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ABSTRACT

In the antebellum period Richmond, Virginia newspapers ran advertisements for runaway slaves. Most of the ads concerned individuals absconded from outlying counties, distant regions of the state, or nearby states. These short notices have been used frequently to describe and discuss runaways and the link between flight and freedom in Virginia. In contrast to the brief newspaper entries the *Daybook of the Richmond Police Guard, 1834-1844* provides names and detailed descriptions of 935 runaways all of whom lived in the city and were reported within the city precincts during one ten-year period. The *Daybook* is a hand written record consisting of entries made by the Watchmen on duty each day. Its pages are “A Memorandum of Robberies and Runaways” for the whole city and in addition to fugitive slaves list lost and stolen clothing, food, textiles, bank notes, fires and murder. Chapter 1 discusses the historiography of runaway slaves and the ways that the *Daybook* data allows a close examination of African American resistance in an urban setting. Chapter 2 explores the geography and look of the city of Richmond in the 1830s and early 40s. Chapter 3 closely examines the fugitives themselves, and Chapter 4 explores the context of laws and restrictions under which the black population, slave and free, lived. Chapter 5 describes the varied strategies the enslaved population, bound in kinship and friendship to the free black population, used to successfully hide within the city and segues into the transcribed complete text of the *Daybook of the Richmond Police Guard, 1834-1844*. 

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Chapter I

THE DAYBOOK OF THE RICHMOND POLICE GUARD

From 1830 to 1840 the Richmond, Virginia newspapers ran one hundred and forty-one advertisements for runaway slaves. Most of the ads concerned individuals running away from outlying counties, distant regions of the state, or nearby states. These short notices have been used frequently to describe and discuss runaways and the link between flight and freedom in Virginia. In contrast to the newspaper entries and in a slightly later, but overlapping time span, the *Daybook of the Richmond Police Guard, 1834-1844* provides names and detailed descriptions of 935 runaways, all of whom were reported within the city precincts. The *Daybook* is a hand-written record consisting of entries made by the individual Watchmen on duty each day. It is “A Memorandum of Robberies and Runaways,”¹ and within in its 223 pages the fugitives themselves are described by name, gender, age, color designation, skill, place of escape, destination, clothing, identifying marks & descriptions including hair, reward offered, and notice of apprehension.

Also included in the entries about the fugitives are the following types of information:

- Names of fugitive’s relatives and friends, their relationship to the fugitive, and their place of residence/work.

- Names of owners and the owner’s place of residence.

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¹ Each page of the *Daybook* is prefaced by a version of the title “A Record of Robberies &c,” (through August 1836); “A Record of Robberies &c” (through mid-June 1839); “A Memorandum of Robbers &c” (through Feb. 1840); “A Memorandum of Robberies &c” (through most of 1841); after which, pages with no titles and others with “Memorandum of Robberies & Runaways” appear irregularly to the end of the document.
• Names of current hirers; type of business.
• Agent acting on behalf of the owner or hirer.
• Previous owners or hirers.
• The names of the Watchmen, number of actions taken or reports made, and punishments administered.
• Names of whites helping fugitives.

Within the fugitive entries and throughout the remainder of the Daybook there are details that allow the reader to better visualize day-to-day life and common objects found in an antebellum city:

• Street addresses and specified locations in Richmond.
• Objects reported stolen within the city.
• Textiles (cloth on the bolt and items of clothing).
• Merchandise (watches, tools).
• Foodstuffs.
• Money (cash and/or bank notes).
• Objects reported lost (clothing and money).
• Businesses with their doors found open after hours by the Watchmen.
• Fires.
• Several assaults, two jail breaks, and one murder.
Few historians have used the *Daybook* since its purchase by the Alderman Library at the University of Virginia in 1942. Several things may account for this. The binding of the ledger in which the record was written has broken over the years. The current manuscript consists of folio pages broken at the fold and most of the pages have become shuffled many times, breaking the chronological order. The microfilm version, also out of chronological order, is dark, splotchy, and difficult to read. Thus, along with the usual handicap of indistinct script and idiosyncratic spelling the microfilm copy hinders systematic analysis. It may be that the original *Daybook* was merely an unofficial record solely for the men of the Watch and no particular care was taken to preserve it or other records like it. Certainly, the document is unique and my complete transcription (Appendix A) will make it accessible in print (and ultimately, searchable on-line) for the first time. The year and a half spent transcribing the document was often frustrating and tedious but the results have been deeply satisfying.

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2 Dr. Edward Ayers, at the University of Virginia, has often taken his students into Special Collections to see the *Daybook* and other primary documents of Virginia history. In my research I have found only four citations for the *Daybook*; all in work published since 1988 and all dependent on either the original manuscript or microfilm; Marie Tyler-McGraw and Gregg D. Kimball's exhibit catalogue for *In Bondage and Freedom: Antebellum Black Life in Richmond, Virginia* (Valentine Museum, 1988); Marie Tyler-McGraw, *At the Falls: Richmond, Virginia, and its People* (University of North Carolina Press, 1994); Kimball's *American City, Southern Place*; and Joshua D. Rothman, "Notorious in the Neighborhood": An Interracial Family in Early National and Antebellum Virginia." *The Journal of Southern History*. Vol. LXVII, No. 1, (February 2001): 73-114.

3 *Daybook of the Richmond Police Guard, 1834-1844*, University of Virginia, Alderman Library, Special Collections, Acc. # 1481, M214 P. Hereafter cited as DRPG. Note: throughout this dissertation, all transcribed entries and citations from the DRPG have been entered in such a way as to preserve the spellings, punctuation, grammar and spacing used by the members of the Watch entered in the original, hand-written document.
In addition to the *Daybook* manuscript, I was allowed access to a digital scan of the 1835 Micah Bate’s *Map of Richmond*, a 24 x 30 inch contemporary map of the city with major buildings, streets and businesses identified. Photographs of many of the original places mentioned in the *Daybook* taken in the late 19th and early 20th centuries are published in *Houses of Old Richmond* and *Old Richmond Neighborhoods*. The combination of the three resources allows for a particularly detailed exploration of Richmond that follows the footsteps of the fugitives.

For historians of American slavery, newspaper advertisements are the most frequently used source for fugitive slaves, supplying numbers, physical descriptions, destinations, and supposed reasons for running. From Herbert Aptheker in the 1940s to Michael Tadman in the late 1980s, to John Hope Franklin in the late 1990s, historians have extrapolated the figures on runaways from newspaper advertisements. In these sources, urban runaways, when they are singled out, appear as runaways to the city from the countryside. The *Daybook* demonstrates that runaway advertisements do not really

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reflect the numbers of fugitive slaves at large in the Commonwealth at any one time. Runaways were more numerous, more connected to an intricate network of kin and friends than the ads allowed for, and their reasons for running more complicated than we have previously believed. This study explores a population of people, men, women, and children who never appeared in the newspapers and thus do not figure in the tale commonly told.

Throughout the Commonwealth, slave owners advertised in regional newspapers to seek human property that had absconded from the farms and plantations, isolated mines, and tiny cross-roads villages. Perhaps because newspaper archives have been the major resource for discovering fugitive slaves, historians have largely focused on the countryside and plantation slavery rather than the city. In the early 1940s, Herbert Aptheker used runaway advertisements to refute the imagery of passive, docile, and contented slaves drawn by Ulrich B. Phillips earlier in the century. For Aptheker, these plantation slaves were rebels not just runaways.

Thirty years later in Roll Jordan, Roll: The World the Slaves Made, Eugene Genovese portrayed a much more vibrant and active plantation slave society than earlier historians had. He described a slave culture where work, religion, family traditions, and home life all formed parts of a complex slave life. The same was true for rebellion. In his view, slaves were not all docile and content laborers, but neither were they all rebels constantly simmering in discontent. Rather, the slave community understood when and where rebellion was practical and protested the system with everyday acts of resistance. These strategies were skills the slave community developed and passed on to their children. Genovese described running away was one of many tools of the would-be rebel
along with arson, theft, poison, purposeful stupidity, and feigned illness. Yet by failing to address urban slavery, whether domestic or industrial, or how rebellion might play out in the city versus the countryside, Genovese’s work failed to see fugitives in the cities.

Genovese argues that slaves on the plantation could seldom act or even see themselves as a collective force, but the Daybook makes it clear that in the urban setting, particularly in that of Richmond, Virginia of the 1830s, the situation was very different. There, in the swirl of the industrial capital of the South, successful runaways hid out for months, and in some cases years, inside a black community of several thousands. In addition, fully a quarter of those successful runaways were women.

