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Alexandria Advertiser and Commercial Intelligencer:

3/14/01:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, living in Charles county, Maryland, on Monday the 9th instant, a Mulatto man, named Jerry, about 5 feet 9 inches high, 30 years of age; had on a Negro cotton jacket, coating overalls, India muslin shirt; has a large scar on one side of his breast. Whoever takes up said fellow and delivers him to Joseph Thomas, City of Washington, shall receive the above reward and reasonable charges. Henry Thomas. March 14.

3/18/01:

Absconded from his master's service, at the Rope Walk in this place, on Monday the 16th instant, a Negro Boy named Harry, eighteen years of age, rather low in stature, a very pleasant countenance; had on and took with him, when he went away, a short drab coloured jacket and trowsers of the same, blue cloth do, light coloured cashmere breeches, yarn stockings and new shoes. If he is not harbored about town, it is probable he is at Mr. Wren's who married the widow Hipkins, near the Falls Church, where his mother lives, and his father in the same neighborhood. I will give Five Dollars to anyone who will bring him home or lodge him in the workhouse, if about town, or within 5 miles, or Ten Dollars if at a greater distance.

Masters of vessels and others are warned not to harbor or carry him off at their peril. Joseph Harper, Who has a snug House and large Garden, near the Rope Walk, to let. March 18.

4/1/01:

Six Dollars Reward. Ran away last week from the subscriber's plantation, in Prince George county, Maryland, about three miles from the Alexandria Ferry, a stout Negro boy called Frank, between 17 and 18 years of age, 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high, his nose is very broad, has some embarrassment in his speech, and his feet are remarkably broad; he had on, when he went away, a bad pair of long, green breeches, a grey cotton jacket, and an osnaburgs shirt with Jesuit sleeves. Any person who will stop and secure him, so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward. It is supposed he will endeavour to get on board some vessel to escape by water, all masters of vessels are therefore forbidden to carry him off at their peril. Peter Savary. April 1.

5/1/01:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away about the 20th of last month, a Negro man named Darby, about 36 years of age, and about 5 feet 5 inches high; had on, when he went away, a short blue jacket and breeches, a pair of boots; chews tobacco and spits a good deal; plays very well on the violin; seldom drinks spirits to get drunk; he is a thick set fellow, has a big mouth and large teeth; he came from near Leed's Town. The above reward will be given if taken 20 miles from this town and secured in gaol, or Five Dollars, if taken in town and secured so that the owner may get him again. Robert Allison. May 1.

5/8/01:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, on Saturday the 25th of last month, negro Charles (a cooper by trade) he is about five feet ten inches high, a thin spare made man, has a long narrow visage, large eyes, a short thick grumbling way of speaking and has a scar on his forehead; he was wounded in the thumb of his right hand (a few days before he absconded) by the bite of a hog, and great part of the flesh under the nail torn off -Had on when he went away, a drab coloured cloth jacket and overalls, oznabrigs shirt, old shoes and socks and an old hat, all his working cloaths are much worn and patched; he had also a snuff-coloured cloth coat, a brown cloth vest and breeches, and sundry other articles, which he has probably taken with him. Whoever takes him up and brings him home (if he is taken up either in the county of Fairfax or the ten miles square) shall receive Five Dollars, and if taken up out of the above limits, and brought home, or secured so that I get him again, shall receive Twenty Dollars, and be paid all reasonable expenses. All masters of vessels and others, are hereby forewarned, taking him out of the District of Columbia at their peril. Phil. Rd. Fendall. May 8.

5/26/01:

Sixteen Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 20th of April, 1801, a Negro man, named James, he has a dark complexion, about 33 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high; he has a thin visage, a big mouth, thick lips and a small beard. I have some reason to believe he has forged a pass. He had on, and took with him, a new white Welch plains close bodied coat and trowsers, one pair blue cloth trowsers, one country cloth short coat, one dark coloured great coat half-worn, two oznaburgs shirts, a new hat and other clothes, one old pair of velvet breeches, with a piece of brown cloth in the seat, the white coat has some (if not all) very large old yellow gilt buttons. It is very likely he may change his name and endeavor to pass as a freeman. Whoever takes up said fellow and secures him in any jail, so that I get him again, shall receive 8 dollars if under 10 miles from home, and if over 10 miles the above reward, and all reasonable charges paid if brought home, including what the law allows. Wm. Townshend, Prince George's County, near Piscataway, Maryland. May 26.

5/28/01:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 27th inst. about one mile from Alexandria, a Negro woman named Sally; about 30 years of age, dark complexion, has a small mole on each side of her chin - had on, when she went off, a bluejacket and striped homespun petticoat - I believe she is aiming to get to a widow Deal's who lives in Alexandria, near Conway's wharf. I bought said Negro of Col. Gordon - she came from Northumberland county. The above reward will be given to any person who may apprehend and secure said Negro so that I get her again. Ben. W. Breedlove, Living at Renno's Tavern. May 28.

6/11/01:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran away on Tuesday the 7th instant, from the subscriber living 10 miles above Montgomery Court House, a Negro man named Andrew, 21 or 22 years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high; he is of a tolerable black complexion, with short hair growing low on his forehead; has a wide mouth & thick lips; it is likely he has changed his name, and as to his cloathing I cannot describe them; he is submissive and not very artful. His father, who calls himself John Blocker, lives in George-Town, and it is probable he is either there, or in the City of Washington or Bladensburg. The above reward will be given for securing him so that I get him again, and reasonable charges paid if brought home. Masters of vessels and others are forbid from taking him off or harboring him. Wm. Smith, June 11.

7/10/01:

Fifty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from his master, Robert Allison, late of this town, a Negro man named Darby, about 36 years of age, and 5 feet 6 inches high; he took flight about the 20th of April last, and there had on, a short blue jacket and breeches, and a pair of boots; chews tobacco and spits a good deal; plays a pretty good kick-up-dance fiddle, and sometimes gets drunk; he is a thick set fellow, has a big mouth and large teeth, and, with the semblance of much simplicity, is very cunning; he came from near Port-Royal where it is conjectured he may be now lurking. Thirty Dollars reward will be given for him if taken in, or within 20 miles of this town, and secured in jail, and the above reward at any greater distance; and all expences paid by Robert Mease. July 10.

7/14/01:

One Dollar Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber on Thursday last, a Negro Girl named Phebe; about 12 years of age, the property of Mrs. Brook. I hired her of Samuel Dorrel. The above reward will be paid to any person who will bring her to me. Peter Bears.

All persons are forbid harboring or employing her at their peril. July 14.

7/27/01:

Ten Dollars Reward. Negro Daniel this morning eloped from me. He is a lusty fellow, about 26 years of age, pretty much pitted with the small pox. He had on, and took away with him, a nankeen coat and pantaloons, striped jacket, oznaburgs shirt and felt hat. I purchased this man from the estate of the late Earl of Tankerville, and suppose, he will endeavor to conceal himself in the Federal City, Alexandria, or the vicinity. Any person who will apprehend the said slave, and secure him in jail, so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward, exclusive of what the law allows, and all reasonable expences if brought home. All masters of vessels and others are forewarned, at their peril, not to harbor or take him away.

Given at Brenton, under my hand, the 23rd day of July, 1801. Henry D. Hooe. July 27.

8/25/01:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscribers yesterday morning, a Negro man named George, about 24 years of age, he is a stout well made fellow and very black, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, flat face, sullen look, his eyes sunk in his head, small ears, he has two round spots, near the size of a small four pence half penny, on his right arm near the elbow, which, he says, was occasioned by the bite of a dog, several white spots on the front part of the same arm, near the bend of the elbow, caused by a burn, a mark on his left arm where he was inoculated for the small pox, near which there is the mark of a cut about 1½ inches long, a mark of a cut across the side of his right toe, a large mark on the right side of his belly, pretty low down, occasioned by a scald, when a boy.

He was seen yesterday afternoon at one of the Ravensworth Quarters, where he has a wife, and from whence he took away all his clothes. He had on, when he went away, an oznaburgs shirt and trowsers, wool hat, shoes tied with strings, all about half worn, but he will no doubt change his clothes, as he has a great variety of them.

