



Self-Emancipating People in Barbados

A collection of advertisements from Barbadian colonial newspapers
(18th - 19th centuries)

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INTRODUCTION

This booklet presents a selection of representative advertisements for self-liberating enslaved people from the colonial newspapers *The Barbados Mercury* and *Bridgetown Gazette*. This collection of ads is provided as part of the *Drawing Self-Emancipation* art competition, organized by the HeritEdge Connection during the summer of 2026. To see details about the competition, please see [here](#).

The art competition and exhibition invites young people ages 16 to 25 to produce works of art that reimagine the past and develop new narratives and alternative interpretations through speculative approaches. These works will give visibility to and celebrate the lives of the self-emancipated individuals described in the ads, and the possible liberated and empowered futures they crafted for themselves. The ads in this booklet serve as a starting point for young artists, who wish to participate in the competition.

Overview of the ads

The seventeenth through to the nineteenth centuries in Barbados marked the period of enslavement of people from Africa and of African descent. Despite this, enslaved individuals continuously resisted and contested slavery to assert human rights, dignity, and autonomy over their bodies.

Advertisements about self-emancipating peoples (“runaway slaves”) in colonial newspapers are documentary evidence of the agency of the enslaved and their struggles for self-emancipation. Colonial newspapers in Barbados are replete with such advertisements about enslaved people who self-emancipated to escape bondage. The aim of these advertisements was to dehumanize people, and aid in their persecution and capture.

Even though they document violent stories, these ads preserve the memory of resistance and agency, contain vivid portraits of individuals, and reveal kinship information. Engaging with the ads in different ways, it is possible to develop new narratives and stories, and imagine alternative portraits of the ancestors described in them.

Note on language

These ads were meant to aid in the persecution of self-liberating people. They contain offensive language used during the 18th and 19th centuries and descriptions that were meant to dehumanize people and facilitate their capture. Because of this, these ads are traumatic records. *We suggest caution when reading these advertisements.*

You can read more about the language used in the ads [here](#).

Accessing further advertisements from Barbados

If you would like to access other advertisements beyond the ones provided in this booklet, you can do so by accessing two digitized colonial newspapers from Barbados, *The Barbados Mercury and Bridgetown Gazette* and *The Barbadian*.

You can access the newspapers in two ways:

A. Through the Digital Library of the Caribbean:

[The Barbados Mercury and Bridgetown Gazette](#)

[The Barbadian](#)

For both newspapers, follow these steps:

- Choose any year you want, then click on month, and then on date
- When the specific newspaper comes up,
 - Click on "PDF files" to download and read as a .pdf, or
 - Click on "Images" to scroll through each page; you can also use "zoomable" when you are in images to zoom in or out a page

B. Through the Endangered Archives Programme of the British Library

[The Barbados Mercury and Bridgetown Gazette](#)

[The Barbadian](#)


For both newspapers, follow these steps:

- Click on the year selected
- Then click on "View archives from this collection," which brings you to the months in that year
- Click on the month you wish and click "View archives from this collection."
- Out of the issues in the month, click on the one you wish to see.
- Click "View images from this file" to see the digitized images of the issue and zoom in.



ADVERTISEMENTS

Will



ABSENTED himself from the subscriber, a tall, slim, yellow skin negro man named WILL, about twenty years of age; he has lost an upper tooth, has a scar just above one of his wrists, and plays very well on the fiddle; he had on when he went away, a brownish coat with yellow metal buttons. Whoever will apprehend him shall receive THREE DOLLARS reward.
ABRAHAM-WHITE HARRIS.

January 1, 1788, page 4

ABSENTED himself from the subscriber, a tall, slim, yellow skin negro man named WILL, about twenty years of age; he has lost an upper tooth, has a scar just above one of his wrists, and plays very well on the fiddle; he had on when he went away, a brownish coat with yellow metal buttons. Whoever will apprehend him shall receive THREE DOLLARS reward. ABRAHAM-WHITE HARRIS.

Ambah, Quashiba, Dicky, Betty

January 3, 1789, page 2

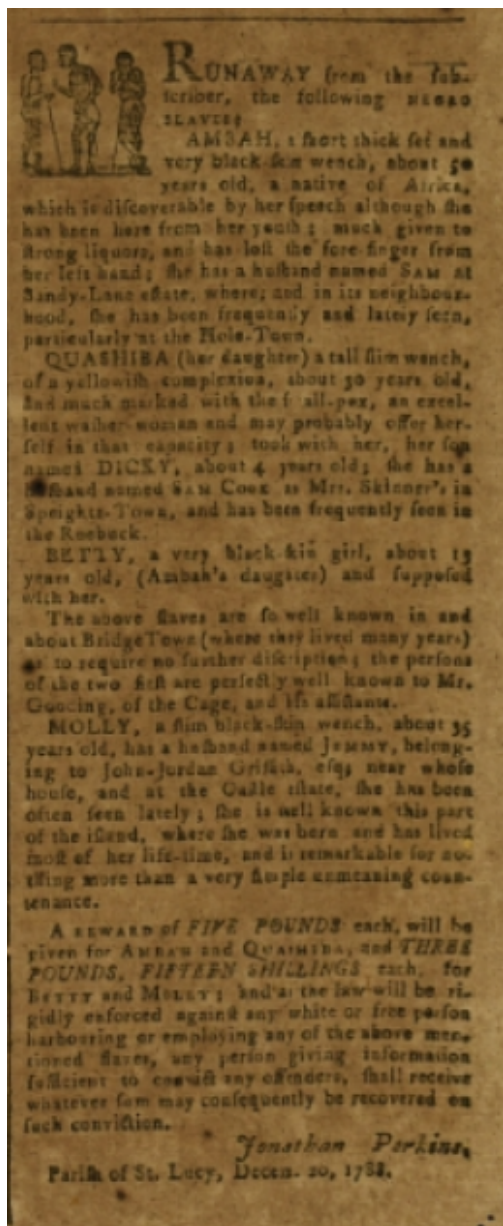
Runaway from the subscriber the following negro slaves:

AMBAH, a short thick set and very black skin wench, about 50 years old, a native of Africa, which is discoverable by her speech although she has been here since her youth; much given to strong liquors, and has lost the fore-finger from her left hand; she has a husband named Sam at Sandy-Lane estate, where; and in its neighbourhood, she has been frequently and lately seen, particularly at the Hole-Town.