Urban free blacks and slaves organized themselves both formally and informally as family, church congregants, and friends despite laws against assembling unsupervised by whites. Out of those associations evolved the network of support that helped sustain fugitives. Delphy, alleged by her unhappy owner in 1837 to have “been runaway for several years,” and presumably hiding in Richmond with her husband Isaac, had to have

6 Most histories of slavery emphasize the role of women as breeders, and/or as the center of the slave family above any other. When newspapers are used for the percentages of slave women runaways it reinforces the tendency to ignore or marginalize women. Kenneth M. Stampp in *The Peculiar Institution* (New York: Vintage Random House 1956), 110, says regarding runaway slaves, “The majority of them were males, though female runaways were by no means uncommon.” This approach acknowledges that women did run away, but does not explore how many or why. See Deborah Gray White, *Ar'n't I a Woman?: Female Slaves in the Plantation South* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1985), 70; John W. Blassingame, *The Slave Community, Plantation Life in the Ante-bellum South* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1972), 114; Genovese 1976, 649 and Herbert G. Gutman *The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom, 1750-1925* (New York: Vintage Random House 1976), 239. Paying some more attention to the women who ran away are Peter H. Wood, *Black Majority: Negroes in Colonial South Carolina from 1670 through the Stono Rebellion;* Gerald W. Mullin, *Flight and Rebellion: Slave Resistance in Eighteenth-Century Virginia* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1972), and Judith Kelleher Schafer, “New Orleans Slavery in 1850 as Seen in Advertisements.” *Journal of Southern History,* Vol. XLVII, No. 1, February 1981, 46:33-56. Richard Wade, *Slavery in the Cities: The South, 1820-1860* (London: Oxford University Press 1964), saw the Southern city as a magnet attracting rural escapees adding to the numbers of urban runaways, but he did not address women in particular despite the fact that of the 7,509 slaves in the city of Richmond in 1840, 3,556 of them were women.
relied on friends and family for her continuing freedom. Like Delphy, many fugitives achieved a tenuous, often long-term, quasi-freedom in the cities and towns of the South. Like Delphy they must have used forged passes or free papers to elude capture.\footnote{DRPG, 148.}

Historian Peter Wood suggests that the real numbers of runaways are likely be larger than newspaper advertisements would show. In \textit{Black Majority: Negoes in Colonial South Carolina from 1670 through the Stono Rebellion}, Wood devotes a chapter to the slave runaway. He uses a wide range of individuals as examples, both men and women, all advertised in the \textit{South Carolina Gazette}. He includes in his numbers those slaves who may have returned voluntarily from relatively brief absences, which was one of the major types of running away, especially for women. While not addressing city-based slave runaways in particular Wood asserts that women may have run in roughly equivalent numbers to men.\footnote{Wood, \textit{Black Majority}, 241.} Finally, Elizabeth Fox-Genovese's work on the relationship of white women slaveholders to their enslaved bondwomen briefly discusses running away but not in the context of the urban setting.\footnote{Elizabeth Fox-Genovese. \textit{Within the Plantation Household: Black and White Women of the Old South.} (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1988), 319-322.}

Historians often seem to make a weighted distinction between types of absconding from successful escape to the North to laying-out to playing truant in the countryside. They often give more value, or rather, credibility to escape to the North than to other forms of running away. This preference is particularly apparent when the fugitive's story comes in the form of a published narrative or from the archives of the Underground Railroad of the

\footnote{DRPG, 148.}
late antebellum period. The slave narrative, as both literature and historical
documentation, has become an important part of African American literature, and
rightfully so, but the emphasis placed on those individual life-stories has also led to a
mythologizing of escape to the North that obscures the more common local experience
for runaways and their communities. For regardless of a fugitive’s destination, whether
the next farm or the next state, running away involved danger and the threat of violence.
A runaway could expect forms of punishment and violence from being pursued by dogs,
being severely beaten upon recapture, as well as being sold to the Deep South after being
captured. While the written slave narrative must continue to be taken seriously, those
collected fugitive experiences must not be privileged over the far more numerous escapes
of people who could not write or were never in a position to dictate their stories. For
these men and women, the fugitive experience was played out in the Southern
countryside or in the anonymity of Southern city streets.

Richard C. Wade, the historian of urban slavery, speculated that by 1860,
traditional white notions of slavery were becoming eroded by “the total environment
rather than industrial or commercial employment” in the cities.\textsuperscript{10} Also by 1860, the rules
of urban slave management were undergoing changes brought on by the accelerating size
of Southern cities and the evolving technologies of transportation, marketing, and
communications. If by “total environment” Wade meant the sheer ubiquity of black
presence in every facet of city life, including black presence in the industrial workplace,
and white dismay over that inescapable fact, then he was correct. Whites seem to have
been far more fearful of what might happen than of what was actually happening when it

came to clearly evaluating their relationship with slaves. Slaves increasingly requested or took more freedoms both overtly or covertly. Yet slaveholders and those who profited from the trade were unwilling to give up any of the advantage slaves brought to their economic or domestic lives.

While the urban environment eroded slavery, slavery was not dismantled or disrupted. The daily grind of industrial work by slaves went on despite what Wade characterized as “the breach of slave discipline after hours.” Claudia Goldin expanded Wade’s observation when she argued “many persons have mistaken the contemporary white reaction to these practices [hiring- and living-out by slaves in the city] as a successful attempt to retard the growth of urban slavery.”¹¹ No one wished to turn back the economic clock or return to earlier, less productive technologies of production. They were making too much profit. I believe that it was the sheer number of slave laborers and their visibility that demanded white’s constant grudging attention. There was a difference between what white people told themselves about slave behavior, especially in the press, and what was happening daily in the work places and residences in Richmond. In antebellum Richmond, bondmen and bondwomen, whether hired or owned by industry, moved through the city’s streets showing up in the work place with daily regularity. Tracy Weis says their presence “fostered an uneasy interdependence between white industrialists and slave workers.”¹² One couldn’t get rid of them. The system was far too entrenched to change in any significant way and all the laws on the books against

blacks possessing dogs, or selling oysters, or building wooden shacks only underline the persistence of these freedom-like activities not their eradication.

Masters might worry, and the City Council might pass regulation after regulation to curb the activities of slaves and free blacks when off the job, but the jobs themselves continued to be done. Even the 935 fugitives in this study appear, in the main, to have continued to be active members of the city’s work force. After all, they had to earn their keep somehow. Perhaps they found the poorest paying jobs, jobs that offered the most anonymity in the way modern illegal aliens seek work in our cities. Runaways were probably not avoiding work, but seeking access to wages (even if minimal), family, friends, and leisure activities of their own devising.

Successfully finding work and remaining out of view of the Watch was easier if a person already had experience in the city. Slaves hired to industries in Richmond often came from outlying counties, plantations and towns throughout the state. Urban runaways were commonly thought to have done so as well. Claudia Goldin’s observation on fugitive slaves comes closest to Wade’s. They both describe fugitives entering the city from the countryside,

Although the urban environment afforded slaves amenities which appear to have made their bondage more tolerable, it probably also enabled them to escape more readily. Runaways from plantations flocked to the towns, where free blacks and slaves harbored them and, on occasion, helped them flee to the North. 13

13 Goldin, 48.
The Daybook fugitives, city born and/or city bred, add a more nuanced dimension to that picture.

The rural to urban pattern for runaway slaves is emphasized in two recent works, John Hope Franklin and Loren Schweninger’s study of fugitive slaves across the entire south and Midori Takagi’s history of slavery in Richmond. While rich with descriptions of individual fugitives, Franklin and Schweninger’s chapter on fugitives in the city suggests the city as an ideal destination for rural runaways, but does not address slave workers already in the city who abscond. Nor does Takagi in her Rearing Wolves to Our Own Destruction where she only addresses fugitive slaves twice. Takagi discusses how in the 1850s, the city’s slave and free black community aided fugitives in making contact with the Underground Railroad and how the proximity of battles encouraged Richmond’s slaves to run to Union lines. Had Takagi had easy access to the Daybook, she might have expanded her examination of slaves and fugitives in the history of the city particularly for the 1830s.

It is unfortunate that Gregg D. Kimball in his recent study of Richmond did not have access to the Daybook transcription, but only to the original manuscript that was out of chronological order. He did, however, use it to cite five runaways who ran from the outlying counties into Richmond. The Daybook entries allow a glimpse of what often gets glossed over in the study of slavery in the urban scene, the issue of how much of a deep, personal stake the free black population had in what occurred with the slave

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population and vice versa. For all intents and purposes, the two populations were intertwined. As Takagi has demonstrated elsewhere, free blacks and runaways were part of one community. Neither group can be understood without considering the relationship with the other, indeed, the two groups were never completely or even partially physically separated. Because few industries kept dormitories and most of their slave laborers lived-out, both groups would have intermingled.

Richmond newspapers of the period hardly hint at the numbers of fugitives at large in the city. It is in the *Daybook of the Richmond Police Guard, 1834-1844* where the largest numbers of runaways are to be found, and the numbers are high enough to confirm the realistic concern of the master class of Richmond. In 1834 alone, 66 slaves ran away in the city and were reported to the Watchmen of the Police Guard, and the average reported was 93 per year in contrast to an average of 14 per year printed in Richmond's newspapers for the entire decade of 1830 through 1840.17

Unlike advertisements in the newspapers, which appear to have been submitted by letter, *Daybook* entries seem to have followed an immediate report given by an owner, a hirer, or their agent. Each shift of the Watch would have read the daybook as they came on duty. The fact that city guards were alerted in person suggests that most fugitives listed in the Daybook would have come from nearby.

Two approaches have dominated the collecting and interpretation of runaway advertisements in newspapers. In one approach, researchers transcribed the advertisements themselves with little interpretation of the data. Two of the most widely cited works in this vein are *Blacks Who Stole Themselves: Advertisements for Runaways*

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17 Runaway ads in Richmond newspapers for 1830-1840 were for individuals from Virginia, North Carolina, and as far away as South Carolina. None of the newspaper ads duplicated entries in the *Daybook*. 