We expect he will endeavor to get to the neighbourhood of Rector Town, in Virginia where he lived when young, with Mr. Robert Allison, deceased from whom we purchased him, or to Hager's Town, in Maryland where, and in the neighborhood of which, he has some acquaintances, and particularly at Mr. William Allison's

We will give the above reward to any person who will apprehend and deliver the said negro to us in this town, if taken without the counties of Alexandria and Fairfax, or 10 dollars, if taken within either of these counties. Hepburn and Dundass. Alex. Aug. 25.

8/30/01:

Twenty Dollars Reward. For apprehending and securing Jerrard, a Mulatto man, a carpenter by trade, who eloped about the 23d day of last June; he is a middle

sized fellow, about 30 years of age, light complexion, black eyes, and much freckled, his hair thick and generally combed up pretty high before, pleasant, soft, smiling countenance, had a scar on one of his arms near the shoulder, the particular arm I cannot at present recollect. It is supposed that he is lurking about Dumfries where he lately lived some time, by permission of Miss Betsy Tyler, to whom he belongs and of whom I hired him for the present year. He took off sundry clothes of gingham, cloth, etc. which I cannot at present describe. John Hooe. Fanquier, Aug. 30.

10/22/01:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, living in Loudon county, near Israel Lacey's store, a Negro man, named Gowan, about 28 years of age, five feet 9 or 10 inches high, has a down look, and is very smart with his tongue. Had on and took with him, a blue surtout coat, over and under coat of white kersey, several pair of breeches, which are not particularly recollected, a wool hat, and other articles. Whoever will apprehend said fellow, and secure him in jail, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home. John Leach. October 22.

11/9/01:

Twenty Five Dollars Reward. Ran Away on Monday last from the subscriber, a Mulatto Boy, named Daniel, about 14 years of age, has straight light hair, two scars on his head, had on, when went away, a blue round jacket, coarse shirt and trowsers, a pair of shoes bound and lined. Whoever will apprehend said boy and confine him in any jail, or any other way, so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward. James Rogers.

N.B. Any person apprehending said Mulatto Boy, is requested to bring him to Joseph Spound, tavern-keeper. Leesburg, or give him notice thereof. Nov. 9.

11/18/01:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from Alexandria, on Saturday evening the 14th inst. two Negro Women, viz. Amie and Venus; the former about 18 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, stout made, of a yellowish cast; had on, when she went off, a blue cloth habit; said girl was purchased of Mr. William Need, and formerly lived in the City of Washington, where I expect she is now lurking: the latter about 24 or 25 years of age, 4 feet 10 or 11 inches high, has now with her a young child at the breast, about 4 or 5 months old, her apparel is not recollected; she was purchased of a gentleman living in Prince George's county, Maryland. Whoever will apprehend said women, and deliver them to me in Alexandria, shall receive the above reward, or 10 dollars for either. George Luck. Nov. 18.

12/1/01:

Seven Dollars Reward. Absconded from the service of Colin Auld, on Tuesday the 24th ult. a dark Mulatto Girl, named Winnie, about 14 years of age: Had on when she went away a calico short gown and brown calamanco petticoat. As the parents of said Girl reside in this place, it is thought she is lurking about town. Any person bringing back said Runaway to Colin Auld, St. Asaph-Street, 3 doors west of Mr. Faw's office, shall receive the above reward. Masters of vessels and others are forewarned harbouring or carrying off said Girl at their peril. December 1.

12/10/01:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away on the 8th Inst. from the subscriber, living near Centerville, in Fairfax County, Virginia, a Negro Girl, about 18 years of age, named Betty. Her complexion is rather of a yellowish color, and she has a down look. She is remarkably strong and active, and above the common stature. She had on a blue kersey petticoat and a dark cloth jacket, and took with her some other cloaths. It is expected she is concealed in the City of Washington or Alexandria, or the neighborhood of them.

Any person securing her in any jail, so that I get her again, shall receive Ten Dollars, or on delivering her to me the above reward. William Wood. December 10.

12/16/01

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber living in Bladenburgh, on Tuesday the 8th inst. a bright Mulatto man, named Jack, about 28 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, with very black and pretty long hair. He is tolerably well made, bandy legged, dark eyes, and has something the appearance of an Indian. He took with him a new suite of dark mixed cloth, with white metal buttons, to wit: short doubled breasted jacket, vest and pantaloons, also a blue broadcloth coat, nankeen breeches, jackets of different kinds, white stockings, good shoes, and sundry other articles of clothing not recollected. It is probable he is gone to Alexandria (where he has often told me his mother lives) having been seen on the road going that way with a bundle of clothes, and may endeavour to get on board some vessel in order to get off. Whoever takes the said man and brings him home, or secures him, so that I may get him again, shall receive the above reward. Richard Ponsonby.

N.B. All masters of vessels and others are forwarned employing, harboring, concealing or carrying off the said Mulatto man at their peril. Dec. 16.

12/18/01:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, in Alexandria, on Friday night last, a Negro man named Ben, about 26 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, bandy legged, has a scar under one of his eyes, but which I do not

recollect, and has a very remarkable one on his breast, occasioned by a burn when young: had on, when he went out, a drab colored pea jacket, blue cloth sailor's do. underneath, blue cloth trowsers, pale blue stockings, hair boots, fur hat, with a band and buckle, cotton shirt, blue handkerchief, checked with red, round his neck and sundry other clothing not known. His brother Henson is one of the ferry men at Alexandria, and very probably they may change their clothes. Ben has lived with Mr. John Hodgken at the Ferry for three years, and is known very well by a number of the citizens of Alexandria and gentleman in Maryland: this fellow's master lives in Brocket's Square, and it is supposed he is concealed somewhere there. He attempted to make his escape once before, secreted in a ship bound to Europe by some free negroes, and was not discovered by the captain till he had been four days at sea, and luckily fell in with a ship bound to Baltimore, shipped him on board of her, from whence he was committed to Baltimore jail where I found him. I will give the above reward to any person who will deliver said fellow to me, near Colchester, Fairfax county, or secures him in any jail, so that I get him again. John H. Manley.

N.B. All persons whatsoever are forewarned from harboring said fellow at their peril. Dec. 22.

12/21/01:

Ten Dollars Reward, For the apprehension of a Negro Winny, about 14 years of age, of a yellowish cast, short in stature, stout made, eyes remarkably large, and of a sullen heavy look. When she ran off from the subscriber, on the evening of the 22d ult, she was barefooted, and had on a green and yellow colored short gown, and brown striped calimanco petticoat. Persons discovered harboring her after this notice will be prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the law. Colin Auld. Dec. 21.

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2/16/02:

A Negro Slave Missing. On the 18th of last month, eloped from the plantation of Wm. Craik, esq. where the subscriber lives, Jacob, a fellow of a yellow complexion, about twenty two years of age, strong and active, about five feet ten inches high, has a small scar in his face, lost one of his toes, from which foot not recollected, and when spoken to is apt to smile; his cloathing consisted of a deep blue cloth coat, striped waistcoat, grey cloth trowsers, and an old white hat. Since he eloped he has been seen in Alexandria, and I have reason to suspect, that he is now lurking about Alexandria, George-Town, or the Federal City. For bringing Jacob home, or for securing him in Jail, Ten Dollars, besides reasonable expences, will be paid on application to me, or to Col. William Payne, to whom he belongs.

Masters of vessels, and all other persons, are cautioned not to harbor or employ Jacob, as they will undoubtedly be dealt with agreeably to law, Samuel Lightfoot, within four miles of Alexandria. Feb. 16.

2/23/02:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Eloped from the subscriber, this morning, a Negro woman, called Teany, about 18 years of age. She had on, when she ran away, a jacket and petticoat of blue plains, an oznaburgh apron and a flannel under coat. She has naturally a wild look, and has a large welt upon her back, occasioned by a burn. It is very probable, if she has left town, that she has made for her parents who live at Mr. Turberville's Quarter, about 20 miles from Alexandria, on the Fall's Church road. The above reward will be given to whoever apprehends and secures the above mentioned woman, so as I may get her again. Thos. Richards. Feb. 23.

3/7/02:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, living between Bruce's mill and the Yellow-house, on Sunday evening, the 28th inst. a Mulatto fellow named Lew, about twenty years of age, five feet eight or nine inches high, stout made and likely - had on when he went away a light coloured broad cloth coat - a pair of blue broad cloth overalls, fur hat, shoes and stockings. Whoever takes up said fellow and brings him home, or delivers him in any Goal so that I get him again, shall receive Five Dollars, if taken in Frederick, Berkley or Jefferson

counties. Ten Dollars if two counties distant, and Twenty Dollars for any further distance. Thomas Campbell, Frederick County, (Virg.) March 7.