QUASHIBA (her daughter) a tall slim wench, of a yellowish complexion, about 30 years old, and much marked with the small-pox, an excellent washer-woman and may probably offer herself in that capacity; took with her, her son named DICKY, about 4 years old; she has a husband named SAM COOK at Mrs. Skinner's in Speights-Town, and has been frequently seen in the Roebuck.

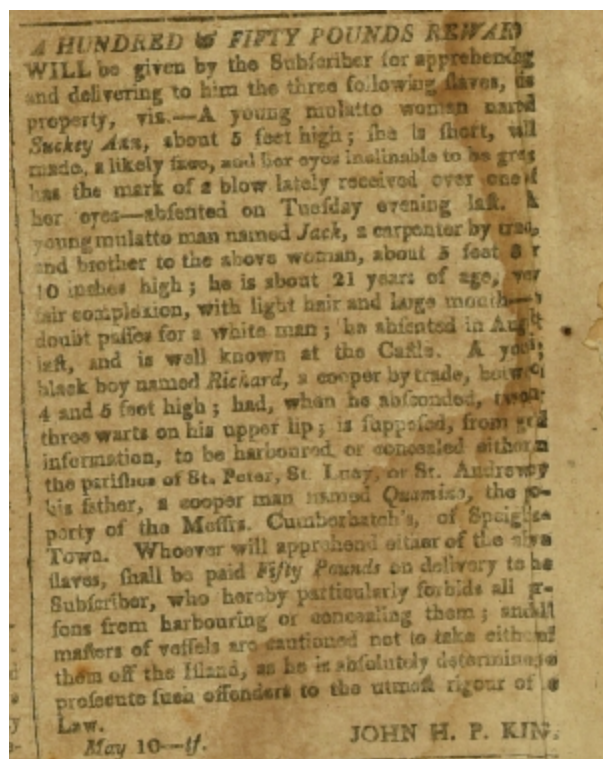
BETTY, a very black skin girl, about 13 years old, (Ambah's daughter) and supposed with her. The above slaves are so well known in and about BridgeTown (where they lived many years) as to require no further description; the persons of the two first are perfectly well known to Mr. Gooding, of the Cage, and his assistants.

MOLLY, a slim black-skin wench, about 35 years old, has a husband named JEMMY, belonging to John-Jordan Griffith, esq.; near whose house, and at the Castle estate, she has been often seen lately; she is well known in this part of the island, where she was born and has lived most of her life-time, and is remarkable for nothing more than a very simple unmeaning countenance. A REWARD of FIVE POUNDS each will be given for AMBAH and QUASHIBA, and THREE POUNDS, FIFTEEN SHILLINGS



each, for BETTY and MOLLY; and as the law will be rigidly enforced against any white or free person harbouring or employing any of the above mentioned slaves, any person giving information sufficient to convict any offenders, shall receive whatever sum may consequently be recovered on such conviction. Jonathan Perkins Parish of St. Lucy, Decem. 20, 1788.

Suckey Ann, Jack, Richard



January 6, 1807, page 4

A HUNDRED & FIFTY POUNDS REWARD will be given by the Subscriber for apprehending and delivering to him the three following slaves, his property vis. -- A young mulatto girl named Suckey Ann, about 5 feet high; she is short, well made, a likely face, and her eyes inclinable to be grey, has a mark of a blow lately received over one of her eyes--absented on Tuesday evening last. A young mulatto man named Jack, a carpenter by trade and brother to the above woman, about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high; he is about 21 years of age, very fair complexion, with light hair and large mouth--no doubt passes for a white man; absented in August last, and is well-known at the Castle. A young black boy named Richard, a cooper by trade, between 4 and 5 foot high; had, when he absconded, two or three warts on his upper lip, is supposed, from good information to be harboured or concealed either in the parish of St. Peter, St. Lucy, or St. Andrew by his father a cooper man named Quamico, the property of the Messrs Cumberbatch's of Speight-Town. Whoever will apprehend either of the above slaves shall be paid Fifty Pounds on delivery to the Subscriber, who hereby particularly forbids all persons from harbouring and concealing them; and all masters of vessels are cautioned not to take either of them off the Island as he is absolutely determined to prosecute such offenders to the utmost rigour of the Law. May 10 JOHN H. P. KING

