harbour, or gone in some of the river boats, as he understands patrooning in both rivers, and is a good boatman. Masters of vessels, and all others, are hereby forewarned not to employ him, as they must answer the consequences at their peril. He will likewise give Five Dollars reward to any person that will deliver to him an old Ledger, containing several open accounts, that was lost or taken away by mistake, about the time of the late fire. JAMES KEITH."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* May 7, 1778.

**1778, August 13**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Sam

carpenter

"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 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."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* August 13, 1778.

**1778, September 17**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Will and Kent  
carpenters

"One Hundred Dollars Reward. RUN away from my Plantation called Fair Field, four miles below Monk's Corner in August last, eleven men and women slaves, viz. Will, a stout well sett fellow, by trade a carpenter, about 5 feet 9 inches high; Tobey, about 5 feet 5 inches high, without a toe on one foot; another fellow called Tobey, whom I lately purchased of Alexander Inglis, Esq; and I suppose is harboured in Charlestown; Andrew, Bob and Morris, the last a cooper; Kent, a carpenter, a most notorious villain and carries sufficient evidence thereof on his quarters, being branded P on each; he is well known in the lower part of St. John's parish, and it is thought he is gone towards the River May. Also, four wenches, Bess, Dina, E[ ]a and Phillis, whom I bought in town. I will give Fifty Dollars for apprehending and delivering Kent to the warden of the Work house, or myself, and One Hundred Dollars for all the rest, or in proportion for each, together with all reasonable charges. JOHN MITCHELL."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* September 17, 1778.

**1778, December 24**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Hanniball, Big Jack, Mark, Ben, Will  
sawyers

"ABSENTED the 1st inst. five Sawyers, all black and artful: Hanniball, pitted with the small pox; Big Jack, carries one shoulder higher than the other, both clumsey made; Mark, very likely; Ben, pitted and stammers; Will, has the skin of his legs cut in the exact form of ribbed stockings. FIVE POUNDS will be paid for each on delivery to the Warden of the Work house, or in St. Thomas's parish to ROBERT JOHNSTON."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* December 24, 1778.

**1779, January 20**

**Charleston, S.C.**

London and four others not named  
carpenters

"Pursuant to the last will and testament of William Miller, late of Charlestown,

carpenter deceased, will be sold to the highest bidder, on Thursday the 11th day of February, at his late dwelling-house, on White Point, the following real and personal Estate of said deceased viz. ... Also twelve Negroes, of which five are carpenters ... Josiah Smith, jun. Edward Darrell Executors.

P.S. One of the carpenter negroes, a young fellow named LONDON, having absconded about two months since, a reward of Twenty Dollars will be paid, for delivering him to the Warden of the Workhouse, or double that sum to such person as shall inform where or by whom he is harboured, to be paid on conviction of the offenders."

*Gazette of the State of South Carolina* January 20, 1779.

**1779, February 10**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Billey  
carpenter

"One Hundred Pounds Reward. RUN away from the subscriber some time last month, a Mustee Fellow named BILLEY, a Carpenter by Trade; he is stout and well made, about five feet ten inches high, has a scar on one of his cheeks, is very artful and probably may be a working at his trade about the town: A reward of one hundred pounds is hereby offered to any person giving information of his being harboured by a white person, and twenty if by a negro, to be paid on conviction of the offender, and twenty pounds will be paid for the delivery of him in Charlestown to the subscriber. JOHN BRAILSFORD."

*Gazette of the State of South Carolina* February 10, 1779.

**1779, April 7**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Hampshire  
carpenter

"One hundred Dollars Reward. RUN away from my plantation in St. John's Parish, the following Negroes, HAMPSHIRE, a sensible, stout well-made black Fellow a Carpenter by trade, and his wife SALLY, a short black Wench. MINGO, a tall, slim likely Fellow, a Cooper by Trade: Bob, a short, elderly Fellow, with his wife PHEBY. 'Tis imagined that they will incline toward Georgia, as they lately came from Mr. Brewton's Plantation, below the Town of Savannah. A Reward of Twenty Dollars for each will be paid for delivery of either of them at the Work house in Charles-Town, or to Mr. John Marion at said Plantation in St. John's Parish. MAURICE SIMONS."

*Gazette of the State of South Carolina* April 7, 1779.



**1779, July 16**

Abraham  
carpenter

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

"RUN away on Sunday June 27, a negro fellow belonging to the estate of Barnaby Brandford, named Abraham; he is a carpenter by trade, and carried away some of his tools with him; he is sensible and crafty and may endeavour to get employment. I do hereby forewarn all persons from employing or harbouring the said fellow, and I will give a reward of Fifty Pounds to any person who will give information of his being harboured by a white person, and Twenty Pounds if by a negro; a further reward of Thirty Pounds will be paid on his being delivered to the Warden of the Workhouse, or the subscriber near Dorchester. MATHIAS HUTCHINSON."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* July 16, 1779.

**1779, September 1**

Frank  
carpenter

**Prince George County, Md.**

"Two Hundred DOLLARS Reward. RUN away from the subscriber, on Thursday the 20th of May last, a likely mulatto fellow named Frank, about five feet six or seven inches high, square made, has a thick bushy head of hair, is about thirty years of age, an artful insinuating villain, and when interrogated can give a plausible account of himself. He has lost the use of the third finger of one of his hands, so that he cannot shut it without the assistance of his other fingers; he is by trade a carpenter, and tolerable good workman. He has been seen at Alexandria and Colchester. It is imagined he is gone down the country, & also intends to get off in some vessel. I have understood he has endeavoured to enlist. Whoever will secure him in any jail, so that I may get him again, or deliver him to William Brent, Esq; in Stafford county, shall be entitled to the above reward. CLEMENT HILL. Maryland (Prince George county) Sept. 1, 1779."