N.B. Said Lew has a rolling walk, similar to a sailor. Masters of vessels are forbid carrying him away.

3/10/02:

Fifteen Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, living about 8 miles from Alexandria, near Price's tavern, on Sunday last, a dark Mulatto man, named Hanson Waugh, a cooper by trade, about 21 years of age, 5 feet 6 or seven inches high, he generally wears blue clothes, but may change them as he has others with him. Ten Dollars will be paid for apprehending him in the county and securing him so that I get him again, or the above reward, if taken out of the county, and reasonable charges if brought home. Robert Bowling. March 10.

4/8/02:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from my Quarter, in Prince William County, a Negro Man, named Arthur, of middling face, a remarkably ugly face, thick lips, down look, and afraid to look a person in the face. - He had on nothing but his shirt and a pair of old blue coating trowsers, so that it is presumable he has procured other cloathing. Whoever will deliver him to me, in the aforesaid County, shall receive the above Reward. Thomas Lee, Sen. April 8.

4/26/02:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the sloop Polly and Betsy, Capt. R. James, on Sunday last, the 25th inst. a negro fellow named Daniel, about 16 years of age; he is a coal black, and has a great impediment in his speech; five feet six inches high: had on, when he went away, a large blue jacket with canvas elbows. Whoever takes up said Daniel and secures him in any jail, so that the subscribers can get him, shall receive the above reward. All masters of vessels are requested not to employ or take him away. J. and J.H. Tucker. April 26.

5/6/02:

Five Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the schooner John, on the 2d inst. a Negro man named Hugh, about 5 feet 3 inches high; his dress is uncertain. Whoever will return him to the subscriber shall receive the above reward. Thos. Tupman. May 6.

5/7/02:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 1st May, Patty, a likely Negro wench, about twenty years of age: she has been brought up in the house, is a good seamstress, & very capable: among a variety of clothes, she has a purple stuff petticoat, a fine blue cloth jacket, a corded dimity jacket and coat, a plain muslin gown, a handsome worked muslin do. a plain do, both well made,

2 white camel hair shawls with netting, fine white cotton stockings, several pair, and a pair of white silk do, a handsome black hat, neat shoes and other cloathing. She went off with a Negro fellow the property of Mr. Philip Fitzhugh: he is about 24 years of age, 5½ feet high, well set, inclined to be corpulent, tawney complexion, lively countenance, and speaks distinctly, though quick; he is an excellent joiner. He took with him a pair of new brown cashmere pantaloons, a round upper jacket of the same cloth, a green broad cloth coat, with a blue velvet collar, a handsome swansdown waistcoat, with mettle buttons a new black hat, new shoes, fine white cotton stockings, green pantaloons, and other cloathing. The above reward will be paid to any person who shall lodge them in any jail, either in Maryland or Virginia, and ample compensation made for any other trouble or expence. Sarah Thornton, near Alexandria, May 7.

5/25/02:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran away from the sloop George, (Norfolk-Packet) a negro man named Plato, 6 feet high, about 30 years of age, thin made and has large whiskers. The above reward will be given if apprehended this day, or ten dollars if delivered to me or Mr. Andrew Jamieson at anytime hereafter, or secured in any jail so that I get him again. He is well known in Alexandria, belonging formerly to Mr. A. Jamieson. T. Butler. May 25.

6/8/02:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Absconded from my plantation on the 6th inst., a Mulatto man, named Shadrack, about 5 feet 7 inches high; an active, well made fellow; his dress were a pair of negro cotton trowsers and coat, and a felt hat. To any person who will return said fellow to me, I will give Ten Dollars, if taken within the county, or the above reward if out it, beside reasonable charges. Willis Lee, Fauquier county, near Freeman's ford.

7/10/02:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, on Tuesday the 6th instant, a Negro Man named Will, about 27 years of age, five feet nine or ten inches high, has a scar on his left knee and another on his right foot; had on when he went away, a ticklenburgh shirt, brown roll trowsers and a wool hat about half worn; but it is likely he may have changed his dress, as he took with him a cotton shirt, an old light brown broadcloth coat, and a new pair of shoes. He may probably be lurking about Alexandria, and may attempt to pass for a free man. I will give the above reward for apprehending and securing him in any jail so that I get him again, and if brought home all reasonable charges will also be paid.

Masters of vessels and others are forbid harboring, carrying off or employing said Negro at their peril. William Cash, Sen. July 10.

7/10/02:

Fifteen Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 6th of July, near Agua, in Stafford county, Virginia, a likely stout Black Fellow, (formerly the property of Watt Brook in Alexandria) he is between 20 and 28 years of age; had on when he went away, a blue coat, red waistcoat, linen pair of overalls and a tolerable good felt hat - he was castrated when the property of said Brook, for a breach of the law. I purchased him out of the estate of John Escue, deceased. The above reward will be paid for apprehending said fellow and lodging him in the jail of Alexandria, on application to Mr. John Hodskins. Charles Adams. July 10.

7/22/02:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber living in Stafford County, on Tuesday the 6th instant, a likely negro man, named George, of a dark complexion, about Twenty-Six years of age, by trade a blacksmith. He is about Six feet high, flutters very much, and is fond of liquor, when intoxicated he is very impudent and quarrelsome. As he went away without the least provocation, he will no doubt endeavour to pass as a freeman, and I expect he has obtained a pass for that purpose. When he went away, he wore a bath coating cloth coat, but this as well as his name he will probably change.

The above reward, and all reasonable expences will be paid, if taken in Virginia, and Twenty Dollars if taken in Maryland, to any person who will deliver him to me in Stafford county, or secure him in any jail or bridewell, so that I get him again. I think it probable he may be lurking about Alexandria or Colchester, having lived at the latter place some time ago. Thomas Seddon, Stafford county, Virginia, July 22.

7/28/02:

Fifteen Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber on the 2d instant, a negro man named Dick, about fifty years of age, five feet nine or ten inches high, a bad countenance altho smiling when spoken to by a stranger, his fore finger on the right hand is smaller than the rest and very much injured, so as to prevent his streightening it from his having attempted to steal from a mill, the mill stones having caught the finger and mashed or rather taken a part of the side off. He took with him a variety of clothes in order to prevent my saying what he will have on, among which were a pair of blue pantaloons with red seams, buckskin ditto, blue short jacket, white ditto, also a nankeen jacket. Any person that will take up said fellow and deliver him to me shall be entitled to the above reward, and all reasonable expences paid. W.H. Washington, July 28.

8/13/02:

Stop the Runaway. Ran away from the subscriber living in St. Mary's county, on the 9th of May, a negro man named Jack, (called by his master Taylor) he

is about 5 feet 10 inches high, stout and active, had on when he went away a country cloth striped jacket and overalls but may have changed his dress, he is also a very ingenious fellow and can turn his hand to any kind of work; a reward of sixteen dollars will be given if taken up out of the county, and 10 dollars if taken in the county, to any person that will bring him home to his master, and all reasonable charges paid or 10 dollars will be given to any person that will secure him in any jail, so that the owner may get him again.

N.B. All masters of vessels and others are forwarned harboring the said negro, as I am determined to prosecute them to the utmost extent of the law. William Herbert, Jun. St. Mary's County, St. Inigoes, August 13.

9/15/02:

Fifteen Dollars Reward, Ran Away from the Subscriber, living near Broad Run, in Loudon County, Virginia, a black Negro Man, named Jerry. He is about five feet, six or eight inches high, has a small face with thick, pouting lips, and a short mouth; one of his hands is a little deformed; he has an awkward walk, occasioned by a twist in one or both of his ancles. He had on when he went away, a long brown broadcloth coat, very much worn, and oznaburg trowsers, but as he carried with him others, he may change his dress. Whoever will deliver the said Slave to me, at Broad Run, shall receive the above reward. Ludwell Lee, Sept. 15.

9/21/02:

Fifty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the Subscriber, on Monday evening, the 19th inst. two Negro Men, viz.

Sam, about 21 years of age, five feet ten inches high, has been burnt in the left hand, and has a stoppage in his speech.