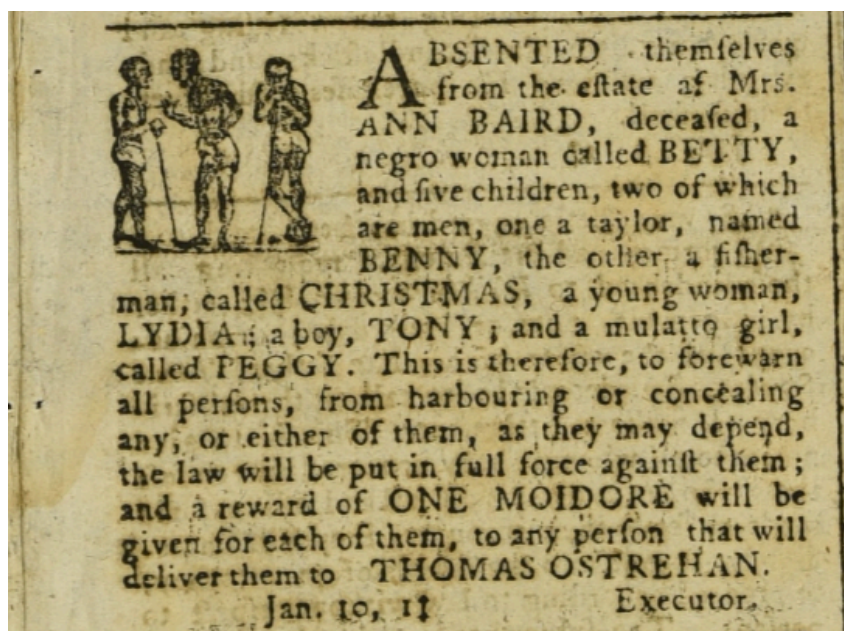
Betty Hagar

ABSENTED from the Subscriber; a Negro Girl about 18 years of age, named Betty Hagar, about 5 feet some inches high, has good features, black skin, a bushy head of hair, which she wears plaited in the way that negroes now wear their hair; large eye bones, small eyes, speaks very well, is very fond of dancing; she has been seen in the parish of St. Lucy, in the neighbourhood of Golding's Green, and Colonel Cadogan's Estate, where she passed for a free subject, under a fictitious name. She has parents and other family at the plantation of Samuel Drayton, Esq. called Edge-Hill, in the parish of St. Thomas, where it is likely she is harboured, or in that neighbourhood. A Reward of *Ten Pounds* will be given for apprehending and delivering her to the Subscriber, living very near Eagle Hall, or to Richard Smitten, Esq. at Buck's Farm, St. Thomas's parish. A further Reward of *Ten Pounds* will be given to any person that will give such proof of her being harboured by any White or free Coloured Person, as will convict them under the Detinue Act, which will be enforced against persons so offending.
St. Michael's, June 6—3a. ANN LEWIS.

June 6, 1807, page 2

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Betty, Benny, Christmas, Lydia, Tony, Peggy



January 10, 1784, page 3

Absented themselves from the estate of Mrs. Ann Baird, deceased, a negro woman called Betty and five children two of which are men, one a tailor named BENNY, the other a fisherman called CHRISTMAS, a young woman LYDIA, a boy TONEY and a mulatto girl called PEGGY. This is therefore to forewarn all persons from harbouring or concealing any or either of them as they may depend, the law will be put in full force against them; and a reward of ONE MOIDORE will be given for each of them, to any person that will deliver them to THOMAS OSTREHAN. January 10 Executor.

Ariadne/Mary

January 24, 1807, page 1

RUN AWAY from the Subscriber on the 30th December last, his negro girl slave named Ariadne, who also answers to the name of Mary; she is about 12 or 13 years old, about five feet high, sallow complexion, with two or three spots about her face, a little hump-backed, just breasting, and has a mark like fire-burn between her two breasts; she was formerly the property of Miss Chomley, and afterwards that of Mr. Wm. Byer[st], from whom she was purchased.— A Reward of TEN POUNDS will be given to any person whatever who will bring her home, or lodge her in the Cage; and a further reward of THIRTY Pounds will be given for such information as will enable him to legally and lawfully prove that any white or free coloured person does, or has, harboured her; and in case of her having been concealed by any slave whatever, a reward of TEN Pounds will be given for such proof as will be sufficient to convict them, so that they may have the full punishment of the law. Her mother is named Flora Chomley, and lives by the Old Church yard; she has a sister, a mulatto woman named Harriot, belonging to Mr. J. P. Clarke; a black sister named Betsy Ann, belonging to Mr. Thomas Donovan; and another black sister named Judey Bab, belonging to Miss Tull;— she has a brother, a carpenter man named William, belongs to Mr. H. A. Chase; and she has an aunt named Bynoe, belonging to Mrs. Backhouse, at the Gully. She also has some family living up the Bay, and her father lives at Mr. Malloney's Estate in Christ Church, where he belongs. By either of these persons it is likely she may be harboured, and with one or other of them she may be taken, as she has been seen at some of those places since she absented. It is also pretty well ascertained that some coloured persons in this Town, who are intimate with some of her family, are in full possession of the different places where she has moved and removed to since being absent; they have also been overheard speaking to, and conversing with, some of her relations at different times relative to her. Due attention being paid by the Constables, they may be able to trace it so as to receive the reward or rewards above offered. All masters of vessels are cautioned against taking her off the Island, as the Law will be most rigidly enforced against such an offender.
Jan. 20—81. JOHN HAWKESWORTH.

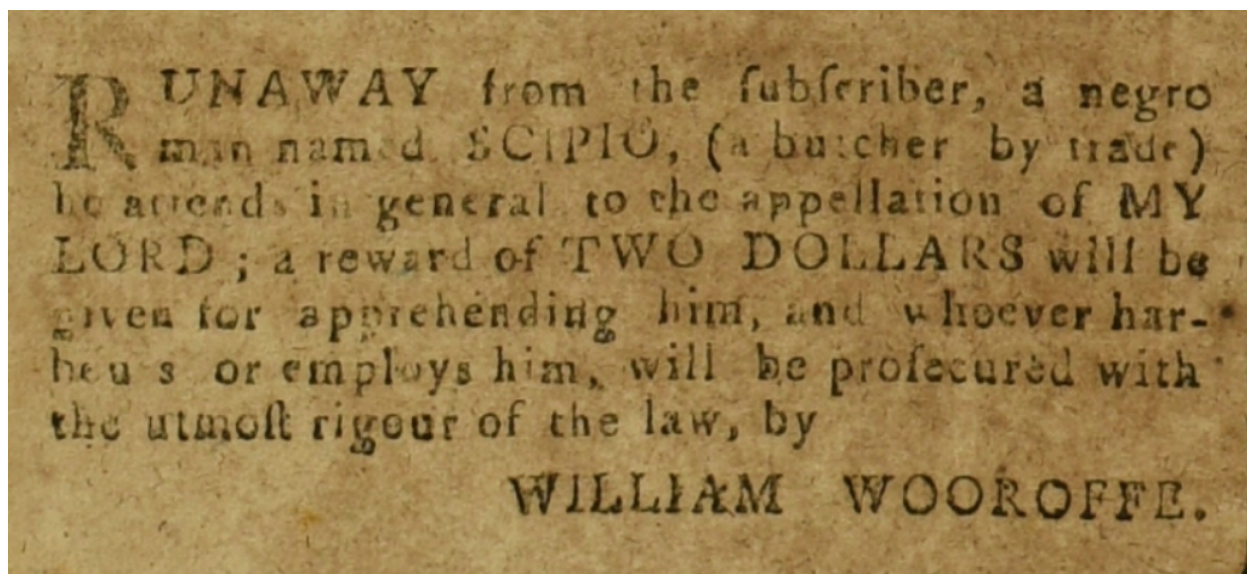
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Jan. 20-8a.