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in the Pennsylvania Gazette, 1728-1790 by Billy G. Smith and Richard Wojtowicz, and the multi-volume publication that covers the Southern colonies, Lathan A. Windley’s Runaway Slave Advertisements: A Documentary History from the 1730s to 1790.18 In these works one can read entire collections of advertisements from the newspapers containing physical description, family situation, and reward for capture. Neither writer calculated the differences in number between fugitives in the countryside and those in the cities of the 18th century mid-Atlantic region. In Stealing a Little Freedom: Advertisements for Slave Runaways in North Carolina, 1791-1840, Freddie L. Parker provides transcriptions of 2,145 newspaper advertisements. In Running For Freedom: Slave Runaways in North Carolina 1775-1840 he creates detailed statistical profiles of the 2,661 men, women, and children found in the advertisements, however there are no specific numbers for city fugitives.19 An exception to the general lack of descriptions of urban runaways is an article by Judith Kelleher Schafer on New Orleans in 1850. She looked at newspaper advertisements in the city that was the South’s largest slave market making distinctions between fugitives of city origin and those from the rural parishes as well as between men and women.20

The presence of women in the ranks of runaway slaves has been noted, but their significance as active participants in the complex network of relationships and escape


strategies in the world of the fugitive slave has not been adequately appreciated. The
evolution in the numbers of women runaways appearing in the various studies of fugitive
slaves over the years has received little mention. Findings of ten percent for female
runaways in the eighteenth-century advertisements studied by Blassingame, Mullins,
Windley, and Smith vary decidedly from more recent scholarship. Only recently has
broader research confirmed that the estimate given by Peter Wood in 1974 that women
made up close to a quarter of fugitives (23 percent) may not be exaggerated.21 In 1993,
Parker discovered in colonial-era North Carolina newspapers a female proportion of 18
percent. For the nineteenth century, the figures on female fugitives have been noticeably
higher, likely based on newspaper advertisements as well as the Underground Railroad
figures. Franklin and Schweninger in their 1999 study gave a variety of examples of
women runaways: women running away with children, running away pregnant, seeking
their husbands, seeking self-hire, sexual relations with whites, and women slaves and
violence.22 They also cite several examples of black women fugitives in the urban scene;
for example, hired slave women from the surrounding countryside selling milk,
vegetables, and poultry in the markets of Charleston, Mobile, New Orleans, or
Savannah.23 The percentage of female runaways in their study rose from 19 percent in
the early period (1790-1816) to 25 percent in the late period (1838-1860).

Women figured significantly in the complex web of relationships revealed in the
Daybook entries. Old and young, they numbered 231 among the 935 fugitives. They are
listed and named alongside the kinship and friendship circles that slave owners assumed


22 Franklin and Schweninger, Runaway Slaves, Index, 455.
23 Ibid., 139-40.
runaways would run to for help. Free black women were also an important part of this web. Free black women in the city were often married to enslaved men, or had sisters, aunts, grandmothers and mothers who were still enslaved.

Table 1. Percent of Female Runaways in Selected Studies

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The study of antebellum newspapers has been bedrock for research on fugitives from slavery. The Daybook allows an opportunity to contrast those ads to a more complete recording of one city’s fugitives. That Richmond newspapers were more helpful to whites for hiring and selling slaves than for apprehending fugitives became clear when I compared the numbers of fugitive ads to the numbers of fugitives reported in the Daybook. From 1831 through 1839 in four newspapers published in Richmond, more than 1,100 slaves were sought after to be hired, and 187 were sought to be purchased. In those same newspapers, more than 2,500 slaves were offered for sale and 123 slaves were offered for hire. Newspapers ads also differed greatly in the numbers of men and women reported with 115 men and 24 women in fugitive ads for the period compared to 692 men, 231 women and 10 children in the Daybook.

The readership of antebellum newspapers was regional and such papers as The Richmond Enquirer, The Richmond Whig and Public Advertiser, and The Daily Richmond Times became the logical places for outlying owners to run ads advertising for rural fugitives. The ads appeared randomly mixed among the listings for slave jails and auction houses, estate sales of slaves and goods of all types. Mundane lists of “Negro” clothing for sale by the barrel could be found next to a brief article about the apprehension and execution of five slaves for the murder of their master, followed by an ad for a fugitive, perhaps illustrated with a tiny anonymous drawing of a black man or woman carrying a bundle slung on a stick (see Ill. 2). In the same pages, the white public could keep up on the latest shocking events or legal pronouncements concerning slaves.
One hundred slaves perished in a shipwreck off the Virgin Islands. Thirty-three slaves in one group escaped across the Ohio River. One master sued another to recover possession of a slave woman, while two slave men were ordered by the court to be flogged for possessing forged passes. Free-black, George Allen advertised for his lost or possibly stolen free papers offering a dollar reward to the finder. Events such as these as well as notices of fugitives alternate in the *Daybook* with other more predictable urban events including fires, theft, and murder.

As might be expected in a city that published several weekly and bi-weekly newspapers, most of which included national and international happenings, the desire by

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25 The full title of the image is $150 reward [cut of runaway slave] Ranaway from the subscriber, on the night of the 2d instant, a negro man, who calls himself Henry May, ... William Burke, Bardstown, Ky., September 3d, 1838. Library of Congress Three Centuries of Broadsides and Printed Ephemera collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, Gift Arthur Douglas, Hulls, York, England The original is in Wilberforce House, Hulls.; Positive photostat. Printed Ephemera Collection; Portfolio 22, Folder 12b. Digitital ID: rbpe.0220120b http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/rbpe.0220120b. Despite the Bardstown, Kentucky origin of this particular runaway slave ad, this image is an example of the types of images used in runaway and fugitive slave ads and is also an example of the prevalence of such imagery throughout the South.
the city fathers was to expand their commerce and political influence. In the 1830s and '40s, the city of Richmond was extending its roots in agriculture and industry out to the west past the rocky shallows of the James on to the river’s navigable length all the way to the mountains of the Blue Ridge and beyond to Ohio. The city depended on an enslaved labor force, but the very fact of enslavement made the city a much more complicated place than we ordinarily interpret it to be. Cities can appear so stable, so permanent, even when burgeoning, that it is difficult to see behind that façade except in hindsight. The evidence in the Daybook offers one concentrated glimpse into that past world.

In the following pages, Chapter 2 explores the geography and look of the city of Richmond in the 1830s and early '40s. Chapter 3 closely examines the fugitives themselves, and Chapter 4 explores the context of laws and restrictions under which the black population lived. Chapter 5 offers some conclusions and segues into the transcribed text of the Daybook of the Richmond Police Guard, 1834-1844.
Chapter II

THE STREETS OF RICHMOND

In the very early 19th century, the city of Richmond, Virginia was centered on Main Street and along the docks in a roughly 25-block area along the banks of the James River. The town’s western edge ran down to Shockoe Creek, where it fed into the James. Residences climbed up Church Hill and Union Hill, areas behind and to the north of the waterfront with its docks and factories edging the riverside. Capitol Square, home to the Virginia General Assembly, the fine homes that grew up around it, and the businesses that accompanied them pushed city development across Shockoe Creek. By 1820, the city had grown up the several hills and gullies to the west.

In the 1835 Micajah Bates’ map Drawn from Actual Survey and Original Plans, showed a city forty-three blocks long, east to west, and sixteen blocks wide from the north to the river’s shore (see Ill. 3). Council Chamber Hill, Court End, and the area farthest to the north-west that would come to be called later in the antebellum Jackson Ward had joined Shed Town and Libby Hill, both on the eastern flank of the city, as residential and commercial areas. In those steep gullies leading down from either side to Shockoe Creek, free blacks and slaves living-out built wooden shanties and rough dwellings and gathering places. The city council approved a petition to prevent the

“erection . . . of any addition to any building, more than ten feet high, unless the outer walls therefore be made of brick and mortar . . . and to provide for the removal of any building or addition which shall be erected contrary to such prohibition.”

This petition was drafted and approved with the hope of forcing others to prevent irregular constructions.

By 1825, the first 30 miles of canal led westward from the docks of Richmond towards the Blue Ridge. While the new waterway did little to bring wheat from Ohio, as initially dreamed by investors, it did increase the flow of other goods and people into Richmond from western counties. The canal began its western length at the Basin, a man-made lake that stretched from 8th to 12th streets and was three blocks wide in parts. The western stretch of the canal brought boats around the falls through a series of locks into and out of the city. The Basin’s eastern end was connected by an ever-expanding series of locks, and by 1841 the locks ran two-thirds of a mile along the city face parallel to the river shore, ending at the docks area east of Shockoe Creek. Within the 12-acre Basin river boats and small oceangoing ships tied up at its wharves to handle cargo.27

The Basin was the visible result of efforts to promote state-wide commerce centered in Richmond. The Whigs generally promoted industrial development and transportation improvements. They were supported both by men whose incomes were derived from flour and tobacco manufacturing and the men who were part of the canal building and railroad construction companies cutting and blasting their way across the state. Slaves manned all those operations. Until surpassed by cotton production, wheat

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flour was the largest foreign trade item in the colonial period through the early 19th century and Southern flour milling was big business in both Maryland and Virginia.

Spurred by the success of the Erie Canal, completed in New York State in 1825, Richmond, as the second largest flour-milling city in the United States, sought to extend its canal system to the Ohio River, where thousands of barrels of wheat awaited national and international markets. Richmond's millers hoped to reach the state of Ohio, which by 1839 was the largest producer of wheat in the nation. New technologies sped this growth. Inventors and commercial equipment manufacturers accelerated the production of wheat with McCormick's reaper, first patented in Abingdon, Virginia in 1831, followed by John Deere's chilled steel plow in 1837. Three Richmond flour manufacturers processed western wheat. Dunlop, Moncure & Co, Gallego Mills, and Haxall Mills dominated the Richmond flour industry for decades.29 Flour production

28 Bates Map. The easternmost section of the Basin was where the Omni Hotel stands today.
required imported milling machinery, wagons and the means to repair them, tanneries for leather harness, teams of draft animals and the men to drive and care for them, barrel production, and warehouses. The huge multi-storied buildings housing the many mills dominated the industrial areas along the river’s edge.