*Virginia Gazette* (C) October 30, 1779, p. 4, col. 3.

**1779, November 24**

Isaac  
carpenter

**Charleston, S.C.**

"One Hundred Dollars Reward. RUN away from the subscriber, a likely young fellow, of a yellowish complexion, named ISAAC, by trade a carpenter; he had on a short brown coat, striped flannel jacket, leather breeches and woollen stockings. The above reward will be paid on delivery of said fellow to the

warden of the workhouse, and the same sum on proof of his being harboured or employed by any white person or Negro. The fellow has a wife belonging to Mrs. Bellamy, and a mother and brothers belonging to Dr. Chandler, and relations at Mr. Blake-Leay White's plantation, at St. John's, but is supposed to be in town. If he will return to his duty immediately he shall be forgiven.  
PLOWDEN WESTON."

*Gazette of the State of South Carolina* November 24, 1779.

**1780, November 4**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Ben; Jemmy and Jolberg; Achilles  
sawyer; carpenters; sawyer

"THE following NEGROES have absented themselves from the subscriber's plantation on the Congaree since the 15th of June last, viz. Cuffee, a fellow about 30 years old, well made; George, a young fellow about 20 years old; Sam, an old fellow, father to George; Peter, a stout young fellow; Ned, a boy about 12 years old. These 5 negroes were bought of James Brisbane, Esq; and came from his plantation near Savannah river, where tis probable some of them are gone. Ben, a stout made fellow, a sawyer, about 30 years old, formerly belonged to Alexander Wyly, Esq; and worked a long time within 7 miles of Savannah on said Wyly's plantation on the river; Jemmy, a stout well made fellow, a carpenter, about 35 years old, formerly belonged to Thomas Lambull, Esq; Juliet, his wife, a small yellow wench, whom he took along with him, she speaks bad English; Moses, a very tall fellow, upwards of six feet high, very black, he lately lived with Mr. Samuel Douglass in Georgia; Jolberg, a carpenter; China, an ordinary fellow, about 30 years old, much ruptured, used to live at Mr. Douglass's in Georgia; Achilles, a stout fellow, about forty years old, formerly the property of Alexander Wyly, Esq; a very good sawyer. Sampson, a stout young fellow, a plowman and waggoner about 20 years old; he lived last upon Peedee river with Mr. Thomas Lord; Rentey, a boy about 15 years old used to take care of my horses in town; Serra, a boy about 12 years old, remarkable for a long visage; Titus, a boy about the same age, lately lived with Mr. John Lord, at his plantation in Amelia Township. As several of the above negroes have been enticed away from their real owner by sundry white people, under a pretence of being made free, as they must before this time have found themselves imposed upon, I promise, that if any of them return home of their own accord, they shall be forgiven; and those who are near town, may call on Mr. William Greenwood in Charlestown, for a pass to my plantation. Any person who will give such information of the above negroes, so as they may be had again, shall receive TWO GUINEAS reward for each negro.  
ANDREW LORD."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* November 4, 1780.

**1781, January 6**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Hercules  
carpenter

"ABSENTED himself twelve months ago, a negro fellow named HERCULES, a carpenter by trade. A reward of Three Guineas will be given to any person that delivers him to the subscriber. He is frequently seen in Charlestown, where he may endeavour to get employ; but every person is hereby forewarned at their peril, from employing, harbouring or carrying him off this Province, as the subscriber is determined to prosecute to the utmost rigour of the law any person so offending. PATRICK SIMPSON. N.B. If Hercules returns of his own accord, he shall be forgiven."

*South Carolina and American General Gazette* January 6, 1781.

**1781, January 10**

**East Florida**

Caesar  
carpenter

"RAN AWAY from the subscriber in East Florida some time in September last, A Negro Fellow, named CAESAR, formerly the property of Thomas Netherclift, Esq. He is a tall slim made fellow, speaks bad English for country born, is by trade a carpenter, but having been used to go in a schooner he may pass for a sailor. Whoever takes up the said fellow, and commits him to the Workhouse in Savannah, shall receive Two Guineas reward, and Ten Guineas to any person or persons who will prosecute to conviction the person who harbours him now, or who brought him from Florida. WM. PANTON. Jan. 10, 1781."

*Royal Georgia Gazette* January 18, 1781.

**1781, February 8**

**East Florida**

Prince, alias James  
carpenter; boatman

"Hampstead, St. John's River, East Florida, 8th February 1781. RAN AWAY from the above plantation, a likely NEGRO LAD, named PRINCE, about 18 years of age, his complexion a little yellowish, speaks a little thick, French as well as English; he is reported to have been put into the Provost a little before the siege of Savannah, from whence he is supposed to have made his escape; he is suspected to have changed his name to JAMES, says he is a free Negro, and has been seen about Skidaway; he has wrought some time with a carpenter, and is very handy in a boat. A reward of five guineas will be given on his being delivered at the aforesaid plantation to James Tims, or to the Hon.

Martin Jollie, Esq. in Savannah."

*Royal Georgia Gazette* March 8, 1781.