JOHN HAWKESWORTH.

Scipio

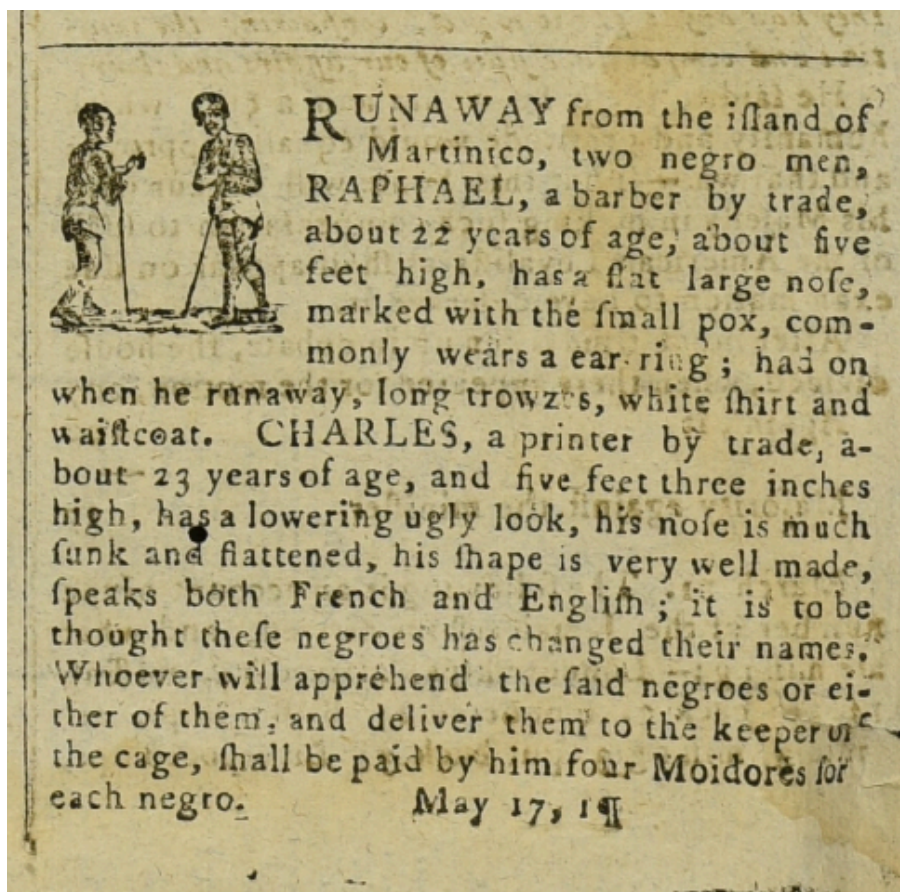


January 13, 1789, page 2

RUNAWAY from the subscriber, a negro man named SCIPIO, (a butcher by trade) he attends in general to the appellation of MY LORD; a reward of TWO DOLLARS will be given for apprehending him, and whoever harbours or employs him, will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law, by

WILLIAM WOOROFFE

Raphael and Charles




May 17, 1783, page 2

RUNAWAY from the island of Martinico, two negro men, RAPHAEL, a barber by trade, about 22 years of age, about five feet high, has a flat large nose, marked with the small pox, commonly wears a ear ring; had on when he ranaway, long trowzes, white shirt and waistcoat. CHARLES, a printer by trade, about 23 years of age, and five feet three inches high, has a lowering ugly look, his nose is much sunk and flattened, his shape is very well made, speaks both French and English; it is to be thought these negroes has changed their names. Whoever will apprehend the said negroes or either of them, and deliver them to the keeper of the cage, shall be paid by him four Moidores for each negro.

May 17

Phibah



Run away from the
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 Hudgwell, in the parish of Saint
 Philip. She was when she went away about
 three months gone with child, is supposed to be
 harboured in the parish of Saint Philip at the
 estate of Mr. Joan Serjeant, called Dod's, at
 Mr. James Griffin's, now occupied by Mr.
 Joseph Waith, at Mr. Samuel Batsan's, or at
 Mrs. Mary Wiltshire's estate, known by the
 name of Bayley's; all of the above places she
 has been seen at since her elopement. Whoever
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 SHILLINGS reward, and whoever will give
 information of any white or free person or per-
 sons that have harboured or employed her, so as
 they can be prosecuted, shall receive the half of
 whatever may be recovered from the offender or
 offenders by

ALEXANDER PURCHASE.
 Who will dispose of on reasonable terms for
 ready money, a very healthy, pleasant COUN-
 TRY SEAT, containing ten acres of land,
 with a good dwelling house, and a well of ex-
 ceeding good water thereon, situated about one
 mile and a half from Bridge Town.
 July 19. 17

July 19, 1783, page 3

Run away from the subscriber, the 11th of March last, a tall, stout, young negro woman named PHIBAH, formerly the property of Miss Mary Hudgwell, in the parish of Saint Philip. She was when she went away about three months gone with child, is supposed to be harboured in the parish of Saint Philip at the estate of Mr. Joan Serjeant, called Dod's, at Mr. James Griffin's, now occupied by Mr. Joseph Waith, at Mr. Samuel Batsan's, or at Mrs. Mary Wiltshire's estate, known by the name of Bayley's; all of the above places she has been seen at since her elopement. Whoever will deliver the said negro to the subscriber, living near the Naval Hospital, shall receive FIFTY SHILLINGS reward, and whoever will give information of any white or free person or persons that have harboured or employed her, so as they can be prosecuted, shall receive the half of whatever may be recovered from the offender or offenders by

ALEXANDER PURCHASE.
 July 10.