By the late 1830s, the James River Company’s canal had been constructed. Langhorne Gibson’s history of the canal describes its “five levels with ten lift locks, five guard-locks, nine culverts, and five aqueducts. Four dams built across the James diverted water into the line. Two foot bridges, two road bridges, and thirty-four farm bridges crossed above it.”30 Over the next ten years, the company, reorganized as the James River & Kanawha Canal, built, rebuilt and repaired various sections of the canal. Irish workers were added to the mix of slave and free black workers and yet labor was still scarce. By 1836, despite rents as high as $125 per year per slave, only 38 black workers could be found.31 Canal building was rough and dangerous and many owners shied away from hiring out their slaves to the canal crews. One local newspaper wrote about an accident in a quarry on the lower canal in the early 1830s. In that situation, a blaster thought all the powder he had poured down a crack had exploded. It had not. Later when another worker’s crowbar hit a piece of quartz, the spark ignited the powder causing a violent explosion. The blast injured five workers. All Irishmen, they were thrown as far as ten feet high and thirty feet out from the site. One man died. But free labor could and did leave when the work was too rough, and by 1838 the canal work force was two-thirds slave.32

30 Gibson, Cabell’s Canal, 223.
31 Ibid., 160-1.
32 Ibid., 173.
In the same way that new technology was pushing increased flour production in the city, the canals were under the ever-increasing competition from railroad construction across the Tidewater and Piedmont countryside and through the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Claudius Crozet, originally a strong advocate of canals and one of the earliest canal engineers in Virginia, broke away from Cabell’s James River Company when it became clear to him that railroads would be the coming thing and would likely supercede canals for the efficient transportation of goods and people to the west. Every edition of the Richmond papers contained advertisements by the JR & K Canal seeking to hire slave laborers, but in increasing numbers canal builders competed with railroad companies for the same laborers.

By 1845, the railroad had become partners with the existing steamship lines to move passengers and freight between Norfolk, Portsmouth and Richmond. After arriving in Richmond by train, a passenger could connect to the steamship that left at 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday arriving at its destination downriver by sunset the same day. Passage was two dollars. In 1848, one experienced train passenger describing her arrival into the city over the James River Bridge stressed the “coal dust [that] made the streets & [sic.] alleys look darker & [sic.] more dismal than ever.” The innovation of traveling at speeds excelling any known before and the dangers inherent in the new technology had become old hat by the late 1840s compared to one newspaper article in the early 1830s. “Shocking collision on the railway in Bordentown, Pa. Many maimed

33 Ibid., 99-103.
34 Virginia Historical Society, Broadsides, 84049.
35 Kimball, American City, 53.
and killed, passengers reported the cars were going at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. Can this be true?"\textsuperscript{36}

Along with the growth of new technologies, Southerners had to contend with the growing pressure of abolitionism coming from organizations and public figures in the Northern states. Out of fear that a Northern candidate for president would have abolitionist leanings, Virginia Whigs disparaged Martin Van Buren in the presidential election race of 1835. A ribald poem accusing Van Buren of wishing to take his black mistress and mulatto children into the White House ran in the \textit{Richmond Whig and Public Advertiser} of July 21.\textsuperscript{37} Despite the Panic of 1837 and the banking controversies around it, Richmond’s production of flour, tobacco and cotton did not falter significantly. Prices for slaves dropped somewhat but slave sales and slave hiring continued at a brisk pace. During the crisis and throughout the remainder of the decade political participation remained high across the state. A broadside was posted in the Richmond streets to invite “your attendance at the Whig State Convention on September 1, 1840.”\textsuperscript{38} Another broadside circular announced a Whig barbecue to be held at Howard’s Grove.\textsuperscript{39} Along with the white male electorate, black waiters, cooks, musicians, and personal body servants would have been present at such public affairs. Despite “property qualifications for voting, more than half of the state’s white, adult males came to the polls in the presidential contests of 1840 and 1844.”\textsuperscript{40}

\textsuperscript{36} \textit{Daily Richmond Whig and Public Advertiser}, November 13, 1833.
\textsuperscript{37} \textit{Richmond Whig and Public Advertiser}, July 21, 1835.
\textsuperscript{38} Virginia Historical Society, Broadsides, Record 84021.
\textsuperscript{39} Virginia Historical Society, Broadsides, Record 83947.
\textsuperscript{40} Kimball, \textit{American City}, 10.
twelve months, were American citizens, and who owned property worth 100 pounds. In so many ways, Richmond resembled other burgeoning American cities along the Eastern Seaboard.

It was in the common sight of public slave auctions, slave jails, coffles of slaves on foot, and wagons of slaves being transported that Richmond (or any southern city) stood at variance with its northern counterparts. For Richmond was among the top three slave trading cities in the upper south. From 1830 to 1840 Richmond’s population grew by 4,093 people. In that increase, the number of resident slaves grew by 1,164, or by 28.3 percent. Transient slaves intended for the marketplace waited for sale in the slave depots in the city center. Informal slave auctions and sales were held in many venues, including on the steps of the Bell Tavern and the First Market to the east of Shockoe Creek near the docks. But the real centers of slave sales were the alleys and streets off 15th Street, between Franklin and Cary just four blocks from Capital Square. Crowded in those several blocks Misters Tait, Lumpkin, Omohundro, Pulliam, Betts, Davis and many others offered jails for the housing of slaves and auction services for their sale.

December 30, 1834
NOTICE - The commodious buildings which I have recently had erected in the city of Richmond, are now ready for the accommodation of all persons who may wish their NEGROES safety and comfortably taken care of.

The buildings were erected upon an extensive scale, without regard to cost, my main object being to insure the safe keeping, and at the same time the health and comfort of the Negroes who may be placed there at.

The rooms and yards for the Females are separate from those for the Males, and genteel house Servants will have rooms to themselves. The regulations of the

establishment will be general cleanliness, moderate exercise, and recreation within the yards during good weather, and good substantial food at all times, by which regulation it is intended that confinement shall be rendered merely nominal, and the health of the Negroes so promoted, that they will be well prepared to encounter a change of climate when removed to the South.

These buildings are situated on the lot corner of 15th and Cary street, between Mayo's Bridge and Bell Tavern.

Apply to BACON TAIT

Michael Tadman found that in 1839-40 out of the $31.82 million total value of staple crops sold from the principal exporting states of the South (defined as Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, the Carolinas, Virginia, and the District of Columbia), $6.24 million was value received from the sale of slaves to traders. Put simply, the market for slaves to be exported to the south was strong. When it first opened its doors in December 1834, Bacon Tait’s new slave auction house was well placed to take advantage of the market. At least one of the fugitives in the Daybook ran away after having been sent to the city for sale.

For visitors intending to reach the center of the city, one entered via Brook Avenue, the major roadway in and out of the city to the west and north. Let us accompany one man as he enters Richmond. What we know of Pitman comes from his runaway notice in the Daybook. In the normal course of his work, transporting goods to and from his master’s Hanover County farm just to the northwest of Richmond, Pitman would have driven his team of mules southeast along Brooke Avenue.

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43 Richmond Whig & Public Advertiser, semi-weekly, December 30, 1834.
44 Michael Tadman, Speculators and Slaves: Masters, Traders, and Slaves in the Old South. (University of Wisconsin Press 1989), 131, Table 5.3. Value of sales to the trader compared with value of staple-crop production in the principal exporting states.
[1841] Fby 11th Pitman Ran away from me last night had on when he left a pair of brown pants and coat of the same the man is nown well in this place he has been driving a waggon here for the last 10 years the one who will deliver the man to me in Hanover or whare I can get him shall be Satisfactory Rewarded Lewis. L. King

Unpaved, yet lined with houses, farms, taverns, butcher shops, and groceries Brook Avenue was a constant churning file of coaches, drays, two-wheeled cabriolets, wagons of all sizes, gigs, and carts going out and coming in. Singly or in pairs, fours or sixes, horses were harnessed together, and long teams of mules or yokes of oxen supplied the pulling power for larger loads. One Virginian described the flow of traffic on the typical road, "Along its dusty way traveled droves of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs; flocks of turkey; wagon loads of chicken, apples and produce of all kinds." These goods on the hoof, herded along the roads by black drovers, were headed for the butchering yards on the northeast slopes of the city bordering Brooke Avenue and on to the First and Second Markets to feed the over 16,000 residents of Richmond in 1830 and the additional 4,000 more by the end of the decade.

When Pitman and his team reached Broad Street, a direct turn to the east and the Capital Square at the center of the city lay only eleven blocks away, with the docks down along the James River less than a mile further. It was there that the canal boats brought in great cotton bales wrapped in rough tow cloth, half-ton hogsheads of goods, slaves to load and unload them, passengers from up-river, and sailors to crew the vessels. By the late

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45 DRPG, 230.

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1830s, the railway with its iron tracks, bridges, and huge, steaming locomotives began to cut a path across the cityscape adding yet one more impediment to easy foot and carriage traffic. The unpaved streets were very wide by modern standards, designed to accommodate the turning of wagons and carriages drawn by teams of oxen, mules and horses. Broad Street from Capital Square westward was 96 feet wide, having been widened from its eastern extension in Old Richmond of 66 feet across. The lesser thoroughfares flanking West Broad were 65 feet, 4 inches expanded from 45 feet in the oldest parts of town east of Shockoe Creek. The alleys cutting across the blocks averaged between 15 and 20 feet across. Only much later in the early twentieth century were the grassy tree lined medians added to the residential areas. At night, the city was a patchwork of dark alleys and ill-lit major street corners, as street illumination by gaslight was not inaugurated until 1851.