Luke, about five feet six or seven inches high, rather of a yellow colour; well set, with remarkable large bright eyes. Whoever takes up the above mentioned Negroes, and lodges them in any convenient jail, shall have twenty-five dollars for either, or the above Reward for both, on application to Mr. Elijah Bell, in King Street, Alexandria. Caleb Weeks, Sept. 21.

9/22/02:

Ten Dollars Reward. Run away from the Subscriber, during the last harvest, a Negro Man named Abraham. He is a Cooper by trade, between forty and forty five Years of age, five feet seven or eight inches high, his teeth very much decayed, greatly addicted to drunkenness, and when so extremely talkative. A scar on the back of his right hand, occasioned by a cut received from the cooper's bowel, when at work, makes him remarkable. As he has been seen at work in Alexandria, about the wharves and cooper's shops, it is expected he may be easily taken. The above Reward will be given to any person for apprehending the said Negro, and securing him in the nearest jail, so that I get him again, or

Twenty Dollars if delivered to me in this town. Robert Lewis. Fredericksburg, Sept. 22.

10/20/02:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the Farm of the Subscriber, in Frederick County, near Berry's Ferry, on Monday, the 11th inst. a small black fellow named Mich. He is about five feet five or six inches high, has a very short face; his front teeth stand uneven and point out; he has large ancles, and a fresh scar on the inside of one of his legs just above the ankle. He had on when he went away, an old brown coat, a striped silk waistcoat, a pair of blue cloth pantaloons, edged with red, a low crowned bar, with a narrow rim. Whoever lodges the above described Slave in any jail, so that I get him again, shall receive Ten Dollars, or Twenty Dollars on delivering him to me, in Frederick county. Thomas Massie. Oct. 20.

10/21/02:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the Subscriber, a very black Negro Boy named Spencer, between fifteen and sixteen years of age, remarkably likely and active, has a penetrating eye, and is perhaps one of the most artful fellows of his age, black or white, in Virginia, he was seen making for Alexandria, where it is supposed he is now lurking somewhere about the wharves or somebody's kitchen.

Also, Negro James, a small black fellow, of thin visage, very active, intelligent and artful, and will probably change his name. He was seen making for George-Town, where he said it was his intention to go on board some vessel, which he probably has done either there or at this place. The above Reward will be paid to any person who will secure the above Negroes in the jail of Alexandria, or Ten Dollars for either, on application to Peter Heiskell, at the Washington Tavern, Alexandria. Thomas Parker. Frederick County.

All masters of vessels and others, are forbid harbouring or carrying off said fellows at their peril. Oct. 21.

10/28/02:

15 Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the Subscriber, in Alexandria, on the first day of February, 1802, a Negro Woman named Nelly. She was bought of George Broom, of George-Town, by Isaac Means, and was sold to the Subscriber, in Alexandria, by the said Means, from which place she absconded. She is about 35 years of age, tall and slender; one or two teeth out before, and marked with the small-pox. She is of a yellowish cast, and talkative. Whoever will apprehend said run away, and secure her in any jail so that I get her again shall receive the above Reward. Abner Willborne, Oct. 28.

11/3/02:

Thirty Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber living in the County of Fairfax, State of Virginia on Saturday the 30th of October last, two Negro Men, George and Henry.

George is thirty years of age, about five feet seven inches high, yellowish complexion, prominent forehead, his eyes remarkably sunk in his head, slow spoken, and is a coarse Shoemaker. Had on and took with him, a brown broadcloth coat, much worn, a coarse green coating do, a pair of trowsers of the same, much worn, several oznaburgh shirts, a felt hat, etc. Henry, about five feet four inches high, twenty-two years of age, very dark complexion, thick and well set, inclinable to be fat, a large scar on his forehead occasioned by the horn of an ox, when young, and I believe one on the side of his nose, smiling countenance. Had on and took with him a blue broadcloth coat & trowsers, and a variety of other cloathing, which I cannot enumerate. It is believed they have procured passes and will attempt to pass as free men, and are loitering about Alexandria. A reward of Ten Dollars each will be paid if taken within ten miles, if a greater distance the above reward, or fifteen dollars each will be paid on the delivery, or for securing them in any way so that I get them again, and all reasonable charges.

All masters of vessels are forwarned from harboring or taking them off at their peril. William Lewis. Nov. 3.

11/10/02:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the Subscriber, about the 3d of November inst. a Mulatto Boy, named Lee, 16 or 17 years of age; had on and took with him a great variety of clothes, among which were a number belonging to his master, which will not fit him very well, a particular description of them cannot be given. The above Reward will be paid to any person who will apprehend the above runaway and confine him so that I get him again, and reasonable charges if brought home. Joseph Lewis, jun. Clifton, Loudoun county, Va., Nov. 10.

12/29/02:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Absconded from the employ of Daniel Douglass, flour inspector in the town of Alexandria, on the 12th instant, a Negro man named Nace, 36 years age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, stout built, talks but little, sullen look, had on & took away wit him sundry clothes, among which are a new drab short blue trousers and waistcoat, all without buttons, two Russia sheeting and one white shirt, one plain white Marseilles and one dimity waistcoat. The above reward will be paid for delivering him to me. Elizabeth Peake, living between Alex. and Mount-Vernon.

All masters of vessels and others are forewarned harbouring or carrying off said fellow, at their peril. Dec. 29.

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2/4/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Will be paid for delivering to his master, in this place, a black boy named Frederick, who left home on Tuesday the 27th ult. and is supposed to be lurking about town: He is about 19 years of age, tall and slim made, knock knee'd, sullen look, and is backward in giving an answer: He had on a pair of light grey cloth trowsers, striped swansdown waistcoat, white shirt, a yellow silk handkerchief about his neck, and an old blue surtout coat. Application to be made to the Printer, who will pay the above reward on delivery of the said Negro boy. Feb. 4.

2/19/03:

Two Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, the 14th inst. a black Woman, named Hannah, the property of Andrew Baimain. She is about 5 feet in height, and has a cut in her right arm below her elbow: Had on, when she eloped, a blue coating jacket and petticoat, with some other articles not recollected. I expect she is lurking about her master's premises, who lives about 6 miles from town, on the Newgate road. The above reward, with all reasonable charges, will be paid on her delivery to Thomas Richards. Feb. 19.

2/22/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward, to any person who will bring to me, or secure so that I get him again, John Ayres, A Bright mulatto fellow, about 21 years of age, who eloped from this place on the 9th instant. He had on when he went away a blue plains coat, his pantaloons of the same were patched, and darned in some places with white cotton, a swansdown waistcoat, white yarn stockings, an excellent pair of shoes tied with strings, and a very good white hat. He has a thick suit of black hair, rather inclined to curl, which he generally keeps tied, a fine set of teeth, and when he thinks he has done wrong his countenance expressed great fear mixed with a considerable blushing; I suppose he must be about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high. Baldwin M. Lee.

N.B. I hereby forewarn all masters or skippers of vessels from receiving or harboring the above mentioned mulatto on board their vessels, at the peril of the law. B.M.L.

Should the said mulatto fellow be apprehended and secured in the jail of Fredericksburg or its vicinity, and I can be informed of it, Mr. John Scott is directed to pay the reward. Cabin Point, Westmoreland county, Feb. 22.

3/18/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 24th of Dec. 1803, a Negro Slave, named Jacob, about 30 years of age, rather of a yellowish complexion; he is a stout, lusty fellow, five feet eleven inches high; his foot is twelve inches and a quarter long; he has a very large nose, a big bushy head, he has a small scar on the out side of his right leg just below his knee, another on the same side of his thigh just above his knee, occasioned by a burn; his cloathing, when he went away from me, were a dark drab coloured coarse cloth, his coat was lapelled with large buttons on it, a pair of overalls of the same cloth, white yarn stockings, Virginia cotton shirt and felt hat; he may be very apt to change his clothing, and very likely may have a forged pass; he has a wife at Mr. George Wise's, in Alexandria, and very likely he is lurking about that place. Masters of vessels and others are hereby forewarned from harboring or carrying him off at their peril. Whoever takes up said Negro and secures him in jail, so that I get him again, or delivers him to me in Stafford county, near Muddy creek, shall receive the above reward. Robert Laing. March 18.