Mousey and Duchess

FIVE POUNDS REWARD will be given for lodging in the Cage two Negro WOMEN, Mousey and Duchess;—the former has a husband at Mr. Greaves', to leeward, and has been seen on the roads leading to Spring-head, where she has connections; she has also been repeatedly seen in the Roebuck, and is supposed to conceal herself, when in Town, at a Mrs. Brown's, where she has a son-in-law, by name Henry. The latter has a husband named Cambridge, a mason, belonging to Mr. Young, in the Parish of St. James.—She has been seen at a coloured man's, by name Prince Young, in the Parish of St. Thomas, who has her sister for a wife, named Mercy, belonging to Mr Hall; and has repeatedly been seen in the vicinity of Gragg's (Dr. Low's), vending goods among the negroes.—A further Reward of £20. will be given to any person that will give information so as to convict any white or free person harbouring or employing them.

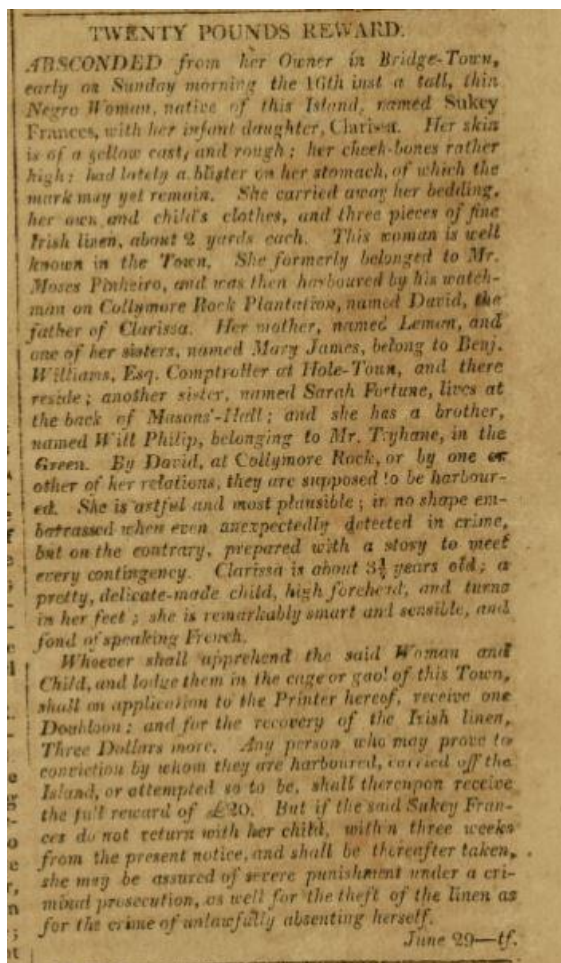
April 28—2n. GEORGE BULLEN.

April 28, 1818

FIVE POUNDS REWARD will be given for lodging in the Cage two Negro WOMEN, Mousey and Duchess;-- the former has a husband at Mr. Greaves' to leeward, and has been seen on the roads leading to Spring-head, where she has connections; she has also been repeatedly seen in the Roebuck, and is supposed to conceal herself, when in Town, at a Mrs. Brown's, where she has a son-in-law, by name Henry. The latter has a husband named Cambridge, a mason, belonging to Mr. Young, in the Parish of St. James.-- She has been seen at a coloured man's, by name Prince Young, in the Parish of St. Thomas, who has her sister for a wife, named Mercy, belonging to Mr Hall; and has repeatedly been seen in the vicinity of Gragg's (Dr. Low's), vending goods among the negroes.-- A further Reward of £20. will be given to any person that will give information so as to convict any white or free person harbouring or employing them.

April 28--2n. GEORGE BULLEN

Sukey Frances and Clarissa



August 10, 1811

TWENTY POUNDS REWARD.

ABSCONDED from her Owner in Bridge-Town, early on Sunday morning the 16th inst. a tall, thin Negro Woman, native of this Island, named Sukey Frances, with her infant daughter, Clarissa. Her skin is of a yellow cast, and rough; her cheek-bones rather high; had lately a blister on her stomach, of which the mark may yet remain. She carried away her bedding, her own and child's clothes, and three pieces of fine Irish linen, about 2 yards each. This woman is well known in the Town. She formerly belonged to Mr. Moses Pinheiro, and was then harboured by his watchman on Collymore Rock Plantation, named David, the father of Clarissa. Her mother, named Leman, and one of her sisters, named Mary James, belong to Benj. Williams, Esq. Comptroller at Hole-Town, and there reside; another sister, named Sarah Fortune, lives at the back of Masons'-Hall; and she has a brother, named Will Philip, belonging to Mr. Tryhane, in the Green. By David, at Collymore Rock, or by one or other of her relations, they are supposed to be harboured. She is artful and most plausible;

in no shape embarrassed when even unexpectedly detected in crime, but on the contrary, prepared with a story to meet every contingency. Clarissa is about 3 1/2 years old; a pretty, delicate-made child, high forehead, and turns in her feet; she is remarkably smart and sensible, and fond of speaking French.

Phibba and Hazard



Absented themselves from the Subscriber, two Slaves, viz. PHIBBA, a short yellow-skinned Wench, about forty Years of Age, marked on each Cheek, and on each Side of her Stomach with the Letters I. H. She has been absented upwards of fifteen Years, since which she has had several Children.

HAZARD, a tall black-skinned Fellow, about 35 Years of Age, who has been absent upwards of six Months: He was supposed to have been harboured by the Slaves belonging to the Estate of Col. John Jones, deceased, and Mrs. Elisabeth Bushell; but from some late Intelligence, the Subscriber has been informed that the Woman and her Children, together with the Fellow, Hazard, are harboured by the Slaves belonging to the Estate called the Guinea, the Property of the Hon. George Walker, Esq. Whoever will apprehend the said Slaves, and deliver them to the Subscriber, at his Estate, called Thorp's, or to William Sanders in Bridge-Town, shall receive for the Woman *twenty Pounds*, for each of her Children, on Proof thereof, *five Pounds*, and for the Fellow *five Pounds*; and, on Conviction that they, or either of them, hath been harboured by any white Person, the further Sum of *five Pounds*, from

JAMES HACKETT.