Businessmen crowded Capital Street, Exchange Alley, E Street, and Virginia Street. Ladies of quality did not yet have the freedom to walk the streets unaccompanied by a man even to window shop, and thus the center-city streets were largely a male domain. The age range of the population of the city reflected the demographics of the country at large. In 1830, the average age of America’s expanding population was 16 years old. The white men Pitman viewed from his seat on his wagon were well-dressed and young.

In inclement weather, a gentleman might sport a Green De Nass umbrella. Regardless of the weather all men wore hats. The shape of the beaver or wool felt hat

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48 Bates Map.
49 Kimball, American City, 9.
50 DRPG, 114.
shifted over the decade of the 1830s from a curved slightly curled brim with the top of the hat wider than where it met the brim, looking much like the hat worn by the Mad Hatter in the original *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* illustrations by Sir John Tenniel, to a flat brim with a straight line in the top portion.

While the occasional young gentleman might sport a moustache, in general all men, white and black, were clean-shaven, as the wearing of beards did not come into fashion until the 1850s.\(^5\) Overcoats in shades of green, blue, black and gray wool or Bombazine had collars of velvet and lapels with linings of silk. A partial list of one group of items reported stolen on December 17, 1836 gives an idea of colors and styles:

- Several Silk Velvet Vests quantity unknown
- Several pair Pantaloons quantity unknown
- 1 Black over Coat Green checked lining (notable)
- Several Pair Cassinett Pantaloons quantity unkn
- 1 Silk Handkerchief yellow easily identified
- Several Velvet Stocks quantity unknown
- 1 fine fur Cap with a private mark inside.\(^5\)²

Vests came in rich plaids and were worn to hide the suspenders. Belts were not yet worn as the nature of the overlapping pants closure did not allow for belt loops. The woolen trousers might be supported by “green elastick suspenders” at a pricey two dollars a pair.\(^5\)³ In this era, the cut of fashionable gentlemen’s trousers were narrow, and usually black, except for formal dress, in which case the trousers were often white. Coats had high and soft rounded collars with wide lapels and long skirts. The word “pantaloon” (originally the name for knee length britches) was still in use, but now referred to the

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\(^{5}\)² DRPG, 145.

\(^{5}\)³ DRPG, 159.
newer long, slim trouser. Shiny French boots were the height of fashion. While common laborers and slaves wore rough cobbled brogans, gentlemen and ladies wore hand-crafted boots costing as much as six dollars a pair.

1842 - Nov 2nd Lucine Paroneth store in front of the Exchange Hotel was broken into last night and the following articles stolen
17 Pair French Boots $102 lined with red and white sheep skin to Wit. the back either red or white and the front either white or red. it is not known whether the red is in the front or back some of the Boots is red Morocco leggings with green binding at or around the tops Some of the feet is glazed leather and Some partly pemella a part of the bottoms are black and a part white Nailed with Large Nails. of an extraordinary quality none such in this Country
1 Pair fine shoes lined with spotted sheep skin resembling Calico with the name Morrison written thereon $3.50
5 Pair small stele spurs $7.50 1 Umbrella small white Nob on the handle or staff with a gold ring therein. new. none such in this country Was Burglariously and Feloniously - Stolen last night from the store of Lucine Paroneth opposite the Exchange Hotel.54

White linen or cotton shirts, the cuffs and collars stiffly starched, with elaborately wrapped cravats set off the outfit and from a vest pocket a man would retrieve his “Pattent Lever Watch with Gold Chain” to tell the time of day.55 The wealthy and the men of the government greeted each other on the street in ritualized forms of acknowledgement with hat-doffing and bows of subtly prescribed depth. Laborers, white and black, would have moved to the side or stepped into the street to let the city’s elite gentleman pass along the walkways.

Beginning in the early 1830s, women’s clothing had undergone a shift from the Romantic style, as called by fashion historians, to that fashion called Sentimental. Huge leg-of-mutton sleeves with fussy ornaments began to be replaced by smooth lines and

54 DRPG, 280.
55 DRPG, 159.
narrow waists. The dresses of the wives and daughters of common shop keepers, tradesmen, liverymen, and the women who kept boarding houses and small taverns were of the same design, but sewn of cheaper fabrics than the clothing of the elite women of the Court End area. For them, “Drab kersey” or “domestic” gingham dresses would be covered with cloaks and all women wore some kind of cap or hat or headwrap to cover their hair. As women walked through the town, street filth collected on the bottoms of dresses and petticoats.

For the very poor whites, the free-black, and the enslaved, clothing and its condition was an immediate identifier. Scissors, needles, and thread cost money and were not likely common among the possessions of the poor. Rips, stains, and burns in fabric were most often patched with rough stitching of random cloth scraps to the inside of a garment (rather than from the outside as is usual today). Consequently, the clothing of the poor appeared doubly ragged. With limited access to water to wash clothes or soap to wash them with, as well as owning few clothes to wear in their place, dirty clothing set the workers apart from the more prosperous and those who had domestic servants to care for them. Lye, soot, cooking grease, industrial chemicals, and poorly shielded machinery all took their toll on worker’s clothing.

On a weekday, a white visitor to the city might be invited to hear the singing of the black tobacco workers, their voices contrasting with the clang of the factory bells and the thump and grinding of machines. The owners liked to think the singing signified a satisfied work force, and certainly, the singers likely responded to the satisfaction of

57 DRPG, 93.
creating vocal music, but the tempos of the songs may well have been chosen as a way to keep the work at a tolerable pace.\textsuperscript{58}

Richmond was full of noise, with the braying, neighing and bellowing of horses, mules, and oxen, wagon wheels groaning under loads, the buzz of street talk, ship’s whistles warning departure. In summer, the blazing humid heat and smothering dust engulfed those on the street, and drenching rains, often intensified by hurricanes, turned those same streets to rivers of mud. In the brief, but sometimes-harsh winter, nor’easters, snow, sleet, rain, and overcast skies mingled with the constant pall of coal smoke.

At the Old Market located on 17\textsuperscript{th} Street between E and F, or across the city to the west at the New Market at the corner of 6\textsuperscript{th} Street and I Street, the city’s black inhabitants, free and enslaved, bargained for cornmeal, salt pork, sweet potatoes, molasses, cowpeas, and fresh vegetables.\textsuperscript{59} They found and hauled coal or wood to cook their meals, carried water to drink and in which to wash their clothes from stand pipes or springhouses scattered throughout the city. For many folks bare feet might have sufficed in summer, but come the winter, shoes had to be found.

The smells of the city must have been overwhelming at times; the stench of privies, animal manure, coal smoke, wood smoke, chemical and industrial pollution from soap and candle factories, tanning, and butchering yards full of offal and blood. In the worst kept parts of the city swarms of flies, rats and other vermin were a constant irritation. With few exceptions, the streets were unpaved well past the Civil War. The

\textsuperscript{58} O’Brien, Factory, 520.
\textsuperscript{59} The modern name of 17\textsuperscript{th} Street between E and F is 17\textsuperscript{th} Street between Main and Franklin Streets. The corner of 6\textsuperscript{th} and I Streets is now 6\textsuperscript{th} and Marshall Street.
gardens of the elite were fenced and there were no parks where blacks could visit except in attendance to a white person.

"The city was then unsupplied with sewers. All the waste water from lots passed along or stagnated in the badly graded gutters, which, in a few hours, became offensive to sight and smell. No provision was made for the removal of garbage or refuse matter from the lots. Every one was allowed to employ unreliable scavengers, who, in the secrecy of the night, dumped the offensive material in the ravines in the city, or in many cases, buried it in the lots."\(^{60}\)

A public health officer wrote the report above in 1878 describing the condition of Richmond's sanitary conditions in 1855. No doubt, twenty years earlier in the 1830s the situation in the city would have been no better and perhaps worse. The "scavengers" mentioned would have been black laborers. Filth bred disease.

1836 - Thursday May 5\(^{TH}\) - Small Pox - On information of David Anderson that several cases exist in Sqr D 13\(^{TH}\) & Exchange Ally and particularly on Wm Sheetz' Lot\(^{61}\)

Ill. 4. Exchange Alley, *Detail from Bates Map*\(^{62}\)

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\(^{61}\) Mayor's Court Docket 1836-1839, Valentine Museum, 3.

\(^{62}\) Bates Map.
The cramped area of Exchange Alley was a short four blocks from the Capital Building grounds and the surrounding homes of the elite.

Fire claimed many buildings each year in the city, and the Watch listed each response to the fires in the Daybook. The clearing away of burned buildings and their reconstruction added to the urgency and noise of building going on all about the city.

