

Runaway Slaves Reported in the Lower Cape Fear
from various local newspapers of the day

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY

WHEREAS, complaint upon oath hath this day been made to us, two of the Justices of the Peace of the aforesaid County, by Hezekiah Bonham, that a certain male slave named FRANK, to him belonging, about twenty-four years of age, dark complected, about six feet high, hath absented himself from his said master's service for a considerable time, and is lurking about said County committing acts of felony and other misdeeds; these are therefore in the name of the State to command said slave Frank forthwith to surrender himself and return home to his said master; and we do hereby, by virtue of the Act of the General Assembly of the State aforesaid, in such cases made and provided, intimate and declare that if the said slave above named does not surrender himself and return home immediately after the publication of the presents, that any person may kill and destroy the said slave by such means as may be used or thought proper, without accusation or impeachment of any crime or offence for so doing, and without incurring any penalty or forfeiture thereby. Given under our hands and seals this 20th day of May, A. D. 1852

MICHAEL REGISTER, J.P., (Seal.)
I. M. ALDERMAN, J.P., (Seal.)

\$500.00 REWARD

I WILL give the above reward of Five Hundred Dollars for his head, or Twenty-Five Cents for him alive.
June 4, 1852

H. BONHAM

\$200 REWARD

RUNAWAY from the Subscriber, about the 1st of May 1850, his negro man JANEIT, at that time hired to Mr. Gregory in Macon, Ga. The said negro is about 26 or 27 years old, about 5 feet 11 inches high, rather spare made, dark copper collar. He is supposed to be lurking either in Bladen or Sampson Counties. The above reward will be paid for the delivery of said negro to me, or his lodgment in any jail, so I can get him again.

Dec. 23, 1853

D. McDANIEL

\$10 REWARD

RUNAWAY from the subscriber on the 11th inst. his negro woman ANNE. She is a bright mulato, and may try to pass as a free woman and make her escape to a free State. She took off with her several fine dresses.

I will pay a further reward of \$10 for proof sufficient to convict any person of harboring her or aiding her to escape.

Dondarroch, Robeson Co., N. C., Nov. 22,

ALEX'R McMILLAN
from *Wilmington Journal*, December 9, 1853

\$25 REWARD FOR IRELAND

RUNAWAY from the subscribers on Monday, the 21st inst., their negro man "IRELAND," about five feet eight inches high - very stout built - very black - with large mouth and eyes - stoops in his walk, and moves quick; about 26 years old. He is probably lurking somewhere in the neighborhood of his former master's, Mr. Anders, in this county. The above reward will be paid on his delivery to the subscribers, or his lodgment in the Jail of this county.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov 23d, 1853

ANDERSON & YOUNG

from *Wilmington Journal*, December 9, 1853

RUNAWAY

DENNIS, about 26 or 28 years old, recently bought of Mr. Morgan. He has a wife at Long Creek, in the service of Mr. Taylor. He was raised at Long Creek. I will give \$50 for his capture, so I can get him; \$75 if taken out of the county, and \$250 if taken out of the State. I will also pay \$100 for evidence that will enable me to convict any white man of harboring him. DENNIS is a tall, slender built black, a cooper by trade.

March 30, 1853.

G. J. McREE

NOTICE

TAKEN up and committed to Jail in New Hanover county, N. C., on the 24th December, 1850, (as runaway slaves,) two negro men, named DICK and JEFFREY. Dick is about 30 years old, 5 feet 8 1/2 inches high, black complexion. Jeffry is about 28 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, yellow complexion. They say they belong to Mr. CONNER, of Charleston, S. C., and that they were employed at the Depot of the the Charleston and Hamburg Railroad. The owner of said negroes is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take them away, otherwise they will be dealt with as the law directs.

Wilmington, N. C. Jan. 10, 1851

OWEN FENNELL, Sheriff

NOTICE

TAKEN up and committed to Jail in New Hanover county, N. C., on the 28th September, 1850, (as a runaway slave,) a negro man, who says his name is GEORGE AARON. He is about 25 years old, 5 feet 4 inches high, black complexion. He came here as a seaman from Boston in September last. He pretends he is free, and says he was raided in Brooklyn, New York. The owner of said negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 10, 1851

OWEN FENNELL, Sherriff

\$49 REWARD

THIRTY DOLLARS for the apprehension and delivery, in the Wilmington Jail, of negro men COLUMBUS and JACK; or \$15 for either one. Said boys belong to the Wrights estate, near Topsail Sound, and were hired to the Wilmington and Manchester Rail Road Company for the present year. Columbus is aged about 46 years, is some six feet high, well proportioned and black. Jack is about 45 years old, some five feet nine inches in height and very stoutly built. They are supposed to be loitering in company with each other, either about Wilmington or the neighborhood of their Mistress' plantation.