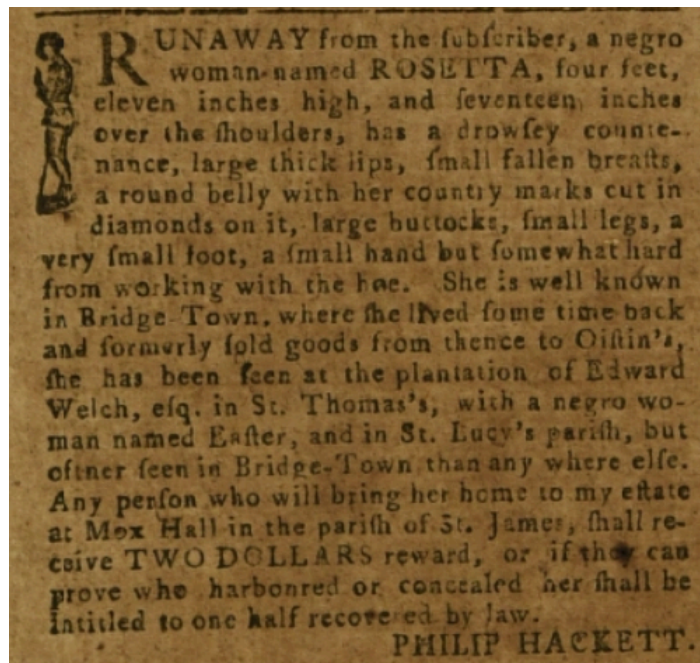
September 22, 1770

ABsented themselves from the Sub-scriber, two Slaves, viz. PHIBBA, a short yellow-skinned Wench, about forty Years of Age, marked on each Cheek, and on each Side of her Stomach with the Letters I. H. She has been absented upwards of fifteen Years, since which she has had several Children.

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JAMES HACKETT.

Rosetta



January 3, 1789, page 3

RUNAWAY from the subscriber, a negro woman named Rosetta, four feet, eleven inches high, and seventeen inches over the shoulders, has a drowsy countenance, large thick lips, small fallen breasts, a round belly with her country marks cut in diamonds on it, large buttocks, small legs, a very small foot, a small hand but somewhat hard from working with the hoe. She is well known in Bridge-Town, where she lived some time back and formerly sold goods from thence to Oistin's, she has been seen at the plantation of Edward Welch, esq. in St. Thomas's, with a negro woman named Easter, and in St. Lucy's parish, but oftner seen in Bridge-Town, than any where else. Any person who will bring her home to my estate at Mox Hall in the parish of St. James, shall receive TWO DOLLARS reward, or if they can prove who harboured or concealed her shall be intitled to one half recovered by law. PHILIP HACKETT.

Smith

STRAYED on the 9th of this month, from the estate called Pickering's, in the parish of St. Lucy, an African man named *Smith*; he speaks very little English; had on when he absented himself, a blue pennistone round jacket, with red cape and cuffs; a dowlas shirt without sleeves, and Ruffia Holland trowsers, with a milled cap on his head; he has many of his country marks on his chest, and large holes in his ears, with fringe through them. If a horse is brought to him, he will shew that he was with a blacksmith, by taking up the leg and imitating the paring of the hoof; and will, if he gets a piece of iron hoop and a hammer, bend the hoop in the shape of a horse shoe. He strayed a few weeks ago from Spring-Head, where he was an apprentice to a blacksmith, and was taken up on the sea-coast and brought to his owner at Pickering's, from whence, as above mentioned, he has again strayed. Four Dollars will be given to any person who shall take him up and convey him, without injury, to *Ward Cadogan, Esq. Bridge-Town*; *William B. Baker, Esq. Manager of Spring-Head Estate*; or to *JOHN EDWARDS LEWIS, Manager of Pickering's Estate, in the parish of St. Lucy.* Jan. 20.

January 27, 1807, page 1

STRAYED on the 9th of this month, from the estate called Pickering's, in the parish of St. Lucy, an African man named *Smith*; he speaks very little English; had on when he absented himself, a blue pennistone round jacket, with red cap and cuffs; a dowlas shirt without sleeves, and Ruffus Holland trowsers, with a milled cap on his head; he has many of his country marks on his chest, and large holes in his ears, with strings through them. If a horse is brought to him, he will show that he was with a blacksmith, by taking up the leg and imitating the paring of the hoof; and will, if he gets a piece of iron hoop and a hammer, bend the hoop in the shape of a horse shoe. He strayed a few weeks ago from Spring-Head, where he was an apprentice to a blacksmith, and was taken up on the sea-coast and brought to his owner at Pickering's, from whence, as above mentioned, he has again strayed. *Four Dollars* will be given to any person who shall take him up and convey him, without injury, to *Ward Cadogan, Esq. Bridge-Town*; *William B. Baker, Esq. Manager of Spring-Head Estate*; or to *JOHN EDWARDS LEWIS, Manager of Pickering's Estate, in the parish of St. Lucy.* Jan. 20.