On Saturday night 29th of December 1838, a fire broke out at the Eagle Hotel commencing in the barbers Shop at the corner of E. Street and the arch which was the extreme lowest corner of the Eagle or in Mr Wm Booths Upholstery Store next door Supposed to be by accident the first alarm was at half past Eleven oclock and the entire Tavern was consumed together with nearly all the furniture also one Tenement above and two below the Eagle was consumed and two or three on 13th Street embracing all from E. Street to Exchange on the north west Side there a greate many Goods destroyed altho the larger portion was Saved the amount of Stores of different kind embracing those under the Eagle was 8 or 9 the houses was covered with Snow the night calm and Very cold Icecles was Seen on the firemens Coats.63

When the Cage Bell rang the alarm for fires, slave runners and engine handlers were part of the firefighting crews. Insurers such as the Mutual Assurance Company would have been called upon to cover the damages. Wagons and carts of cut lumber, shingles, stone and brick would have cluttered the streets in front of building and rebuilding sites. The charred ruins of the Eagle Tavern on E Street between 12th and 13th Streets sat for six years before being cleared for the building of new stores.64

In the residential neighborhoods drying laundry flapped from fences and clotheslines strung across rear yards. Dogs and cats and the occasional pig wandered the streets. In the alleys and narrow streets along the docks and bottoms, in rough shacks and

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63 DRPG, 164.
64 Mary Wingfield Scott. Old Richmond Neighborhoods. (Whittet & Shepperson, 1950), 132. The modern names of this arc is Main Street between 12th and 13th Streets.
private houses whites, free blacks and even slaves ran grogshops, gambling rooms, whore
houses and places for a laborer to spend his earnings and for a con man to make a living.

In those days before compulsory education there also would have been children
everywhere. Young slave children ran errands and tooted purchases for owners and hirers.
Black boys and girls, often as young as seven and eight years old, acted as baby-minders
for their master's children. The children of white laborers, too poor to pay school fees,
accompanied their parents through the town, sometimes to work, sometimes to the
markets and shops. Black and white children, especially boys, would have devised
games and rougher activities down along the Penitentiary Bottom or along the several
miles of wharves and riverbank.

It was in and through that multi-dimensional landscape that the fugitives in the
Daybook made their way. The fugitives hid out, worked, and continued to participate in
the life of the city within in a complex mix of dirt, noise, streets, alleys, and people.
Slave fugitives in Richmond could take advantage of opportunities to escape detection
both because of the physical layout of the city itself and because the population was
nearly one-half black from the 1830s through the 1860s. This black presence would have
been particularly apparent after working hours.

Black families going to Wednesday evening prayer meetings and Sunday church
services would have made every effort to be clean and as well dressed as possible in
contrast with the ragged and dirty work clothes of industrial slaves returning from work
in the evenings. They walked the same streets with white tavern roisterers, men of

65 Frederick Douglass. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, Written by
commerce, legislators, and shoppers although the law demanded that all black people had to step aside to let any whites pass.

No matter the destination a fugitive might have in mind, for such a small city it could take quite a walk to get across town from Brooks and I Street or down to the docks at Rocketts, out to the flourmills, or west to the shacks that surrounded the Penitentiary. For example, because of the deep ravine between Union Hill and Church Hill, as late as 1853 “a mile drive was necessary to get from Leigh Street Baptist to Asbury Methodist, three blocks away.” I assume the author meant three blocks as the crow flies, for deep gullies littered with trash, primitive shacks, and dirty streams of wastewater cut the city into hills and plateaus with few bridges to span them.

The city exhibited extreme contrasts. The urban wilderness of twisted hillside streets and primitive jerry-built shacks where free blacks and slaves made their precarious homes, merged into the orderly geometric spacing and landscape of the blocks containing the homes of the elite. The confusion, noise and dust of the tobacco warehouses and flour mills augmented the shouts and noise of rolling barrels along the canal and Basin shores. In every one of these settings, the work of enslaved laborers was essential and ubiquitous. Richmond’s importance to its rural dependencies and the larger market place depended on a steady and continuing supply of compliant slave labor. However, for slaves who chanced running away, the city offered many places to hide, places that were known to the black population of the city.

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66 Wingfield Scott, 51.

67 Wingfield Scott, 51.
Chapter III

THE FUGITIVES

Important among the reasons for successfully eluding the men of the Watch were the sheer numbers of slaves who hired themselves out and those who were hired out by their masters. The majority of those workers ended up living away from the work site in Richmond, thus keeping the streets crowded day and night with a changing array of faces. The living-out or board system evolved out of the manufacturers (especially the tobacco manufacturers) resistance to supplying dormitories and meals for their hired slave workers. Thus, employers would give a small weekly sum to each worker to cover food and lodging in the city away from the factory site. At various times newly formulated laws required that a slave must only reside at a place known to his master or employer, but these were very difficult rules to enforce and mostly went unobserved.\(^\text{68}\)

The singular attitude of one manufacturer contrasts sharply with the more usual businessmen’s approach, for “Unlike the vast majority of manufacturers in the city of Richmond, especially the tobacco companies, Anderson [of the Tredegar Iron Mill] did not allow the ‘boarding out’ of slaves.”\(^\text{69}\) In 1830 there were 1,960 free blacks and 6,345 slaves, of whom 3,288 were men. By 1840, the number of free blacks had slightly diminished (1,926), but the slave population had grown to 7,509, of whom 3,953 were men. The majority of male slaves hired to industry lived-out.


\(^{69}\) Kimball, *American City*, 165.
It would perhaps be more accurate to think of the official free black population as having been substantially augmented each evening by several thousand hired bondsmen living-out using monies supplied by owners and hirers for board and lodging throughout the city. A good deal of those monies would have been paid to free blacks who rented spaces in their houses and supplied meals. Thus each night roughly between 5,248 and 5,879 black people inhabited the cityscape; the enslaved among them living as free.

Robert Harris, who may have been a tobacco worker, was reported gone on September 24, 1841. “Said boy is colored and lodges at David Barclays at night.” With no title of Mr. before his name, it may be that David Barclay was a free black householder. Another worker living-out, Henry, who was hired to Myers Factory, slept somewhere on Shockoe Hill near the Methodist Church in the dwelling of an old woman named “(I think) Rachel.”70

In 1835, the mid-point in this study, there were approximately 1,943 free blacks living in Richmond. There would have been 6,927 slaves, of which 3,615 were men, and 3,306 were women. The following figures are in all likelihood conservative, but if two-thirds of the male slaves were living-out (2,410) and perhaps one-quarter of the women, those working in tobacco and cotton factories (828), one could picture 3,238 additional black people living in a type of quasi-freedom in Richmond on a daily basis well mixed in with the 1,943 legally-free blacks for a total of 5,181. In that year, the population of Richmond was just over 18,000 people, of whom this strange mixture of free black and quasi-free black residents would have made up nearly one third. The remaining slave

70 DRPG, 216, 252.
population working as domestic servants in the many white households and small businesses in the city would have numbered just over 2,000 and they too often, found ways to use the city for their own devices.

In the ten years of the *Daybook* listings a total of 74 individuals were apprehended, 14 fugitives were noted as having returned to their owner or hirer voluntarily, leaving a total of 849 fugitives at large in the city over the decade. Given the low number of apprehended fugitives, blending in with the black population must have been easier than whites cared to imagine, despite the sometimes detailed descriptions of appearance, family, friends and former places of employment.

[1841] March 9 Mr Heath has a boy Ranaway he is 12 or 14 years old nearly white he has been about Mr Rutherfords on Shokoe Hill his hair nearly white\textsuperscript{71}

This unnamed child, with “his hair nearly white,” might have been an albino and possibly could have blended in with the raggedy children of white laborers since no mention is made of his features. Nonetheless, the white-haired boy remained at large, unapprehended, fed and helped by someone.

By 1840, there were a total of 7,509 slaves and 1,926 free blacks living and working in the city among a total city population of just over 20,000 people.\textsuperscript{72} Of the enslaved, 3,556 of them were women. With these numbers it is little wonder that on the

\textsuperscript{71} DRPG, 233.

\textsuperscript{72} Wade, 330; Schnittman, 74; The numbers continued to accelerate throughout the antebellum period. By 1860 there were 3,400 slave tobacco workers alone, with an additional 8,295 slave workers (male and female) in other occupations within the city including workers in iron, flour milling, coal, transportation, and general and domestic labor in the city. Despite restrictions on living out the practice continued.
one hand the average of 84 unapprehended fugitives in any year found places to hide and on the other hand why the white population worried so about black presence in the city, continually complained about the living-out system. There seemed no way to avoid sharing space with black people whether in traditional master-slave relationships in the domestic sphere of a city mansion with its high-walled kitchen and living quarters in the rear, or for whites wishing to attend the theatre or church. In the crowded streets black presence was ubiquitous.

The majority of the fugitives in the Daybook appear to fit the category of long-time city resident. Suzanne Schnittman found that owners tended to hire their workers to the same employer year after year and the turnover was low with many workers working for the same employer for as long as a decade.73 Some undeterminable number of black Richmonders must have been born in the city although it is difficult to differentiate between the two groups in the Daybook entries.

The largest number of Daybook fugitives were reported to be at large from places of work or residences in the city. Prior city hirers or owners were listed as well. A much smaller group originated in the rural counties surrounding the city but these fugitives were often listed with a Richmonder that was kin to, or a close acquaintance of, the runaway. The smallest number of reports concerned fugitives said to be headed for the north or the west.