July 21, 1852

JAMES P. ROBERTSON, Asst. eng'r W. & M. RR

TAKEN up by the subscriber in New Hanover county on the North-East of Cape-Fear river in North-Carolina, a new negro man, calls himself Abraham, he is about 5 feet 7 inches high, between 25 and 30 years of age, with his upper teeth fil'd; had on a negro-cloth jacket and trousers, speaks but very little English. the owner is desired to come and prove his property with paying all charges to

JOHN BUFORD

September 21, 1773.

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD

RAN away from me, some weeks since, a negro wench named SABINA, well known in and about this town, and remarkable for a scar on one of her eye-lids, I will give the above reward to any one who will deliver her to me or the jailor of the county; and I hereby forbid all persons at their peril to employ, harbour, or conceal her. She will endeavour to pass as in the service of General Smith.

William Claypoole, Wilmington,

April 20, 1797.

Fifty Dollars Reward.

RAN away on Monday the 19th day of the present month, from the subscriber's Belvedere plantation, in his absence, or without any known cause; except the desire of being idle, a country-born negro fellow named TONEY - he is about forty years of age, five feet seven or eight inches high, thick set, has a round face, and stutters. Ten dollars will be given for apprehending and delivering him at the above plantation. If harboured by a slave, fifteen dollars for such delivery and conviction of the offender. If harboured by a free person, twenty dollars on delivery as above, and conviction of the offender. If harboured on board a vessel by any person, with an intent to carry him out of the state, the reward of fifty dollars will be paid on delivery as above, and conviction of the offender, by

Benjamin Smith. April-20, 1797.

\$500 Reward.

FOR the apprehension and delivery to me, of a RUNAWAY SLAVE of mine, who has recently reached Boston, I will give the reward of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. To any person disposed to undertake his recovery the necessary information and documents will be furnished. As very little doubt can be entertained of his conveyance away on board of some vessel, I will give the further reward of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS for the conviction and punishment agreeably to law, of the master or captain and half that sum for any of the crew, or other person, engaged in the felonious act.
Wilmington, January 24th, 1838

EDWARD B. DUDLEY

\$50 Reward.

A YOUNG black, stout, coarse looking fellow of mine, named DICK is also run away, and is probably lurking about Mott's Sound, where he has a wife. For his apprehension and delivery to me, or my agent in this place, a reward of FIFTY DOLLARS will be paid.

January 24th, 1838

EDWARD B. DUDLEY

\$20 REWARD

RAN away from the subscriber on the 13th instant, a likely NEGRO MAN, AGED 22 YEARS, NAMED EDMOND. He is a bright Mulatto, speaks quick, and is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high. I will give the above reward to any person who will deliver him to me, or confine him in any jail within the State, so that I get him. His wife left with him. She is a free bound Mulatto, named GATSEY PITTMAN. I will give TEN DOLLARS for her apprehension or delivery to me at this place.

Onslow court House, December 14th, 1837.

DEXTER BURNS.

OUTLAWRY.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

New Hanover County

M. W. CAMPBELL and JOHN MACCOLL, Esq'rs, two of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County.

WHEREAS, complaint hath this day been made to us two of the Justices of the Peace of the said county, in ROBERT W. BROWN, of the said county, (merchant) that a certain male slave, belonging to him, named CUPID, hath absconded himself from his said master's service, and is lurking about in the said county committing acts of felony and other misdeeds.

These are therefore, in the name of the State, to command the said slave forthwith to surrender himself and return home to his said master - And we do hereby also require the Sheriff of the said county of New Hanover, to make diligent search and pursuit after the said slave; and him having found to apprehend and secure so that he may be conveyed to his said master, or otherwise discharged as the law directs - And the said Sheriff is hereby authorised and empowered, to raise and take with him such power of this county as he shall think fit, for apprehending the said slave. And we do hereby, by virtue of the act of Assembly in such case provided, intimate and declare, that if the said slave named CUPID, doth not surrender himself and return home immediately after the publication of these presents, that any person may kill and destroy the said slave, by such means as he or they may think fit; without accusation or impeachment of any crime or offence for so doing, and without incurring any penalty and forfeiture thereby.

Given under our hands and seals, the eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

M. W. CAMPBELL, J. P. (Seal)

J. MACCOLL, J. P. (Seal)

April 14, 1821

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

I will give the above reward for the apprehension and delivery of negro CUPID to the jailor of this county, or for his HEAD. This fellow, I presume, is well known about Wilmington - he is aged about 45 years, and has large full eyes. He formerly belonged to Mrs. Sampson Mosely, and I bought him of Major J. A. Edlington three years ago.

Wilmington, April 14, 1821

ROBERT W. BROWN