**1781, March 17**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Prince  
carpenter

"RUN away from the subscriber the 27th of January last, a negroe fellow, called PRINCE, about 21 years of age, and abgut [sic] 5 feet 6 inches high, rather slim made, with his country marks on his face, talks very good English and is very active; a carpenter by trade, and has been employed in the Quarter-Master-General's Department in Charlestown, likewise at Monck's Corner, but was delivered to me by orders from the said department, since which he made his escape; he had on when he went away, a short blue jacket and a pair of leather breeches; he has been seen a few days ago at the Quartermaster's yard in town. Whoever delivers the said negro to me in Charlestown, shall receive Two Guineas reward; and if on conviction of his being harboured by a white person Four Guineas, if by a negro Three Guineas. SAMUEL BAAS, No. 35, on the Bay. March 17, 1781."

*Royal Georgia Gazette* March 17-21, 1781.

**1781, May 3**

**Savannah, Ga.**

Dick  
carpenter

"RAN AWAY from the subscriber the 23d ult. a NEGRO FELLOW, named DICK, 5 feet 5 inches high, 27 years old, a good carpenter, has a wife and child at Mrs. Patton's, and is well known in Savannah, where he was brought up. One guinea reward will be given to whoever delivers him to me or the keeper of the gaol [jail]; and any person harbouring him, or attempting to carry him out of the province, will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law by PHILIP ALLMAN."

*Royal Georgia Gazette* May 3, 1781.

**1781, May 16-19**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Abraham  
bricklayer

"RUN away from the subscriber's Southern plantations, in the month of June, 1779, the following NEGROES, viz.

Tony	Leah, now in town
Ely	Kate
Johnny	Abel, gone with the French
Ben	Brutus, at Mr. Blake's plantation at the Saltketchers
Billy	Stepney, at Mr. Smith's, Pocotaligo
Cain	Abraham, a bricklayer, now in Charlestown
Primus	Neptune
Dublin	Cyrus
Bella	Jack

The above is a true list of negroes belonging the the said subscriber. WILLIAM MAXWELL."

*Royal Georgia Gazette* May 16-19, 1781.

**1781, June 25**

**Savannah, Ga.**

Jack  
carpenter; cooper

"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."

*Royal Georgia Gazette* June 28, 1781.

**1781, July 11-14**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Joe  
carpenter

"Eight Dollars Reward. RUN away from his master, a negro man named JOE, belonged once to Mr. John Gilmore, was formerly a free man, a carpenter by trade, and used to work about the town, and is generally known from his bad and deceitful behaviour; he is the greatest liar and most artful negro in this province; he has for some time past been seen working in Broad-street, and consequently may still continue about the town. Whoever delivers him to the keeper of the Sugar-house, or can give intelligence where he is concealed, shall have the above reward, on applying at No. 190, King-street; and all masters of vessels and others are hereby warned not to harbour said fellow, as they will answer it at their peril."

*Royal Georgia Gazette* July 11-14, 1781.

**1781, August 16**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Cupid  
carpenter

"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 payment 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 [jailer] 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."

*Royal Georgia Gazette* August 16, 1781.

**1781, October 4**

**South Carolina**

Isaac  
carpenter

"RAN away from South Carolina near four years ago, and went to Savannah, the following Negroes, the property of the late Capt. Richard Pendarvis, all country born sensible slaves: LYMUS, a black well made fellow, between 40 and 50 years of age: BEN, son to Lymus, resembles him much, and is about 21 years old: ABRAM, about 23 years of age, of a yellow complexion, short and well set, stammers a little: PETER, a black fellow, aged about 23 years, very likely and well made: BILLY, also very likely, of the same age and complexion, but lighter make, is a good waiting-man: DICK, (sometimes goes by the name of SAILOR) of a yellow complexion, stammers a little, is about 23 years old: ISAAC, a mustee fellow, about 35 years of age, works a little at the carpenter trade, is about 5 feet 7 inches high, and speaks good English: BETTY, wife to Isaac, a slim black wench, about 5 feet 8 inches high, and 28 years old, with three children, viz. KATE, about 13 years of age, and of a yellow complexion: DANIEL, of a yellow complexion, aged about 12 years: a boy, of a yellow complexion, about 6 years old; she has had another since her elopement: DEMBO, about 5 feet 10 inches high, of a black complexion, limps when he walks, has a rouguish countenance, is supposed to be harboured in St. Augustine: The others are harboured in Georgia, most of them in the town of Savannah. A guinea reward will be given for each of the above negroes delivered to the Keeper of the Workhouse in Savannah, besides reasonable

charges. MARGARET PENDARVIS."

*Royal Georgia Gazette* October 4, 1781.

**1781, October 25**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Boston  
sawyer

"RAN away from Mr. Brewton's plantation near Savannah, belonging to Richard Oswald, Esq. The following Negroes. PHILIP, a young middle sized fellow, very stout made, speaks bad English. TITO, also a middle sized fellow, appears very stupid, and is ruptured. GEORGE, a slender made fellow, almost grey headed, very sensible, speaks good English, and is much pitted with the small pox. BOSTON, a sawyer, pretty old, of a slender make, is very sensible, and formerly belonged to a Mr. M'Pherson in Carolina. Whoever apprehends any of the said negroes, and delivers them to me upon the plantation, or to John Graham, Esq. in Savannah will receive a reward of five dollars for each. JAMES NIX, Overseer."