Jane

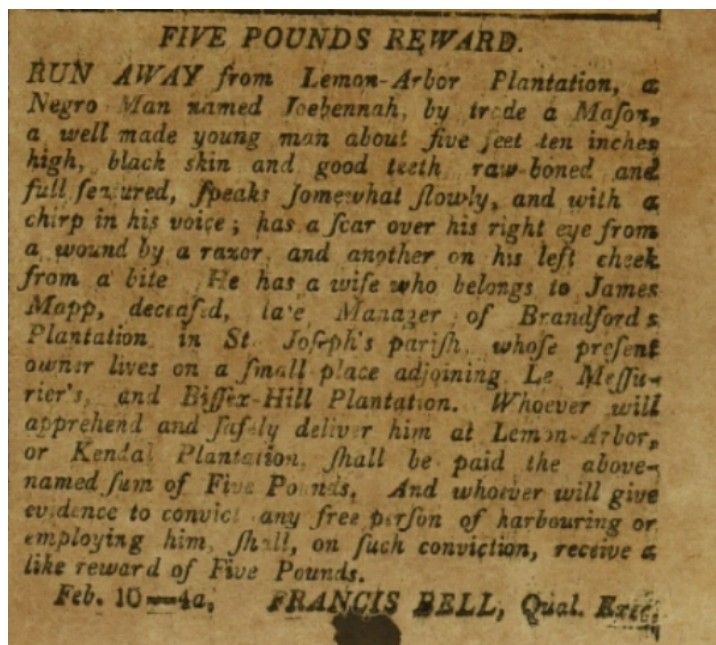
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 black skin negro woman named JANE,
 speaks broken English, has her country marks in
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 likewise a large mark of her country behind her
 shoulder almost to the small of her back, and a
 stub of a knife in her neck. Whoever will bring
 the said negro to the subscriber in Bridge-Town,
 shall receive TWENTY SHILLINGS reward,
 and whoever harbours or conceals her will be
 prosecuted according to law by
 JOHN WRIGHT.
 N. B. All masters of vessels are cautioned not
 to take said negro off the island.

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Runaway from the subscriber, a short black skin negro woman named JANE, speaks broken English, has her country marks in her forehead and a firebrand on one of her breasts, likewise a large mark of her country behind her shoulder almost to the small of her back, and an ash of a knife in her neck. Whoever will bring the said negro to the subscriber in Bridge-Town, shall receive TWENTY SHILLINGS reward, and whoever harbors or conceals her will be prosecuted according to law by JOHN WRIGHT.

N.B. All masters of vessels are cautioned not to take said negro off the island.

Joebennah



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FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

RUN AWAY from Lemon-Arbor Plantation, a Negro Man named Joebennah, by trade a Mason, a well made young man about five feet ten inches high, black skin and good teeth raw-boned and full featured, speaks somewhat slowly, and with a chirp in his voice; has a scar over his right eye from a wound by a razor and another on his left cheek from a bite. He has a wife who belongs to James Mapp, deceased, late Manager of Brandford's Plantation in St. Joseph's parish whose present owner lives on a small place adjoining Le Meffier's and Biffer-Hill Plantation. Whoever will apprehend and safely deliver him at Lemon-Arbor, or Kendal Plantation shall be paid the above-named sum of Five Pounds, And whoever will give evidence to convict any free person of harbouring or employing him shall, on such conviction, receive a like reward of Five Pounds.

Feb. 10-4a, FRANCIS BELL, Qual. Exec

Brass

ABSENTED himself from the Subscriber on Tuesday evening last, about eight o'clock, a Negro Boy, about fourteen years of age, named BRASS—neatly made, rather slim; had on a green round jacket, nankeen trowsers, and a white shirt; he is about $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, and has marks round his face. Any person apprehending and bringing him to the Subscriber, or lodging him in the Cage, shall be handsomely rewarded. All masters of vessels are cautioned against taking the said negro slave off the Island, and all persons are cautioned against harbouring him, as the Law will be enforced against them.

March 12—tf. WM. WALMSLEY.


March 12, 1808, page 1

ABSENTED himself from the Subscriber on Tuesday evening last, about eight o'clock, a Negro Boy about fourteen years of age, named BRASS—neatly made, rather slim; had on a green round jacket, nankeen trowsers, and a white shirt; he is about $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, and has marks round his face. Any person apprehending and bringing him to the Subscriber, or lodging him in the Cage, shall be handsomely rewarded. All masters of vessels are cautioned against taking the said negro slave off the Island, and all persons are cautioned against harbouring him, as the Law will be enforced against them.

WM. WALMSLEY

March 12.

An African Man



RUN away from the Subscriber, in the Bay, an African Negro Man, about 5 feet 7 inches high, and with a scar upon both his hands, and upon his left feet; has filed teeth, and is an active fellow. Whoever will apprehend him, and deliver him to the Subscriber in the Bay, will receive the reward of Five Pounds. Masters of Vessels are cautioned not to take him off the Island, as they will be proceeded against according to law.
March 17—3a. ISAAC WELCH.

March 24, 1807, page 1

RUN away from the Subscriber, in the Bay, an African Negro Man, about 5 feet 7 inches high, and with a scar upon both his hands, and upon his left feet; has filed teeth, and is an active fellow. Whoever will apprehend him, and deliver him to the Subscriber in the Bay, will receive the reward of Five Pounds. Masters of Vessels are cautioned not to take him off the Island, as they will be proceeded against according to law.

March 17—3a

ISAAC WELCH

Pothenah

FIVE POUNDS REWARD,
WILL be given by the subscriber,
 for apprehending a stout yellow
 skin negro woman, named POTHENAH,
 has a mark from the lash of a whip across
 her stomach, and two others on one of her
 sides; she formerly belonged to Mr. Thom-
 as Van Stout, but when went away, to
 Sarah Henery, of St. Thomas's parish;
 she has lately been seen going with plan-
 tains through the hill estate Sedgpond, &
 Rock estate to Speight's, where she has
 a sister named BARBARY at Mr. Stout's,
 the taylor, and is supposed to be frequent-
 ly there, and at Walker's and Minvielle's
 estates in Scotland: she is an excellent
 good washer as well as field negro, and is
 supposed to be employed by some free per-
 son in Scotland: Whoever can prove the
 same shall be entitled to whatever is recov-
 ered by law, exclusive of the first reward.
 If the said negro will return home to her
 present owner, she shall be pardoned, or
 might be sold to any agreeable purchaser
 she pleases; she is not 30 years of age,
 and has had a child since runaway; all
 persons are cautioned harbouring and
 employing the said negro, and mas-
 ters of vessels from carrying her off the is-
 land.
 JOHN FAYERMAN,
 Parish St. Thoms, Aug. 21, 1787.