There were 190 fugitives reported as having absconded from the country-side. But some were men who had fairly recently been hired out from the city to those rural industrial spots, and were presumably making the attempt to return. These were often

73 Schnittman, 76.
young men hired out to the coalfields in Chesterfield County or to work on the JR&K Canal.

[1835] Nov 1st Mr William F Wickhams man Billy runaway 20th Octr last from his house in Hanover County. he is a black man about 35 years of age with rather a Sullen look but genteel in his appearance he wears a brown coat with metal buttons it is probable that he has lost one of his frunt lower teeth. he has a Wife at Mrs Duvals boarding House it is quite likely that he has an acquaintance in Manchester. he was purchased of Mr Macmurdo.74

[1841] Aug 5 A boy named New Royster has been absent from Geo. E Mills’ pits some six weeks makes his head quarters at a little grocery or pop shop kept by a woman just below Hardings Stables. New is a short, thick set negro about 20 or 22 years old complexion black75

It is helpful to compare the differences in the descriptions of fugitives in the 1830s Daybook from newspaper advertisements for runaways in the 18th century, or from the advertisements for rural runaways in the 19th century. In the first instance, the runaways in the Daybook were not recent African imports, unable to speak English, identifiable with country marks or running with no real geographical knowledge or possibility of a secure destination.76 Not one of the Daybook fugitives is identified as being African born. Nor in the second instance were the Daybook fugitives new to or totally unfamiliar with city ways, even those people who ran from the nearby counties of Chesterfield, Powhatan, Goochland, Hanover, King William, New Kent, and the immediate county of Henrico surrounding Richmond itself. The several hundred

74 DRPG, 120.
75 DRPG, 248.
76 Wood, 193. In 1734 “a likely young Ibo Negro man, taken up near Capt. Charles Russells 100 miles from town near the Congrees, speaks no more English than to say his name is Jack.”
Richmond-based kinfolk named in the reports testify to the immediate inter-generational connections between the city and plantation, coal mine or canal barge workers.

In planning an escape a person might draw on knowledge of the daily route followed by a relative thereby intersecting that person to ask for aid. Or a man who ordinarily had been buying his meals in one of the shacks along Shockoe Creek might know of a back-room where few questions would be asked. Livery stables, warehouses, attics, basements, and barns all had possibilities as places of concealment while a fugitive sought to eke out a living day to day while remaining free. Having longtime relationships within the black community was probably the best advantage. Many black Richmonders, especially women, worked in the homes and hotels of the merchant and industrial elite and the middling classes, although throughout the antebellum period more than one-third of domestic servants in Richmond were men.77 For dining room servants, ladies’ maids, gentlemen’s valets, cooks, laundresses, baby-minders, coachmen, and yard men the routine tasks and physical living accommodations of slavery were much more like those on the plantation than the living-out arrangements of the city’s industrial laborers.

Church Street, Franklin Street and Grace Avenue, just to the southwest of Capital Square, and Clay Street and Marshall Street north of Broad Street might present elegant urban façades to the passing observer, but behind high walls to the rear of the grand houses “the slaves in domestic service typically lived in two-story, multi-pen dwellings with exterior porches, … necessaries, carriage houses, and other dependencies.”78 With the main house kitchen on the lowest floor the living space above would have been hot in summer and crowded in winter. The domestic household closely resembled that found on the

77 Weis, 259.
78 Kimball, American City, 65.
plantation with the difference being that just outside the walls was the bustling world of people and places instead of rural isolation. There was no way to entirely cut off access to the city outside the gates.

In other parts of town, closer to the commercial districts of Broad Street or nearer the docks, domestic slaves worked in the many boarding houses offering lodging to single men, artisans, and young couples visiting the city. Older, single, white women ran these establishments, women who both owned slaves and hired slaves for the labor necessary to run a “public” household that might average thirteen people. After satisfying their masters and mistresses with the repetitive grind of household tasks, domestic slaves would have been eager to negotiate for a pass to attend church or the theatre, visit with kin or friends, or merely to walk the busy streets on an errand. Such limitations on movement were in contrast to the large numbers of hired male slaves living-out, many with cash from over-time pay, and often with extended passes to be on the streets after working hours.

Aug 25 Mr Charles Williams man Melton Ranaway 23
Inst Melton is about 20 years of age black complected
Tall thin Visgge and has a pass and is suposd to stay near the Theatre 80

Perhaps Melton found his lodgings in the several narrow alleys that ran behind the businesses and homes between the Richmond Theatre on the corner of Broad and 7th Streets and the Second Market less than a block away at 6th Street and Marshall. Hired men who toiled all day in factories used the dole meted out by their employers to find

80Weis, 169.

80DRPG, 102.
lodging and food outside the factory walls, congregating in the dark of evening at grocery stores and informal (and illegal) black-run taverns and cook shops. Other hired male laborers performed the endless daily chores of wood and coal delivery, milk delivery, the mucking out of livery stables, the delivery of all manner of goods to places of business in the area around the Capital. They built, paved, painted, and dredged as the city expanded in a continual development of its infrastructure. Dockworkers and haulers along the Canal intermingled with laundresses washing clothes on the grassy area sloping down to Shockoe Creek just below the Cage Bell and the First Market.

The young male slaves hired out to the coal pits in Chesterfield, just twenty miles to the southwest of the city, and to the JR&K Canal works to the immediate west of the city, more often than not had family in Richmond and in the past had spent previous work or leisure time there.

[May 14, 1834] John Goodes man Tarlton Runaway the first of April. he is about 24 years of age 5 feet 3 Inches high. a dark brown complexion a thick well Set fellow a carpenter by trade he has a Scar on his left hand accasioned by a burn he wore away a mixt Coattée and Panteloon and white Hat with Verry narrow brim Stephen Green a free man who lives in Richmond is the Father of Tarlton. the said Tarlton was hired for the present year to Mr James Wilkerson of the County of Powhatan81

For those bondsmen and -women who lived-out from their industrial jobs, room and board had to be found and negotiations made for the least amount of the tiny sum allowed. The back alleys of Shockoe Creek, Bacon Bottom, and Jackson Ward were crowded with makeshift shacks and free blacks that owned or rented houses often rented

81 DRPG, 99.

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space to friends and family members. For workers with the opportunity to be paid for overtime work, decisions had to be made on how best to use this additional money. Would it be a theatre ticket or a visit to the racetrack? Would the money be best spent on an article of clothing, food, or a gift to a loved one? Would the money be saved for an eventual purchase of freedom? Against very high odds, such purchases were occasionally carried off successfully. It was more common however, for a free-black individual to purchase a slave. “A population survey of the wards in Richmond in 1854 showed that there were ‘152 slaves owned by free persons of color’ in the city, many by family members to prevent their resale outside the state.” The city offered slaves many more opportunities to grasp some meager comfort, entertainment, and the company of loved ones in a world hemmed in by hard labor and the constant possibility of violence or sale.

Frederick Douglass stated it best in his 1845 narrative:

A city slave is almost a freeman, compared with a slave on a plantation. He is much better fed and clothed, and enjoys privileges altogether unknown on the plantation. There is a vestige of decency, a sense of shame, that does much to curb and check those outbreaks of atrocious cruelty so commonly enacted upon the plantation.

Perhaps it was that very slight advantage that emboldened even one of well-known slave dealer Bacon Tait’s own domestic servants to also run away. Note that Rachall chose to come in on her own several days later or possibly she had the bad luck to be spotted in the streets by Tait. How, or with whom, she spent her time living-as-free is unknown but she had friends and perhaps kin working in various kitchens around Richmond.

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83 Kimball, American City, 139.
84 Douglass, Narrative, 60.
June 22 Mr Bacon Taits Woman Rachall runaway a mulatto Woman aged about twenty Six years She was formaly the property of Henry D Pegrem it is Suspected that Rachael is at Doctr Tazewells Kitchen Joseph Mayos Kitchen or Eliza Johnsons $20 Reward Will be Given for hir apprehension She came in herself or was appd by hir master in July

Hiding among the crowds of fellow slaves and free blacks thronging the city streets and places of work the fugitives blended into the varied population, but owners hoped a description would serve the Watch in apprehending fugitives at large in the city. Age, skin color, hair texture and style, clothing both worn and taken, plus attitude or demeanor were the descriptors owners used to identify their fugitive property once the name of the owner or hirer was listed and the amount of reward specified. Occupation, possible destination, and prior place of work were included with varying frequency and precision. Common among the listings were the names of kin and friends, with a rough idea of the location of those people. The common choice of stilted phrases such as “he has a father at,” “she has a child at,” “he has a mother named,” rather than “his wife,” “her husband,” or “his mother is named” witnesses the deliberate emotional distancing by whites when they spoke of black family connections.

Women’s bodies were described in a variety of ways ranging from complimentary to negative. “Well proportioned,” “common sized,” “stout built,” “genteel appereince hair unusuasly long,” “a large, black, young wench,” and “unusually likely in face and person” vied with descriptions such as “thick low chunky homely,” or “Ugley and Black

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85 DRPG, 99.
complexion.” Dolly “spoke quick when asked a question,” Viney stuttered, Malinda was a “very intelligent woman,” Milly was fat, and had a” pleasant countenance.” Hannah was “very black, with glossy skin,” Isabella was “quite tidy in her dress and wore earrings,” and Fanny was “slew footed.”

Men were “remarkable well made,” “spare made and Straight,” “a Thick set fellow,” and often “stout” a word that I interpret to mean strong or sturdy bodied. In contrast Alfred Pleasants had a “weake Voice genteel appearance and in all appearance looks like a Gentlemans Body Servant.” Peter was “very large” at 190 lbs. and 5’ 11” inches tall. “India Ink” tattoos covered the arms of sailor Elias Watson who ran away from the Brig Demascus in 1841 and the identical twins Tom and Stephen, age 22, who were “frequently Seen about the foot of Mayos Bridge” were a “Ginger bread colour” and “wore Grey cassinett coat and pantaloons.”

Only one owner was ready to describe his slave’s scars as having come from whipping as well as from a paddling on the “but.”