*Royal Georgia Gazette* October 25, 1781.

**1781, December 19**

**Charlestown, Ma. (?)**

Joe  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY from his master Lieutenant de Bardeleben (formerly in the regiment of Diasurth) at Charlestown, and supposed to have gone on board a ship, and sailed for New York, a Negro Man named JOE, of middle size, not very black, but rather a brownish complexion, a Carpenter by trade. Whoever meets or hears of said fellow, or actually is in possession of the same, is desired to secure and bring him, or give notice thereof to Judge Advocate Heym II, quartered at Mrs. Roosevelt's, No. 20 Gold-Street, facing Ferry Street, where further information about a handsome reward will be given."

*The Royal Gazette* (New York) December 19, 1781.

**1782, January 18**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Will  
painter, glazier

"RUN away, about six weeks ago, a negro man named WILL, by trade a painter and glazier. There is reason to think he is employed and harboured by some individuals, in and about Charlestown, where he is better known than trusted. I

do therefore forwarn all persons whatever, not to employ, harbour, or conceal the said negro WILL in future, as they shall answer the consequence at their peril. HARRY MICHIE. Charlestown, January 18, 1782."

*Royal Georgia Gazette* January 16-19, 1782.

**1782, April 17**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

name not given  
carpenter

"Savannah, the 17th of April, 1782. Missing from the Governor's Plantations near Town within a few Days past. TWO NEGRO MEN, one named GALBA, a cooper by trade, about 30 years of age, and the other a country born sensible young fellow, about 20, a carpenter by trade. It is supposed that these Negroes have been inveigled away, or possibly have gone on board of some vessel, and secreted themselves, in hopes of getting away. A Reward of Two Guineas each will be given to any person apprehending them, and delivering them, or either of them, to the Keeper of the Work-House; and a further Reward of Ten Guineas each to any white person who will give information and evidence against any person who may have inveigled them away, or have harboured or concealed them, or either of them, to be paid on conviction of the party. And all Masters of vessels are requested to search and be very careful that no Negroes are concealed or carried off in their vessels."

*Royal Georgia Gazette* April 25, 1782.

**1783, September**

**Kent County, Md.**

Shade  
brickmaker, carpenter, sawyer; farmer

"SIXTEEN DOLLARS Reward. RUN away from the subscriber, living near the Head of Sassafras River, Kent county, Maryland, on the 8th day of July last, a Mulattoe fellow, named SHADE, about 30 years of age, and about 5 feet 9 inches high, well set and very active, has a remarkable scar on the right side of his under jaw, occasioned by the kick of a horse, was raised to farming, though he pretends something to other kinds of business, as sawing with the whip saw, carpentry and moulding of bricks; had on, when he went away, a white homespun shirt, grey linsey breeches, thread stockings, and good shoes, an under jacket, without sleeves, a blue broadcloth coat, faced with red, and an old hat. He was raised in Virginia, and thence sold into Sussex county, in Delaware, near Lewes-Town, and afterwards to the subscriber. Supposed to take with him two tow shirts, and two pair of tow trowsers. Whoever takes up and secures said Mulattoe in any goal, so that his master may get him again,



shall receive the above reward, and if brought home, reasonable charges, paid by JOHN FRANCIS."

*Pennsylvania Gazette* September 17, 1783, p. 3, col. 2.

**1783, October 1**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Flint  
painter

"Run away from the subscriber, a Negro fellow named FLINT, by trade a Painter, supposed to be harboured somewhere in this City. All persons harbouring or employing the said negro, may depend on being prosecuted in the most rigorous mode. ANN WAGNER No. 75 Broad-Street."

*Gazette of the State of South Carolina* October 1, 1783.

**1783, December 9**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

John  
carpenter

"Dec. 9, 1783. RAN away from the subscriber's plantation on Savannah river in the night of Friday the 29th of last month, a tall well made Negro Fellow, named JOHN, (but may probably now pass by some other name) by trade a carpenter, of a yellowish complexion, about 38 years of age, well known in and about Savannah; he went away in a new paddling cypress canoe, made to row with two oars, and carried with him a broad axe, a handsaw, and several other carpenter tools, by which it is supposed he intends to pass as a free fellow, or as having my permission to work out. Whoever will apprehend the said fellow, and deliver him to me on the plantation, shall receive eight dollars reward; and whoever can be proved to harbour, entertain, or employ him, will be prosecuted with the utmost severity. JOHN CHANNING."

*Gazette of the State of Georgia* December 11, 1783.

**1783, December 24**

**South Carolina**

Charles  
carpenter

"Ten Guineas Reward. NOW absent from me, A NEGRO MAN, named CHARLES, of a yellow complexion, being of the Mestizoe Breed, about five feet seven or eight inches high, very square built, well known in and about Savannah, being employed there as a jobbing carpenter for upwards of four years past, during which time he has endeavoured to pass for a free person.

He was captured about December, 1778, in a schooner, on her way to Charleston, and carried to St. Augustine, from whence he immediately made his escape to Savannah, where, and in its vicinity, he has been harboured ever since, particularly, as I have been informed, at Col. Deveaux's plantation on Savannah river, where he has, or has had, a wife. Some attempts having been made to apprehend him at the last mentioned place, I am informed that he has removed his quarters from thence to Mrs. Bulloch's plantation on Skidaway. The above reward, besides reasonable charges, will be paid to any person who will deliver the said Negro man Charles to me at my plantation near Pocotaligo in South Carolina. THOMAS HUTSON. December 24, 1783."