August 28, 1787, page 3

FIVE POUNDS REWARD

WILL be given by the subscriber, for apprehending a stout yellow skin negro woman, named Pothenah, has a mark from the lash of a whip across her stomach, and two others on one of her sides; she formerly belonged to Mr. Thomas Van Stout, but when went away, to Sarah Henery, of St. Thomas's parish; she has lately been seen going with plantains through the hill estate Sedgpond, & Rock estate to Speight's, where she has a sister named BARBARY at Mr. Stout's, the taylor, and is supposed to be frequently there, and at Walker's and Minvielle's estates in Scotland: she is an excellent good washer as well as field negro, and is supposed to be employed by some free person in Scotland: Whoever can prove the same shall be entitled to whatever is recovered by law, exclusive of the first reward. If the said negro will return home to her present owner, she shall be pardoned, or might be sold to any agreeable purchaser she pleases; she is not 30 years of age, and has had a child since runaway; all persons are cautioned harbouring and employing the said negro, and masters of vessels from carrying her off the island. JOHN FAYERMAN.
 Parish St. Thomas, Aug. 21, 1787.

Phil

RUNAWAY from the subscriber, on the 7th August last, a stout, well made, handsome, young *black* man named PHIL, late the property of John Sullivan, esq; he has very white regular set teeth, and long hair; is well known about Bridge Town, and did work two or three years ago, as a porter at Messrs. Lytcott & Maxwell's. He has a wife at Mrs. Penny's, the lower end of Jews street, another at Mr. Leach's, in the Roebuck, and a free woman, named Betty, near the Barracks, by whom he is supposed to be harboured. He has been seen among the shops in the Green, in a stormont ground chintz coat, white shirt and nankeen breeches. Whoever will deliver him to the subscriber, shall receive FIFTY SHILLINGS reward; with the addition of whatever can be recovered of any person that may be convicted of harbouring or concealing him, as the law will most assuredly be enforced by

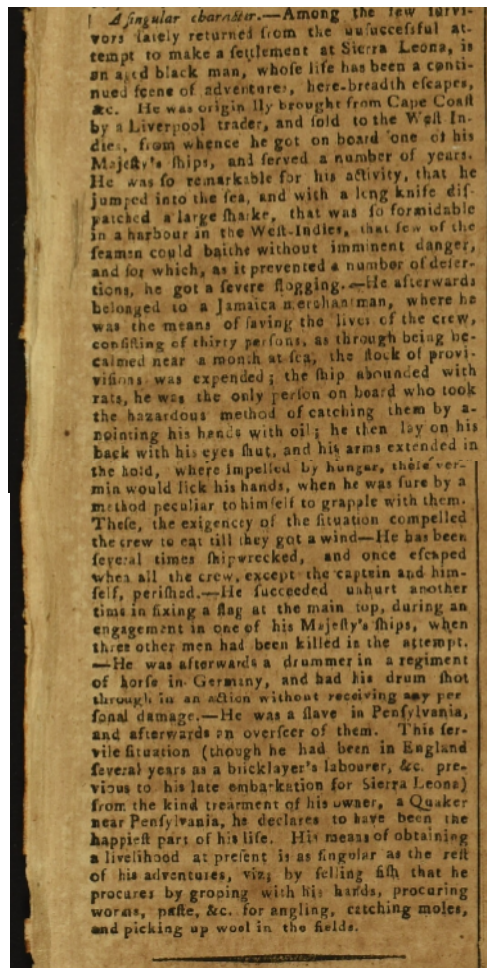
ED. THOMAS.
An excellent chaise horse to let.

October 11, 1788, page 3

RUNAWAY from the subscriber, on the 7th August last, a stout, well made, handsome young *black* man named PHIL, late the property of John Sullivan, esq; he has very white regular set teeth, and long hair; is well known about Bridge Town, and did work two or three years ago as a porter at Messrs, Lytcott & Maxwell's. He had a wife at Mrs. Penny's, the lower end of Jews street, another at Mr. Leach's in the Roebuck, and a free woman, named Betty, near the Barrack, by whom he is supposed to be harboured. He has been seen among the shops in the Green, in a formont ground chintz coat, white shirt and nankeen breeches. Whoever will deliver him to the subscriber, shall receive FIFTY SHILLINGS reward; with the addition of whatever can be recovered of any person that may be convicted of harbouring or concealing him, as the law will most assuredly be enforced by ED. THOMAS.

A Singular Character

October 25, 1788



A singular character.--Among the few survivors lately returned from the unsuccessful attempt to make a settlement at Sierra Leona, is an aged black man, whose life has been a continued scene of adventures, here-breadth escapes, etc. He was originally brought from Cape Coast by a Liverpool trader, and sold to the West Indies, from whence he got on board one of his Majesty's ships, and served a number of years. He was so remarkable for his activity, that he jumped into the sea, and with a long knife dispatched a large sharke, that was so formidable in a harbour in the West-Indies, that few of the seamen could baithe without imminent danger, and for which, as it prevented a number of desertions, he got a severe flogging.-- He afterwards belonged to a Jamaica merchantman, where he was the means of saving the lives of the crew, consisting of thirty persons, as through being becalmed near a month at sea, the stock of provisions was expended; the ship abounded with rats, he was the only person on board who took the hazardous method of catching them by anointing his hands with oil; he then lay on his back with his eyes shirt, and his arms extended in the hold, where impelled by hunger, there ver-min would lick his hands, when he was sure by a method peculiar to himself to grapple with them. These, the exigency of the situation compelled the crew to eat till they

got a wind— He has been several times shipwrecked, and once escaped when all the crew, except the caption and him-self, perishe— He succeeded unhurt another time in fixing a flag at the main tip, during an engagement in one of his Majesty's ships, when three other men had been killed in the attempt.-- He was afterwards a drummer in a regiment of horse in Germany, and had his drum shot through in an action without receiving personal damage— He was a slave in Pennsylvania, and afterwards an overseer of them. This servile situation (though he had been in England several years as a bricklayer's labourer, &c. Previous to his late embarkation for Sierra Leona) from the kind treatment of his owner, a Quaker near Pennsylvania, he declares to have been the happiest part of his life. His means of obtaining a livelihood at present it is as singular as the rest of his adventures, viz; by that he procures by groping with his hands, procuring worms, paste, &c. For angling, catching moles and picking up wool in the fields.