3/19/03:

Five Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, on Saturday the 4th inst. a likely Negro Man named Daniel; about 5 feet 5 inches high; rather knock kneed, and when spoken to is apt to stutter: had on, when he went away, a short blue jacket and trowsers, wool hat, a pair of shoes and stockings. Whoever takes up said Daniel, and brings him to me in Alexandria, near the county wharf, shall receive the above reward and reasonable charges. Garret Headen. March 19.

3/22/03:

Fifteen Dollars Reward. Ran Away on Saturday, the 5th of this month, a bright Mulatto Man, named Stephen; about 28 or 30 years of age: He is about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, pleasant countenance, speaks rather slow, but very active and handy at any work; he served an apprenticeship to a weaver, is a good workman at that business, and a remarkable good hand in a brickyard; in short, he is smart at anything he is set about; he is very fond of spirits of any kind. I cannot describe his dress. He never ran away before, so I expect he has been enticed off by some artful villain; if it be the case, and the man can be apprehended, I will give 30 Dollars on his conviction of the theft. Robert Boggess.

N.B. I forewarn all persons from harboring said fellow at their peril, as in that case they may expect to be prosecuted. Fairfax County, March 22.

4/4/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber on Thursday morning last, a likely young negro man named Bob, (formerly the property of Mr. James Cavan) he is well formed, and about 5 feet, 4 inches high, has a remarkable stoppage in his speech which prevents his immediate reply to any question. He

has taken with him a variety of good clothing, and as his relations and connections are principally in town, it is presumed he is concealed somewhere in its vicinity.

All masters of vessels and others are forewarned carrying him off at their peril. R.B. Jamesson, April 4.

5/2/03:

Thirty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, living near Piscataway in Prince George's county in the state of Maryland, on 9th April 1803, a Negro Man named Myal. He went to spend his holidays with his wife, who is a slave to Mr. Addington Skinner near Nottingham, and resided there until Wednesday morning, and then was seen with some of Mr. Notley Maddox's people on their way to the City of Washington. He is about five feet eight or ten inches high, rather mulatto cast, but dark, and a little round shouldered, and has lost one of his lower foreteeth, on the left side of his forehead he had a scar near the edge of his hair. As he had a variety of clothing, it is uncertain what he took with him. Whoever takes up the said run away and brings him home shall receive the above reward, and reasonable expences paid, and if secured, so that I get him again.

N.B. I forewarn all persons from harbouring or entertaining said fellow, at their peril, and particularly all masters of vessels from taking him away. Bennet Gwynn. May 2.

5/2/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, at Mr. Lane's about 13 miles from Alexandria, on the Winchester road, on Friday night the 29th ult. a negro man named David, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, 22 years of age, very bowlegged and limps a little in walking, occasioned, as he says, by having his hip dislocated and one thigh broke: Had on a nankeen over jacket, country linen overalls, a muslin shirt, and a new pair of coarse shoes; took with him a superfine broadcloth coat, half worn, with pearl buttons - when strictly examined he has a stoppage in his speech. He was brought from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and it is expected he made for Alexandria, for the purpose of getting a passage by water to the place where he came from. The above reward will be paid for apprehending and confining him in any jail so that the owner gets him again. James Brown. May 2.

5/4/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Left my service, on the morning of the first instant; negro Moses, a black fellow about 21 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high; has a pleasant countenance, a large mouth, a small impediment in his speech when the least confused; his legs are rather small, and he is fond of liquor; his clothing are a short blue coat of coarse cloth, a swansdown waistcoat, and one

of striped country cloth, two or three pair of trowsers of different kinds, one is striped country cloth, one Irish linen shirt, 1 or 2 oznaburg do, and a wool hat.

It is probable he may change his clothes, as I expect he has money with him, having stolen some from me, for which I whipped him on the 22d ult. and expect the marks of the whip will remain on his back for some days. I did not get half the money left. The above reward will be paid for apprehending and securing said fellow in any jail, so that I get him again, and all reasonable charges paid if brought home to the subscriber, in Charles County, near Port-Tobacco, Maryland.

Masters of vessels and others are forewarned not to carry off or harbor said fellow at their peril. Basil Spalding. May 4.

5/28/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran-away from the Subscriber, at Fredericksburgh, on the 25th inst. a negro man named Duke, from 30 to 35 years of age, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, well made, of a yellowish complexion; speaks loud when spoken to, and the lower part of both his ears cut. Had on when he eloped, a snuff coloured broad cloth coat, striped swansdown waist coat, white Russia Sheeting trowsers, black fur hat with a small rim, and shoes; but having other clothes, it is probable he may change his dress. It is expected he will endeavor to impose himself on the public as a free man, as I am informed he has a pass.

The above reward, and all reasonable charges, will be paid, for securing him, so that the subscriber gets him again, on giving information to Mr. John Hodgkins, Alexandria. Wm. Campbell.

N.B. Masters of vessels and others are forbid harbouring said fellow, as they will be prosecuted to the utmost rigor of the law. W.C. May 28.

6/6/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber on the 4th of this instant a negro man named George, about six feet high, 19 years of age. had on when he went away a grey coloured cloth coat, linnen shirt, and overalls. He was purchased of Nicholas Strike of Baltimore, and belonged to some man at or near Annapolis. Any person delivering said fellow to John Hodgkin of Alexandria or securing him in any jail, so that I get him again shall receive the above reward and all reasonable expences. Wm. Barton, June 6.

6/11/03:

Five Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber on Tuesday the 31st of May last, a negro man named James; he is about five feet one or two inches high, dark complexion, his fore teeth out above and below - had on and took with him a pair of white linen overalls, a white shirt and waistcoat, an old felt hat, and new great coat of dark grey cloth, his other clothing is not recollected, and it is probable, he may change what he took with him. I will give the above

reward to any person that will apprehend said negro, and secure him in any jail so that I get him again, or will pay reasonable expences if brought home, besides what the law allows. Daniel John. Menasses Gap, Fauquier county, June 11.

6/27/03:

Fifty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscribers, on the 23d inst. two likely Negro men, both named Jack. They were purchased by us in Baltimore, and escaped from us about 4 miles from this place, (Fredericksburg.) One is about 21 years of age, of a yellow complexion, near 6 feet high, & has on a spotted negro cotton coat, & red striped overalls, and was late the property of Dr. Jennifer of Maryland. The other a black fellow about 5 feet 10 inches high, about 24 years of age, has a large scar on his cheek, near his nose, and has many grey hairs, occasioned by a scalded head when young, and was late the property of Mr. Joseph Greississ of the same state. Had on a pair of brown linen trowsers and blue coat. Whoever will take up the said Negroes, and confine them in jail, shall receive the above reward. It is probable that they have procured a pass, and will endeavour to pass as free men. All masters of vessels, and others, are hereby forewarned from harboring or carrying off said Negroes. James Martin, Harrison Thurmond, Fredericksburgh, June 27.

7/8/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward, (if taken in the state) And 30 Dollars if taken out of it. Ran away from the subscriber, living in Fairfax county, Virginia, near the new Court House, on the 4th of July, instant, a Negro man named George, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, has a black, round face, with a small scar on his forehead, just above the nose, caused by a burn; he is napper kneed, has a down look, and had on, when he went away, a new osnaburg shirt, a striped country cloth waistcoat and trowsers, made of cotton, a new felt hat, the rest of his clothes cannot be particularly described. Whoever takes up the said runaway and brings him home, or secures him in any jail, so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward and all reasonable charges. Henry Staats. Fairfax County, July 8.

7/9/03:

Forty Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber on the 12th May last, a negro man named Osborn, he is about five feet six or seven inches high, stout made, he formerly lived with Mr. John Abett of Alexandria as a waiter; he was seen in Alexandria about six weeks since, and for his having expressed a desire to visit his relations about the time I purchased him, I am induced to believe he now is in the neighbourhood of Nanjemoy; his father is the property of Mr. Charles Pye, and his mother and sister the property of Mr. Joseph Heard, both of Charles county, state of Maryland. The cloaths he took with him are not

recollected, except a blue cassimere round-about, and a wool hat, over which he sometimes used to wear an oil-cloth cover. I will give the above reward for delivering him to Messrs. Samuel Croudson & Co. in Alexandria, or twenty dollars for securing him in any jail in Maryland or Virginia, and advising me therefore that I may get him again. William Davison. Winchester, July 9.