*Gazette of the State of Georgia* January 22, 1784.

**1784, January 15**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Davy  
carpenter

"RAN AWAY A NEGRO MAN named DAVY, by trade a Carpenter, formerly the property of Mr. Hart, the chairmaker, and lived some time with Mr. Cooke the Carpenter. He is a stout fellow, about 5 feet 10 inches high, 35 or 40 years of age, stoops a good deal, wears a long beard, and is well known in Charlestown as a fiddler. He is supposed to be skulking about Mr. Andrew Hasell's plantation in St. Thomas's, where he has a wife, or at Irish-town. Ten Guineas will be paid to any person who will deliver him to the Subscriber at Goose-Creek, or to the Keeper of the Work-House in Charlestown. THOMAS MIDDLETON. Jan. 15."

*South Carolina Gazette and General Advertiser* January 15-17, 1784.

**1784, January 22**

**Savannah, Ga.**

Peter  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY, TWO NEGROES, a fellow and a wench. The fellow is named PETER, country born, black, very sensible, about five feet ten inches high, has lost one of his little toes and half of one of his fore teeth, square made, a jobbing carpenter. The wench is named DAPHNE, black, country born, sensible, has one of her legs larger than the other, about five feet five or six inches high. Any person delivering said Negroes to the gaoler [jailer] in Savannah shall receive three guineas for each; and I hereby offer a reward of ten guineas to any person that will probe their being harboured by a white person, and the harbourer may depend on being handled as severely as the law will permit. THOMAS CATER."

*Gazette of the State of Georgia* January 22, 1784.

**1784, April 2**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Jacob

sawyer; boatman

"Run Away from the Subscriber the 30th of March last, A Remarkable stout Fellow by the name of JACOB, about 28 years of age, of a yellowish complexion, northward born; is a good sawyer, and a middling good boatman; was formerly the property of Mr. William Gordon, of Edenton, in North-Carolina. Whoever will apprehend said negro, and secure him in any county goal, or deliver him to the Warden of the Work-house in Charleston, shall receive a Reward of FIVE GUINEAS, and all other reasonable charges. FRANCIS SALTUS. Charleston, 2d April, 1784."

*South Carolina Gazette and General Advertiser* April 3-6, 1784.

**1784, May 19**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Robin

carpenter; cooper

"ABSENTED 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 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."

*Gazette of the State of Georgia* May 27, 1784.

**1784, June 4**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Edgar, Ishmael and Anthony  
sawyer; carpenter and cooper; carpenter and cooper

"RUN AWAY from the subscriber, the following NEGROES: Peter, a stout made fellow, about 5 feet 9 inches high, very black, his lips very red, about 35 years of age, has on his breast a brand of Sir James Wright's name. More, a strong made fellow, about 5 feet 5 inches high, very black, has been wounded on the wrist by a sword, which is plain to be seen, about 35 years of age. Edgar, a small fellow, about 5 feet 4 inches high, very black, a good sawyer, about 38 years of age. Tom, a straight well made fellow, about 5 feet 7 inches high, very black, about 21 years of age. Will, a straight well made fellow, about 6 feet high, very black, about 30 years of age. June, about 5 feet 5 inches high, very black, about 30 years of age. Young June, a stout made fellow, about 5 feet 6 inches high, very black, about 20 years of age, has an impediment in his speech. Emanuel, a straight well made fellow, about 5 feet 7 inches high, of a blackish complexion, about 23 years of age. Ishmael, a stout strong made fellow, about 5 feet 8 inches high, very black, about 35 years of age, a jobbing carpenter and cooper by trade. Anthony, a stout strong made fellow, brother to Ishmael, about 6 feet 1 or 2 inches high, of a yellowish complexion, about 32 years of age, a carpenter and cooper by trade. Phillis, a stout made wench, about 5 feet 5 inches high, very large lips, took with her a boy about 6 months old. Also from the plantation of Mr. Thomas Johnston: Nelly, a low but stout made wench, about 4 feet 10 inches high, she has large full eyes, speaks plain, has been used to wait as a house servant, a good sempstress, about 19 years of age. Sarah, sister to Nelly, much of the same make and features, she also has been a house servant, about 17 years of age. A reward of two guineas will be paid upon delivery of any of the above Negroes, and 30 guineas if harboured by a white person, upon conviction of the offender. JAMES GUNN. Cushall Hall, June 4, 1784."

*Gazette of the State of Georgia* July 8, 1784.

**1784, August 11**

**Savannah, Ga.**

Matt  
carpenter, squarer; waitingman

"RUN away from the subscriber March last, A NEGRO MAN, named MATT, stout built, near six feet high, about 40 years of age, speaks good English, is a good squarer and jobbing carpenter, and compleat waitingman. Whoever will apprehend said negro shall, upon delivery to me in Savannah, receive FIVE GUINEAS reward, and all reasonable charges. GEO. TROUP. 11th August, 1784. N.B. If he comes home he shall be forgiven."

*Gazette of the State of Georgia* August 12, 1784.

**1784, October 1**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Peter  
carpenter

"RUN AWAY from the subscriber 19th September last, a Mulatto Fellow, named PETER, stout and well made, about 5 feet 10 inches high, 28 years of age, speaks good English, a jobbing carpenter, is handy about a house, but is fond of liquor. Whoever will apprehend said fellow, and deliver him to me in Sunbury, shall receive ten dollars reward; and if to the Warden of the Work-House in Savannah all reasonable charges will be paid by JOHN HARDY. Sunbury, October 1, 1784."

