

RS#15: Ad for Runaway Slave – April 1766

A LIST of LETTERS in the POST OFFICE,
Williamsburg,

JOHN Ashbourn, Virginia. John Apperfon, Cumberland. James Blair, Williamsburg, Margaret Burwell, King William. Nathaniel Burwell, King William. Carter Braxton, King William. William Bell, Accomack. William Brown, James City. Mary Bexwell, Williamsburg. Clerk of the Secretary's Office. Collector and Comptroller, at Accomack. Courts, Williamsburg. William Coughlin, New Queen. Thomas Claiborne, King William. Edward Davenport, Williamsburg. Archibald Dido, do. Edward Dodwell, do. Rev. Hancock Dunbar, King and Queen. William Dandridge, New Kent. Bartholomew Dandridge, do. John Foster, King and Queen. George Harper, Williamsburg. George Gilmer, do. Elizabeth Harper, James City. Roger Gregory, King William. William Hunt, King and Queen. Peter Hack, Accomack. Stephen F. Hoopes, New Kent. Robert Hill, King William. William Jones, James river. Elizabeth Johnson, Southampton. Thruiton James, New Kent. Rev. Mr. Jarret, Virginia. James Lusk, James river. Richard Leigh, York river. George Mercer, Williamsburg. Matthew Mattheson, Augusta. William Macon, New Kent. George Martin, King William. William Norvall, James City. Sarah Ober, Northampton. Samuel Pig Peterson, Virginia. Benjamin Pynes, King and Queen. Catharine

PRINCE GEORGE, April 1, 1766.

RUN away from the subscriber near BLANDFORD, in August last, a lusty square made Negro man named WILL COOPER, Virginia born, about 33 years of age, remarkably bald, between a black and mulatto colour, has a very smiling countenance, has lost two or three of his fore teeth, chews tobacco, has very ugly round feet that are very remarkable, and a large sear upon one of his arms; he carried with him his suits of cotton and of nabruks, and a suit of Virginia cloth. He is outlawed. As I have not heard any thing of him for some time, I imagine he is gone out of the colony. Whoever brings him to me shall have 3l. reward, if taken in Virginia, and if out thereof 10 l.

PEYTON SKIPWITH.

My English horse
SILVER EYE
COVERS mares, at my house in HENRICO county, at twenty shillings each cover, three pounds the season, or four pounds to ensure a colt; for ready money, or tobacco. Good pastures for the mares,
SAMUEL DU VAL.

Prince George, April 1, 1766

Runaway from the subscriber (1) near Blandford, in August last, a lusty (2), square-made negro man named WILL COOPER, Virginia Born, about 33 years of age, bald (no hair), has light skin color, has a smiling face, has lost two or three of his front teeth, chews tobacco, has very ugly round feet, and a large sear (3) on one of his arms; he carried with him cotton clothes. He is outlawed (4). As I have not heard anything of him for some time, I imagine he is gone out of the colony. Whoever brings him to me shall have three pounds (5) reward if found in Virginia, and if he is found outside of Virginia, the reward is ten pounds.

PEYTON SKIPWITH.

Definitions:

- (1) Subscriber: the person placing the ad
- (2) Lusty: healthy
- (3) Sear – scar caused by burning
- (4) Outlawed – criminal
- (5) Pounds- British unit of money