7/25/03:

Twenty Five Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, in Fredericksburg, a small mulatto man named Ellia; very well made, has a blackish appearance under one of his eyes; he generally affects a smile, but when spoken to suddenly, he stammers and appears much confused: had on, when he went away, a brown big coat, with a velvet cape of orange color, black vest, light colored corded pantaloons and a fine linen shirt. The above reward will be paid to any person who will apprehend him, and confine him in jail, so that his master may get him again, on information being lodged with the Printer. Lemuel Fowler. July 25.

7/28/03:

Fifty Dollars Reward. Ran away on the 10th of July, a Negro man named Lewis: he is 22 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, well set, dark complexion; has a scar on his forehead which, I think, comes down between his eyes; is bow legg'd, and has a scar on one of his feet, between the toes, occasioned by the cut of an ax: he can read and write a little, has a very bold look, talks free and sensibly, and, at times, assumes a confidence when speaking, that would induced some to suppose that what he said was the truth: he speaks Dutch a little, and I expect has a pass, as he been in Alexandria where he went under the name of Lewis Hurley. When he eloped he had on a long, blue cloth coat, red waistcoat, and reddish coloured pantaloons, a high crown'd hat, band and buckle; I believe his other clothing were home made. The above reward will be given for securing him in any jail, so that I get him gain, on giving information to Messrs. S. Croudson and Co. Alexandria, with reasonable charges if bro't home. Roger Abbott, Culpepper County, Virginia.

All masters of vessels and others are cautioned against harbouring or carrying off said fellow at their peril. July 28.

7/28/03:

Fifteen Dollars Reward. Ran away from the subscriber, in the month of July, 1802, about the 28th or 30th day, a yellow girl about 12 years of age, by the name of Ailcey, which I bought of James Wilson and Robert I. Taylor, of this place. She is a girl of a bold countenance, tolerable straight hair, quite a large mouth, and a small flesh mold on one side or the other of her face, just by her nose; no other marks that I recollect. It is more than probable that she is now lurking in the neighborhood of Alexandria, as her mother lives with Major Wm.

Reily of that place. The above reward will be paid for apprehending and securing the said girl so that I get her again. Jesse Thompson. July 28.

8/3/03:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 19th of July, a negro man named Moses: he is a tall boney man, about 6 feet high, not very fleshy, has a remarkable scar across the middle of his nose, his hair long and strait for that of a Negro, though not tied. He has been several times seen sculking about Alexandria. Any person who will deliver me the said Negro, or secure him and give me information thereof, shall receive the above reward. Aug. J. Smith. Fairfax County, Aug. 3.

8/9/03:

Fifteen Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, near State Run Church, in Prince William county, in the night of the 30th ultimo, a tall negro man, by the name of Davie, rather of a black complexion, long faced, full eyes, long feet, with large ancle bones, full in the hollow of his feet, and had on and took with him, when he went away, a country striped cloth round about, one callico do, and a snuff coloured cloth coat, with sundry other coarse cloathing. The above reward will be paid for securing him in any jail so that I get him, and reasonable charges paid in addition, if brought home. John Jackson. August 9.

8/9/03:

Fifteen Dollars Reward. The subscriber's negro Ben, absconded about the first of June. He is a tall fellow, I believe more than six feet high, about 30 years of age, has a strong voice, crosseyed, of a yellowish complection, long hair which he ties; as he was formerly the property of Charles Lee, Esq. and lived in Prince William County, near Dumfries, it is probable he is lurking about the neighborhood, being related to the Negroes at Neabsco Furnace, as well as those at Mr. Lee's quarters. Whoever will deliver him to the subscriber, to Mr. Thomas Allison, or lodge him jail, so that I get him again shall receive the above reward. William Rogers. Fairfax County, August. 9.

8/23/03:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the plantation of Lawrence Lewis, esq. Fairfax county, on Friday the 19th inst. a Negro man named Peter: He is about 22 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, rather slender made, very dark complexion; has a large scar on one of his legs, occasioned by the cut of a scythe last harvest, the wound not perfectly cured: his clothes not recollected, but believe nothing more than a common Negro cotton jacket and trousers. He was seen in Alexandria last Saturday, and it is supposed he is now in that place. All masters of vessels and others are cautioned against harboring or carrying off said fellow at their peril. The above reward will be given for securing him in

any jail so that I get him gain, or upon delivering him to the subscriber, with all reasonable charges paid. Roger Farrell, manager. August 24.

8/27/03:

Five Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber on the 1st of July last, a negro woman named Beck, about 20 years of age, pretty lusty, of a yellowish complexion; supposed to be secreted by Henry Peake's negro man Ben, who has a numerous acquaintance in Alexandria, and may have conveyed her there.

Whoever takes up said negro and delivers her to me, (living on Occoquan, Davis's Foard, Prince Wm. County,) shall receive the above reward, and, if out of the county, reasonable expences for bringing her home. It is supposed she is with child. William Davis. August 27.

9/2/03:

Fifteen Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the Subscriber, about the 20th day, of July last, a Negro boy called SAM, about 18 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 6 inches high, tolerably stout made, with a scar on his upper lip, not quite cured when he left home. I suspect he has obtained a pass, and will endeavor to pass for a freeman. I will give the above reward to any person who will deliver him to me, living within two miles of the Falls Church, Fairfax county, Virginia, or Ten Dollars, if secured in any jail so that I get him again. C.F. Whiting. Sept. 2.

9/5/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the Subscriber, living in Charles County, Maryland, near Bryan Town, on the 26th day of last month, a Negro Man named Ralph, between twenty three and twenty four years of age, well made, of a middle height, and of a black complexion; when spoken to he is apt to laugh and then shew a wide mouth with a full set of white teeth; one of his eyes is defective, occasioned by a corn stalk when a child, at times he keeps that eye shut, as he cannot see very well out of it, on examination you will observe that the ball of his eye is glassified. He had on when he went off an oznaburg shirt, a pair of trowsers, or rolls, a hat about half worn he also took with him all his Sunday clothes, among which is a pair of boots, as to his other cloathing I am not able to relate the particulars, he was seen on the same day that he went off by one of my neighbors, with a budget on his back, travelling the road-upwards, towards Piscataway, its probable that he will endeavour to get into the City of Washington or George town, or to Virginia, perhaps he may change his dress and name, and endeavour to pass as a freeman. Whoever will take up the said negro and secure him in any jail, so that I get him again shall receive the above reward and all reasonable charges if brought home. Ignatius Middleton, September 5.

9/6/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away on the 4th inst. a Negro Man by the name of Tom, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high; he has a white spot on one side of his head, about the size of a dollar, which he may attempt to conceal; he has a very great impediment in his speech when he attempts to speak. The above described fellow is about 25 years of age, and is very strait and handsomely made. His clothes cannot well be described, as he lived in Col. Marstellers family, who were very liberal to him; he had either one or two watches with him when he left home; he can read and I believe write a little. The above reward will be given to any person who may apprehend and secure the said negro in any jail within the United States, and all reasonable charges paid if brought home. There were two other fellows left town in company with him, Richard Hewitt.

N.B. This fellow has, for many months past, attended at the Vendue-Store. Sept. 6.

9/27/03:

Twelve Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber on the 21st inst, a negro man named George, calls himself George Dart. He is about 38 years of age, five feet nine or ten inches high, slender made, very dark complexion, and shews his teeth very plain before, which are very white; he is very fond of spirituous liquors, and plays on the fiddle; had on a blue round about jacket and an old pair of cloth trowsers. He was in Alexandria on the 21st inst. on board of a schooner bound to the West Indies, chartered by Mr. John Dunlop of George Town, if he is not gone in the said sch'r, I expect he is now in that place. All masters of vessels, and others are cautioned against harboring or carrying off the said fellow at their peril. The above reward will be give for securing him in any jail so that I get him again, or upon delivering him to the subscriber, with all reasonable charges paid, Mary Anne Fenwick. George Town, Potomac, Sept. 27.

9/28/03:

Thirty Dollars Reward. Ran Away last Christmas a negro man called Joe, who was hired to Mr. George W. Lindsey, at the Occaquan Milles, for the two last years past, and was discharged at the above mentioned time and directed to come home, but I have not seen him: he is about 55 years of age, has no particular mark that I remember, his cloathing I cannot describe, as I have not seen him for upwards of two years; he stoops much in his walk, and generally carries a stick. I have lately been informed that he has been employed at a brick yard in or about Alexandria.