*Gazette of the State of Georgia* October 7, 1784.

**1785, April 25**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Scipio Jenkins and Sam alias David Evans  
carpenters

"Six Guineas Reward. Ran Away from the Subscriber, the 21st of March 1785 TWO NEGROES, viz. one thin black Fellow, about 5 feet and a half high, very sensible, can read & write, his name Scipio, but stiles himself Scipio Jenkins, the other a stout squat made fellow Mustee Fellow [sic], plays the violin, very sensible named Sam, but when he absconded once before, he called himself David Evans; they are both handy fellows at the carpenter's business & speak proper. Whoever apprehends the said Fellows and delivers them to Major John Postell, in Charleston or to the Subscriber at Winyaw, [ ] or three guineas for each. George Pawley, Sen."

*State Gazette of South Carolina* April 25, 1783.

**1785, May 5**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

Moon  
carpenter

"Run away From the Subscriber, the following Slaves, viz. HECTOR of a yellowish complexion absconded when the British troops were in Charlestown, about 5 and a half feet high, about 32 years of age, very artful, and has lately been seen in Charlestown. MOON A dark Mulatto, about 5 and one half feet high, between 35 & 40 years of age, a carpenter by trade, plays the violin & well known in the city. He absconded in April 1784. JOE about 5 feet high, a cooper by trade, yellowish complexion, very artful, has lost one of his fore teeth, and is about 25 years of age; he has a wife at the plantation of the late Capt. Thomas Tucker in St. Andrew Parish, near Wappoo Cut, where he was lately seen. Five Guineas for each delivered to the Subscriber 15 miles from

Georgetown. John Singellton."

*State Gazette of South Carolina* May 5, 1785.

**1785, May 27**

**Prince George's County, Md.**

Nick  
carpenter

"Mount-Airy, May 27, 1785. RAN away from the Subscriber's plantation near the Woodyard in Prince-George's County State of Maryland, a Mulatto man, named NICK, a carpenter by trade, 35 years of age, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, is round shouldered and stoops as he walks. Whoever takes up the said Slave and brings him to the Subscriber, shall have EIGHT DOLLARS reward and reasonable charges, paid by BENEDICT CALVERT."

*Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser* June 2, 1785, p. 3, col. 3.

**1785, June 1**

**Charles County, Md.**

Stephen Butler  
house carpenter, sawyer; cooper, wheelwright

"Newport, Charles-County, June 1, 1785. RAN away from the Subscriber on the 8th day of December last, a Mulatto Man SLAVE, who calls himself STEPHEN BUTLER; he is a lusty Fellow, about 6 feet 2 inches high, thin visaged, has a small scar on his right cheek bone and a large one on his side, occasioned by the cut of a knife in a fray. - His clothes I cannot describe, as it is probable he has changed them. - He plays on the violin, and can work a little at coopering, sawing and wheel work, but is a tolerable good house-carpenter. - He is very well known as a runaway for 30 years past, and is about 50 years of age. - He has been frequently concealed by white people, having ran away upwards of one hundred times, some of whom I could now mention, but for the present shall content myself by forbidding, at their peril, any person whatever from harbouring or concealing him. - He is an artful insinuating fellow, a great liar, and a coward; but if taken into custody will endeavour to make his escape. - Whoever will bring the said Slave to his Master, shall receive, if taken in the County, TEN DOLLARS reward, and if out of the County, TWELVE DOLLARS, and if 50 miles from home, or out of the State, TEN POUNDS and all reasonable charges, paid by LEONARD BOARMAN."

*Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser* June 9, 1785.

**1785, June 17**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Estate sale announced for June 27, including "The following valuable Negroes, viz. An excellent bricklayer; a painter and glazier; a very fine wench who is a cook, washer and ironer, with her two children; and an elderly wench, who is also a good cook, washer and ironer."

*Columbian Herald* June 17, 1785, p. 3, col. 3.

**1785, July 7**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Prince

house carpenter

"Runaway about 3 months ago, a negro fellow named Prince, a House carpenter by Trade; he is a tall slim fellow, about five feet eight inches high. Whoever delivers [    ]. 2 Guineas. Thomas Buckle. No. 54, Broad Street."

*State Gazette of South Carolina* July 7, 1785.

**1786, January 5**

**Cape Francois, S.C. (?)**

Tom

carpenter

"RUN AWAY, From Cape Francois, about the 12th of September last, THREE NEGROES, belonging to P.F. Clecissens in the Cape, it is supposed as they all went away in a canoe, that they probably may be taken up at sea by some vessel or other -- one named Billy, is from Charleston, South Carolina, short and thick made, about 40 years of age -- one named Tom, is from Jamaica, has a yellow complexion, a carpenter by trade, and about 20 years of age. The third named Lubin, is from Surinam, marked much with the small pox, a Cooper and Butcher by trade, and about 24 years of age. Any person that may apprehend said Negroes, or can give any information thereof, shall be generously rewarded, and all expences paid, by applying to Messrs. Shedden, Patrick and Co. New York, or to Thomas Stewart, in Charleston."

*State Gazette of South Carolina* January 5, 1786.