Also, a negro woman called Jenny, about twenty years of age, a likely, black, tall and slim made woman, went off about the first of August last. I am informed that she is harboured in Fairfax's Neck, by some free negroes who are employed there by different persons.

I will give the above Reward to any person that will deliver said Runaways to me, living near Colchester, and prove the harbouring or employing of them, or Five Dollars for each if secured in jail, so that I get them again. William Triplett. September 28.

11/1/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Absconded on Sunday evening the 23d ult. from my house, near town, a Negro man slave called Thornton, about 25 or 26 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, thin make down cast look.

He wore at the time a broadcloth coat, and other decent apparel. He may however alter his dress, from clothes in his possession.

If taken in Alexandria, Geo. Town or Washington, five dollars will be given, if at a greater distance and not over 30 miles, ten dollars, if farther off twenty dollars and reasonable expences for delivering him here. Wm. Hodgson. Nov. 1.

11/15/03:

Thirty Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the subscriber on the 29th of October last, a negro man slave named Bob, about 20 years of age, five feet nine inches high, straight limbed and well formed; said slave hath an impediment in his speech which prevents him readily replying to a question. He commonly wears earrings. He took with him a variety of good clothing, a description of which is unnecessary, as it is probable he has changed them. He has been frequently seen about town since he absconded, and in all probability is now secreted by his mother, Winney Brown, formerly the slave of Mr. John Muir, late of this town, but now said to be free. The above reward will be paid for securing said Negro Bob, in any goal, and a further reward of Ten Dollars for the discovery of those who have been accessory to this concealment.

Captain's of vessels, &c. are forewarned at their peril, not to take him away. Robert B. Jamesson. Nov. 15.

12/8/03:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Absconded from the service of Mr. Francis Keene, at Belvoir, on the 25th of November last, Negro David, (commonly called David Shanklin) - He is a dark mulatto man, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, a smart, active fellow, can saw well at the cross cut or whip saws, understands quarrying and blowing rock well, a good house servant, and, in short, handy at any business; he took with him a variety of clothes, none of which I can particularly describe (except a blue round waistcoat, trimmed with red, which he is very fond of wearing) being out of my service for 4 or 5 months, cutting wood at Velvoir. Said fellow ran away from me in 1796, got over to the City of Washington, & there obtained a pass from a man of the name of Mattingly (as he says) under which he passed as a free man, and hired

himself to a Holt and Prout of that place - was apprehended there and carried to jail at the Eastern Branch, from whence I got him.

I do expect that he has formed connections in the town of Alexandria, and the city of Washington, and that he is now lurking about one of these places, as he has been seen but a few days ago in Alexandria. I will give ten dollars reward if taken in Alexandria or on this side the Potomac, or if on the other side the Potomac river the above reward, if delivered to me in Centerville, or to said Francis Keen, at Belvoir.

All masters of vessels or others, are hereby warned from harboring, secreting or carrying off said fellow at their perils, as I am determined to prosecute them with utmost rigor of the law. Francis Adams. Centerville, Fairfax County, Dec. 7th.

12/16/03:

Ran Away From the subscriber living in Fauquier County, a negro man named Zachary. He is a very tall black fellow, clean limbed, has lost the finger next the little one on his left hand, stutters much in speaking, and is about 20 years old.

He was at Mr. Travis Daniel's in Stafford, about a fortnight ago, and had a pass certifying him to be a free man, said to be signed with the name of the Clerk of Fauquier. I will give Thirty Dollars to any person delivering me the said negro in Fauquier county, and all lawful charges, and Two Dollars extra for his pass, or Twenty Dollars for lodging him in any jail, so that I get him again. James Stiglar.

All masters of vessels are forewarned from carrying him off. Dec. 16.

12/29/03:

Fifty Dollars Reward, For apprehending two black men who have disappeared from M'Call's Nail Manufactory in Alexandria, one named Charles and the other Harry, both blacksmiths, Charles is about 30 years old, a common sized man, well made, not a very dark complexion, not good countenance. Harry is one or two years older, nearly the same size, complexion and a down look, bad countenance, impediment in his speech, and stoops a little in his walk. They are brothers and both write a tolerable good hand, and will no doubt have passes. Their cloathing I believe not good, nor can I describe it, as their usual working cloaths are left behind.

Ten Dollars will be given for them, if taken in Alexandria and brought home, or Twenty Five for either, if taken at a further distance, and secured in jail so that I get them. Wm. Stewart, jun.

N.B. All masters of vessels and others are cautioned against taking away or harbouring the above Negroes. Dec. 29.

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1/24/04:

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

1/30/04:

Five Dollars Reward. ran away from my Farm, on Tuesday morning last, a Negro man slave called Charles, tall and slender made; has a place on his head of hair, occasioned by a burn; his cloathing a short blue jacket, striped country cloth trowsers, which yarn stockings, coarse shoes, and an old hat. I expect he is yet lurking in Alexandria as he was seen in that place on the same day he ran away.

I will give the above reward for securing the negro Charles in the jail of Alexandria, and I do hereby forwarn all persons from harboring or carrying him off at their peril. Barnaby, near _____. Edward Sanford. Jan 30.

2/1/04:

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 15th January last, a negro man by the name of Sam aged 42 years bad countenance, and has on the right side of his face from the corner of his mouth under his jaw, a large streak of grey hairs, five feet ten inches high - his cloathing is a brown round-a-bout jacket and trowsers. Also Sucky his wife, about 37 or 38 years of age her cloathing unknown - they are supposed to be harbored about Alexandria.

Whoever will take up or secure the above negroes, so that I get them again, shall receive Twenty Dollars for the two, or Ten Dollars for either. Henry Tolbert, Rose Hill.

N.B. All masters of vessels and other persons are forewarned from harbouring or employing said Negroes. Feb. 1.

2/6/04:

Fifty Dollars Reward. Eloped from Dumfries Virginia, on Saturday the 27th ult. a negro man who calls himself Joseph O'Barnwell, usually known by the name of Joe; complexion dark brown; person slender, and rather handsome; walks erect, about 30 years of age; five feet eight to nine inches high, has the mark of sores on his legs, of a specious engaging address, is artful and very dishonest, and will assuredly rob whoever may be so unfortunate as to employ him. His cloaths not known, but has a pair of half boots early new, very sharp pointed at the toes, and is in the practice of dressing gay; he has no pass and will no doubt procure a pass; he was long a waiter in Dumfries Tavern, and is well known to travellers this way. The above reward of 50 dollars will be paid for securing said Joe in Dumfries or Alexandria jail, and 20 dollars will be paid for securing him in any jail in the United States. It is supposed he is gone for Boston and will endeavour to get a passage by water from Baltimore or Philadelphia. Those secreting or assisting said runaway, will be prosecuted to the utmost severity of the law. Alexander Brown. Dumfries, Feb. 6.

2/14/04:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Eloped from the plantation of Geo. Deneale, on Popeshead, in Fairfax County, Virg., a likely young negro, named Nace, about twenty years of age, yellow complexion, thick and strong made, about five feet six inches high, wool combed, and an open countenance. - He took with him one black superfine broad cloth coat nearly new, with buttons covered with the same, one blue coat with metal buttons, one striped swan down jacket, one black hat with the name of H.W. Deneale wrote in the bottom of the crown, one pair blue cloth pantaloons, one pair white cotton stockings, one pair coarse and one pair fine shoes, and one jacket and trowsers of mixt coarse cloth. He was purchased of Mr. Stephen Caywood, formerly of Maryland, and may probably make for Prince George County. The above reward with all reasonable charges will be paid for securing him and giving information thereof to John Taylor, on the premises. Feb. 14.

2/27/04:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Eloped from Mr. Thomas Blackburn's plantation, on Monday the 20th inst. Harry, a dark mulatto, about 30 years of age, five feet seven or eight inches high. The above Negro was purchased by me in December last, at the sale of the late Mr. Triplett's property at Round Hill; he has received uncommon indulgencies, and absconded through a pretended aversion to going to my farm in Jefferson. He has connexions about Centerville, and also in and near Alexandria, at which place I think it most probable he is now concealed.