**1786, May 12**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Bob

carpenter

"Five Pounds Reward RUN-AWAY From the subscriber about three weeks ago, A Negro Carpenter, Named BOB, purchased from Messrs. Walker and Maitland

last June. He is about 5 feet and one half high, about 28 years of age, remarkably sensible and artful, perhaps he may be gone to Georgia. Whoever delivers him to the subscriber in Charleston shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges paid, by Hext McCall. May 12, 1786."

*State Gazette of South Carolina* May 18, 1786.

**1786, June 7**

**Montgomery County, Md.**

Sancho

carpenter; cooper

"THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS REWARD. RAN away this morning from the Subscriber, living near Montgomery Court-House, a very likely Mulatto man, named SANCHE, about 5 feet 6 inches high, about 26 years of age, his hair short but straight for his colour, a small piece broke off two of his upper fore teeth but not observed without attention: He had on a short lapelled light coloured stuff coat, velvet breeches, brown cloth jacket with yellow metal buttons, check trousers, thread stockings and a strong pair of new shoes with odd buckles; he is very artful and sensible, a good carpenter and cooper, and handy at most kinds of work; it is expected he has a pass and will change his name, and probably may have some expectation of assistance from an certain JOHN SHAW, who made his escape from Tent-Landing, nearly opposite to Alexandria, about the 15th of April last. -- Whoever secures the said Negro so that his master may get him again, shall receive TEN DOLLARS reward, and if taken above 20 miles from home TWENTY DOLLARS, and reasonable charges if brought home. -- The above mentioned John Shaw is a straight well made Irish-man, about 6 feet high, has been a soldier in the Maryland line, and was wounded in the elbow at the battle of German-Town, and now draws half-pay as an invalid serjeant: He took with him a SORREL MARE with a blaze face, about 14 1/2 hands high, has some white hairs round the middle of her ears, occasioned by strings being tyed round them, is flat on the weathers but has been a very pleasant road creature, and trots and paces well. -- Whoever will deliver the villain and mare to the Subscriber, shall receive a reward of SIXTEEN DOLLARS, or any person who will give me any information of the mare so that I get her again, shall receive a reward of EIGHT DOLLARS, and if brought home, reasonable charges paid, by JAMES PERRY. Maryland, June 7, 1786."

*Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser* June 22, 1786, p. 1, col. 1.



**1786, July 4**

**Savannah vicin., Ga.**

Will  
carpenter

"[ ] Reward. WENT off from Haddrel's Point in the night of the 19th or morning of the 20th of June, 1786, The following Negroes: Handy, Hammond, Will, Leicester, Cinne, Simon, Cudjoe, Yarmouth, October, Toby, Aaron, and Sam. Will is a carpenter, speaks remarkably through his nose. Leicester has crooked legs. They are in general able fellows; they went off in a canoe of Mrs. Barwick's, which they stole from her landing. There is great reason to think they are on Skidaway island, as such a canoe has been found near Bowman's landing, and is now secured. There is also reason to believe that four of said negroes were seen on Gen. M'Intosh's plantation. The above reward, and all lawful charges, will be paid on delivery of each to the gaoler [jailer] in Savannah, or at the Sugar-house in Charleston. JOHN BOWMAN. July 4, 1786."

*Gazette of the State of Georgia* July 6, 1786.

**1786, July 8**

**Anne Arundel County, Md.**

Tony  
sawyer

"RAN away from the Subscriber living at Doden in Ann-Arundel County, about four or five miles from Queen-Ann and two miles and an half from South-River Church, on the 17th of March last, a dark Mulatto man, named TONY, 35 years of age, a stout thick fellow about 5 feet 4 inches high, by trade a sawyer: He had on when he went away, a short white cotton jacket and trousers, a pair of country made shoes and stockings; he probably may pass as a person permitted to hire himself, and now looking out for work, but no such permission is granted him. -- He was seen in Alexandria the week before Easter, and then his clothes appeared to be dyed of a dark colour, and he had on in addition to those described, a blue under jacket. -- He had probably hired himself at some fishing landing and may yet continue in the same person's service. -- Whoever takes up the above fellow shall receive EIGHT DOLLARS reward, and reasonable charges if brought home from a distance. WILLIAM STEUART. July 8, 1786."

*Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser* July 13, 1786, p. 3, col. 3.

**1786, August 4**

James Miles  
carpenter

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

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 harboured 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 5 1/2 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 harboured 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."

*State Gazette of South Carolina* August 14, 1786.

**1788, May 17**

Tony  
carpenter (?)

**Wilmington vicin., N.C.**

"RUN AWAY from Mount Pleasant estate, on the North-West, a Negro Fellow named TONY, late the property of Miss Cobham, well known in and about Wilmington, as he was one of the fiddlers to the assemblies. He is tall, well made, and thin visaged, between black and yellow. He took away a fiddle,

some carpenters tools, &c. He has a wife at Mr. Frederick Jones's, on the Sound, named Belly, (his cook) who harboured him when he left his master before. He, and some others, it is suspected, intend trying to get to the Eastern states, imagining they will be free. Their intended route is by the back part of this state and Virginia, to Pennsylvania; they proposed taking their wives. Tony's wife would not go with him. A reward of TEN POUNDS will be given to any person who will secure him in any of the gaols [jails] of this or any neighboring state; and any moderate expence to deliver him to Mr. Sheriff Wright, or by giving information by letter to GOODIN ELLETSON, at Mount Pleasant, on North-West of Cape Fear. Bladen, May 17, 1788."

*Wilmington Centinel and General Advertiser* June 18, 1788.

**1789, February 26**

**Savannah, Ga.**

SIKE  
joiner

"RUN AWAY From the subscriber, the 17th instant, A NEGRO LAD, about 18 years of age, named SIKE, had on when he went away a blue jacket and trowsers, he speaks good English, and used to work at the joiners business and cabinet work; he is country born. If he returns of his own accord he will be forgiven; if taken up and brought to G. Leaver, or to the Gaoler [jailer] in Savannah, THREE DOLLARS REWARD will be given. It is supposed he is about Ogechee or Savannah town. Any one giving information of his being harboured by a white person shall have TWO GUINEAS REWARD, and if by a negro, ONE GUINEA, on conviction of the offender. Savannah, February 26, 1789."

*Georgia Gazette* February 26, 1789.

**1789, March 3**

**Savannah, Ga.**

TOM  
carpenter

"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, had 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."

*Georgia Gazette* March 5, 1789.

**1789, August 28**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Joseph Manigault (in Charleston) to Gabriel Manigault (in Columbia):  
"When I heard last from Coll. Thomson he informed me that my carpenters were arriv'd & that he had sent them to the spot to prepare Logs for the Building near Columbia. It is near a month since I heard this. - understood that Browne was to send your carpenters soon aftr, but that there was some particular work which had detained them a little."  
Papers of Gabriel Manigault (USoC).

**1790, July 15**

**Savannah, Ga.**

Ishmael  
carpenter; cooper

"Twenty Dollars Reward. RUN AWAY from the subscribers about eight months ago, A NEGRO FELLOW, named ISHMAEL, about 40 years of age, understands the cooper and carpenter business, and is well known about Savannah; it is supposed he is about Dr. Channing's plantation. Whoever takes up and secures the said fellow shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges. OWENS and THOMSON. July 15, 1790."

*Georgia Gazette* July 15, 1790.

**1794, April 30**

**Baltimore, Md.**

Denby  
paperhanger

"Negro Denby who lives wth Mrs Goddard came to paper our South Parlor - 12 OClock - The 4 sides of the South Parlor measured say about 78 feet long measure - The Hight of said Walls about 7 1/2 feet, only Parlor 16 1/2 feet by 22 1/2 feet - "

Waste Book 1794-5, Robert Carter Papers (LC).

**1794, December 30**

**Savannah, Ga.**

Letter to the minister - "As I understand from my son, you have no objection to employ carpenters, in payment of the assessent due on our pew. I will be glad

to know when would wish them sent. I have a good Bricklayer & two Carpenters whome I can send immediately. I have hither to hir'd them out at 3/6 per day & their employers to find them ... Elizabeth Smith"

Christ Church Records, Box 1, Folder 10 (GHS).

**1797, June 10**

**Charleston, S.C.**

"WANTED, To the House-Carpenter's Business, Two smart Negro Boys. Enquire of the Printers."

*City Gazette and Daily Advertiser* June 10, 1797, p.4, col. 3.

**1797, July 1**

**Charleston vicin., S.C.**

"WANTED, To work at Fort Johnson, A NUMBER of NEGRO CARPENTERS, and a few LABORERS. Apply to the Printers."

*City Gazette and Daily Advertiser* July 1, 1797, p. 3, col. 2.

**1797, August 29**

**Charleston, S.C.**

"Carpenters wanted immediately. TWO or three good NEGRO CARPENTERS, to be employed about 23 miles from Charleston, by land or water; it is at Goose Creek at the Plantation late Mr. HUME's, now Mr. WILLIAMS's. They are wanted to assist in Building a SAW MILL. Good wages will be given, and the money paid punctually at the end of every month, by Mr. CRUGER in Charleston. Those persons who may have Carpenters to hire, will please apply to Mr. DAVID CRUGER, on PRIOLEAU's Wharf, who will direct the Workmen the way to said Plantation. The people shall be used well, and care taken of them. ROBERT GILLEY Goose Creek Parish, Aug. 29, 1797."

*City Gazette and Daily Advertiser* September 7, 1797, p. 4, col. 3.

**1797, August 31**

**Warren County, N.C.**

Ben  
whipsawyer; shoemaker

"Fifty Dollars Reward. RANAWAY from the subscriber, on the night of the 12th instant, a very bright coloured MULATTO MAN, named BEN; About five feet ten or eleven inches high, straight limb'd, with pretty long bushy hair; he carried off

with him very good homespun cloathing, but perhaps he may change them. I expect he will alter his name, and endeavour to pass for a free-man. - He can make coarse shoes, and saws pretty well at the whip saw. I am apprehensive he may be in company with a black fellow, who passes for a free-man, calls himself HARRY BYRD, and has a pass: - Byrd is a very noted fellow, about the height of the above mentioned Ben, and is very badly bursten - both of them can read and write a little. I will give the above reward to any person who will deliver the said Ben to me, or secure him to any jail, so that I get him again, and will pay all reasonable charges. JACOB COLEMAN. Warren county, North Carolina, August 31, 1797."

*Virginia Gazette and Petersburg Intelligencer* September 1, 1797, p. 3, col. 3.

**1804, September 29**

**Charleston, S.C.**

"TWO or THREE WHITE or BLACK CARPENTERS, who understand the laying Palmetto Logs, (if application is made immediately, will meet with employment, and their wages will be paid every Saturday. Apply to the Printer."

*Charleston Courier* September 29, 1804, p. 3, col. 3.

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