I will give the above reward to any person who shall apprehend the said Negro and lodge him in jail at Dumfries, or 15 dollars if secured in any other jail so that I get him again. H.S. Turner. Dumfries, Feb. 27.

3/6/04:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the Subscriber's Plantation, in Stafford County, yesterday morning, a negro man named Jerry. He is about 4 feet 10 inches high and remarkably black. His clothes were a long blue pea jacket, blue trowsers and tarred canvass hat. I bought him of Mr. Furtney in Alexandria, about which place I suppose he is now lurking. The above reward will be given if taken out of Alexandria County, or Five Dollars if taken within the same and secured in the Alexandria jail. Wm. Patterson. March 6.

3/12/04:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber a Negro man named Soloman, about 20 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, well made: he has a very impudent look, a very wide mouth and thick lips: had on, when he went away, a negro cotton jacket and a pair of fustian trowsers and a wool hat half worn; he carried off with him two swansdown waistcoats, and one of country cotton. I will give the above reward for bringing him to me, living near Occoquan Mills, or Ten Dollars for securing him in any jail in the state. George Colvert. March 12.

3/21/04:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ranaway from my plantation, on Cedar Run, the 12th inst. a Negro man called Henry, stout and likely, about 30 years of age, and yellow complexion; he wore away and took with him, two coats one of coarse brown cloth, the other negro cotton, two pair of pantaloons, one of common negro cotton, the other of white yarn, osnaburg shirts, a felt hat and a pair of common shoes; he also took with him a broad ax and drawing knife, and probably will attempt to pass as a free tradesman.

I will give the above reward to any person who will apprehend the said

negro and deliver him to me, on my plantation, or secure him in any jail so that I get him again. All masters of vessels and others are forewarned from taking off or harboring of him at their peril, as I am determined to enforce the law against any person that does. Henry D. Hooe. Buntown, Prince Wm. County, March 21.

3/23/04:

Fifty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 16th of March instant, Three Negroes - Sam, Suckey and Jane. Sam is about 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, black complexion, straight-limbed and well formed; he has a scar, with a streak of grey hairs, on his left cheek. They carried with them three small Children. They have many connexions in Alexandria, and it is probable they may be sculking about that place. The above reward will be paid for securing said negroes, and in proportion for either of them, in any jail, with all reasonable charges. Captains of vessels are forewarned at their peril, not to take them away. Henry Talbutt, Rose Hill. Fairfax County, Virginia. March 23.

3/26/04:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran-away from the subscriber living in Fairfax County, on Friday night the 16th inst. a negro man slave, named Dennis, about twenty one years of age, supposed to be about five feet, seven or eight inches high, of a darkish complexion, a little squint eyed, on one of his feet not recollected which, a large knot in the joint of his great toe, occasioned by a sprain; when he went away had on a round jacket and pantaloons of white plains, a country made hat about half worn, no other cloathing recollected - I expect he calls himself Dennis Ramsey, if he does not change his name. James Deneale, Sen. March 26.

4/9/04:

Forty Dollars Reward, For taking up and securing in any jail, so that I get them again, Negroes Sam & Jane, who ran away out of my possession in Fairfax County about six miles above Alexandria on last Thursday. Sam is a stout well formed man, very black complexion, about forty years of age, a sour look, and has a streak of white hairs on his left cheek, together with a scar. Jane is between 15 and 16 years of age, very black complexion, sour look. She had on a striped jacket and petticoat, and is the daughter of Sam. If either of them is taken, half the reward will be paid, with reasonable expences if bro't home. All masters of vessels and others are warned not to harbor or carry them off, as in that case the law will be put in force against them. Henry Talbutt. Fairfax County, April 9.

4/10/04:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the Subscriber living about six miles from the town of Alexandria, Negro Sucky, a low chunky woman, very black.

Had on a brown jacket and petticoat. It is supposed she is lurking about the town of Alexandria, or she may go into Maryland in Charles County. Whosoever takes up the said Negro and confines him in any jail so that she may be had again, shall receive the above reward and all reasonable charges if brought home. Henry Talbutt; Fairfax County, April 10.

4/11/04:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away on the second inst. a Mulatto girl called Matilda, she is about twenty years of age, remarkable low, but stout & well made; she is so extremely white, that her being a Mulatto, is scarcely to be distinguished; she has grey eyes, light hair short & curly, and uncommonly large feet, with heels projecting unusually far behind; she speaks slow and very well. She has absconded several times and in each instance assumed a feigned name, it is probable she may again exercise this means to facilitate her escape. She took with her two Muslin gowns, one striped, the other checkered, a Bombazett gown, and a yellow Muslin froop, with several other clothes, which I do not recollect.

Any person apprehending her, and bringing her to my house, shall receive the above reward, or forty shillings if committed to any jail, and information given me. Geo. H. Chapman, Sen.

N.B. On her last elopement she dressed herself in mens cloaths, and assumed the possession of a tailor.

Faquir County, German Town, April 4.

4/28/04:

Thirty Dollars Reward, For taking up and securing in any jail, so that I get them again, Negroes Sam, Suckey & Jane, who ran away out of my possession in Fairfax County, about six miles from Alexandria, on Thursday the 5th instant.

Sam is a stout well formed man, very black complexion, about forty years of age, a sour look, and has a streak of white hairs on his left cheek, together with a scar.

Sukey is a low, chunky woman, very black; had on a brown jacket and petticoat.

Jane is between 15 and 16 years of age, very black and sour look; she had on a striped jacket and petticoat, and is the daughter of Sam and Suckey.

It is supposed they are harbored in or near the town. The above reward will be paid for the three, or Ten Dollars for each. M'Kenzeny Talbut.

If the above negroes will return home, without putting the owner to any further expence, they will not be sold.

All masters of vessels and others are warned not to harbor or carry them off, as in that case the law will be put in force against them. M'K. Talbut. April 28.

5/11/04:

Fifty Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, on Monday last, the 7th current, a mulatto man named Willis, by trade a carpenter. He is upwards of six feet high; well made and bow legged: had on a coat of grey coating, uncommonly short for him, with a pair of pantaloons of twilled olive coating, a good deal worn and mended, and an oznaburgh shirt; he took no other clothes with him, and will probably be dressed in those above described, altho' he may exchange them to avoid detection. He was seen to pass Jesse Hill's about four miles above the Spotted Tavern, on the night of the 7th inst on his way I expect to the neighborhood of Francis Whiting, Esquire, of Fauquier, where he was brought up and lately lived; but I think it not improbable he may endeavour to find his way towards Alexandria or some of the seaport towns in that direction. I am perfectly insensible of the cause of his desertion, unless he apprehended an intention of sending him to a distant part of the country, as I had not employment for him as a carpenter, and wished to hire him. I will give Thirty Dollars reward for delivering him to me at this place, if taken within 30 miles: Fifty Dollars, should he be taken up in or near Alexandria or George Town and brought home, or a proportionable sum for any distance short of those places. James Vass. Falmouth, Virginia, May 11.

5/15/04:

Twenty Dollars Reward. Ran Away on Easter Monday, a Negro man called Tom Burditt, a Blacksmith by trade; he is about 25 years of age, rather of a yellowish complexion, and has an ill countenance; he stole and carried off with him a young Bay Mare, Saddle and Bridle; the mare has a remarkable knot on one of her jaws, which was occasioned by a hurt when a colt, and shod all round: He wore away an oznaburgh shirt, negro cotton jacket and pantaloons, with old shoes, and an old ragged hat: he also stole and carried away a pair of chain traces. Any person who will apprehend the said runaway, and secure him and the mare so that I get them again, shall receive the above reward, or a proportionate part for either. All masters of vessels and others are forewarned not to harbour or take him away at their peril, as I am determined to prosecute, in the utmost right of the law, any person who the fact can be fixed on.

Given under my hand in Prince William county, the 15th day of April 1804.
Henry D. Hooe. May 15.

5/25/04:

Ten Dollars Reward. Ran Away from the subscriber, living near the Occoquan Mills, on Sunday last, a Negro lad named Will; between 18 and 19 years of age; he is stout made and is remarkably black, with a pleasing countenance; his apparel not known: He is, I am informed, lurking about the town of Alexandria. I will give the above reward to any person apprehending and securing him in jail, so that I get him again, and if bro't home, all reasonable charges. Henry