October 28th  Richard is Runaway from the F.& P. R.R Co  he belongs to Capt Rid of Carroline  he is a tall negro and you will see on his back that he was whipt about 6 weeks back he has also Some Scars on his but where I paddled him  he is quite bumpy under the chin  I will pay $10 for his apprehension I under Stand that he may be found in the nabourhood of the old market Saml P Bibb

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87 DRPG, 175.
88 DRPG, 167, 182, 236.
89 DRPG, 221.
All the other descriptions of scars ascribe causes such as the Kings evil (scrofula—a symptom of tuberculosis), chicken pox, medical procedures such as cupping and amputated or crippled fingers and feet, accidents with machinery, burns, and sores. Five different owners stated specifically that a fugitive had no scars “recollected.”

The fugitives in the *Daybook* were described in over twenty-five gradations of skin tone ranging from “very black” to “dark gingerbread,” to “rather brown,” to “tauny complexion,” to “dark yellow,” through five different shades of mulatto coloring to five fugitives who were described as “nearly white.” These individuals had straight or wavy brown or blond hair, blue or gray eyes, and were said to be likely to “attempt to pass as white.” Altogether one hundred fifty-nine of the fugitives were called mulatto, dark mulatto, bright mulatto, red mulatto, yellow, or nearly white.\(^9\) People such as Ann Ford and Henry were visual confirmation of the ongoing history of sexual contact between the races.

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\(^{9}\) For this figure I did not count the less precise terms light gingerbread, rather bright, light complexion, copper colored, bright yellow, and the several other more ambiguous terms used.

\(^{91}\) DRPG, 172.
and a shirt a round top broad brim hat was once white but it was worn in the blacksmiths shop until it is nearly black or blue with some small holes burnt through the brim please to look out for some time at the wagon yards

Ambiguous descriptions about the color of a person’s skin coupled with acceptable or “genteel” speech and manners could lead not only to escape, but even to running a convincing con job on a gullible captor.

Negro Edmond King has straight hair, and complexion so nearly white, that it is believed a stranger would suppose there was no African blood in him . . . He was with my boy Dick a short time since in Norfolk, and offered him for sale, and was apprehended, but escaped under the pretense of being a white man.

In a survey of the 115 male runaway slaves advertised in the Richmond newspapers (1831-1839) 26 percent of those men were described as mulatto, yellow, white mulatto, bright, or light. In contrast the Daybook figures, which include women, and many more total entries, show only 17 percent of the individuals meeting those various designations for mulatto.

Only 18 of the men in the newspaper runaway ads for the 1830s had their occupations listed. They were coal miners, dining room servants, a tanner, a painter and rough carpenter, a carriage driver, a cook. The Daybook fugitives included many of the same occupations plus many factory and canal workers. I have found no duplications for any of the men named in the Daybook and the newspaper ads. Why pay for a newspaper ad when reporting a fugitive directly to the police cost nothing? Although some fugitives like Henry Sample, a 40 year-old mulatto, who had worked as the head dining room at

92 DRPG, 285.
the Union Hotel for 15 years, were clearly long time Richmonders, others advertised for
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newspapers published in Richmond ran away from distant counties with an ultimate
destination far from the Tidewater: Jack was intelligent, “stammers when drunk or
alarmed” and “his free wife, named Nancy Lewis, is in Lynchburg.”

The *Daybook* descriptions of a slave’s attitude or deportment “deploy summary
judgments” as Jonathan Prude characterizes the use of phrases such as “grum,” “genteel,”
or “very plausible in speech.” Prude makes the apt point that “such formulations
provided splendid opportunities for self-justifying condemnations of “ungrateful”
runaways” by owners. If a man or woman with a “countenance open and free” could
run for “no provocation” how was an owner to understand the “down look when spoken
to” so commonly seen in descriptions of their runaway slaves’ demeanor. Prude
speculated the down look might reflect an African tradition that “stipulated turning away
as an appropriate gesture in hostile moments, so that, at least among slaves, “looking
down” may not always have signaled the awkward deference intuited by masters.

An alternate explanation could be the tradition among many North American
Native American tribal groups, and also in this author’s personal experience within the
African American community of the 1940s and ‘50s, that children were often trained not
to gaze directly into the eyes of elders out of respect. In the same tradition of respect,
Christian names of people older than oneself, when one was allowed to use them, were

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94 *Daily Richmond Whig & Public Advertiser*, 1833; *The Commercial Whig*, 1831.
95 Jonathan Prude. “To Look upon the “Lower Sort”: Runaway Ads and the Appearance of Unfree
124-159. 153.
96 Ibid, 154.
never used without the obligatory Aunt, Uncle, Cousin, Sister or Brother. In the 19th and 20th centuries, whites have often interpreted such seeming deference or avoidance of eye contact as evidence of guilt, or shame in both Native Americans and in African American slaves. It seems to have both frustrated them and even elicited anger, despite the fact that characterizations of “stares boldly,” “impudent,” or “artful” or other more confrontational styles seemed to cause an equal level of consternation. Regardless of the actual reality of impudent behavior, even the perception of impudence could result in severe punishment.

The descriptions of the clothing worn by fugitives are often very detailed. In the late spring weather of 1837 Sally, “Well formed and Very good looking,” must have looked a picture in one of the frocks she “took with her.” The informant does not say they are stolen, but it could be inferred from the description. “She took with hir a Black Silk frock a yellow Muslin frock and a dark Grown calico frock large flowers and a Straw Bonnet dressed with white ribbon.” Well-dressed Sally’s mother and siblings were owned by John Allen, whose mansion on Main Street stood only three blocks from the theatre on Broad Street. Staid Richmond might decry the theater, but during the season over the years preceding Sally’s escape, and while she was an adolescent living in the Allen household with her family, she may have been able to occasionally glimpse the beautifully dressed white women entering the theatre. It is even possible she attended the theatre herself – perched in the gallery with free blacks and other slaves. Sally’s “Straw

97 Personal discussions with members of the Flandreau, South Dakota, Lakota Sioux Tribe, 1974-1982. White people, during and after slavery, might call one’s black elders “boy” or “girl” well past adulthood, but black children would have been socialized to know the honorifics and surnames due the elders around them, to know when to use them. Contemporary standards of childrearing in the African American community now stress much more direct eye contact, firm assertive hand shakes, and other power moves in interpersonal interactions not only among blacks but between blacks and other groups.
bonnet trimmed with ribbon” was likely small “with a narrow brim that was open around the face.”

Black women, slave and free, worked as seamstresses in homes throughout the city. They worked in the shops of milliners, mantua makers, and shoemakers. Men worked as tailors of men’s clothing, shoemakers, valets, uniformed coachmen, and butlers. Knowledge of current fashion was an important part of the daily work of a lady’s maid or a gentlemen’s valet, just as the rules of proper decorum and presentation styles were integral to the working knowledge of an elite dining room servant.

It is quite possible that at least one of Richmond’s “genteel” house servants, especially if he was a literate man, would have read The House Servant’s Directory or a Monitor for Private Families: Comprising Hints on the Arrangement and Performance of Servant’s Work, written and published in 1827 by Robert Roberts, a free black from South Carolina who spent his professional career as head servant in a Boston household. His book was so successful that a second edition was published in 1828 and a third in 1837. In this 176-page volume Roberts gave specific directions for everything professional servants needed to know, from the proper dress for men servants, the proper order to clean house, the proper way to set a table and serve a meal, but also to detailing clear rules on personal behavior and demeanor.

On Monday the 29 July the following male servants absconded from there employers in this city viz Peter a likely mulatto about 5 F 2 or 3 inches high well formed and intelligent and a first rate dining room Servant about 22 or 23 years of age at home he wore mustachios. He was at the time of his elopement and has been Since the 1st day of January last one of the principle

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98 Halttunen, 86.
dining room Servants at the Powatan house in this City
"Henry other wised cald Henry Harris or Harrison a likely black about 6 feet high a first rate dining room Servant about 30 years of age He stutard sometimes Very badly but is Very intelligent He was also at the time of his elopement and had been for many years a Servant in the Powatan House Very generally known "Sam otherwise cald Sam Jackson a very likely black of very intelligent countenance and a very intelligent Servant, he was the dining room Servant of the late Robert Douthat of Westover and also a first rate dining room Servant he is of rather low stature and well set he was als a Servant in the Powatan house for the year 1836 & 37. Since the first of January he has been attending at the Richmond house he is supposed to be about 35 years of age. These Servants absconded in company with Wellington a likely mulatto with straight black hair The dining room Servant of Corbin Warwick, Esq of this city 100

The Powhatan House was located just a short block from the Capital Building at H (Broad) and 11th Street. Opened in 1831, it was "the most popular hotel in town before the opening of the Exchange. Here Daniel Webster, Henry Clay and other politicians stayed in the 1840s." With such famous clientele the dining room servants would have been expected to exhibit the highest standards in service. During their work days and after hours they would have mingled with the men servants of the elite gentlemen visiting Richmond from other cities and states and had opportunity to compare notes on all manner of issues. Peter was wearing the newly fashionable "mustachios." The three men from the Powhatan House were friends with Corbin Warwick’s dining servant Wellington whose place of work was a mere five blocks away to the west of the Capital Grounds. "Well drest" appears often enough in the Daybook entries to continually remind one that

100 DRPG, 185.
101 Wingfield Scott, Neighborhoods, 97.
102 Ibid., 150.
the fugitives came from a wide range of work and residential settings and had created for themselves, or taken advantage of opportunities to buy, barter for, or liberate clothing they saw as respectable or fashionable.

Dressing well for church, at the very least, was the goal of everyone in the black community. Free and enslaved individuals in Richmond, if they were not members themselves, would have had relatives and friends within the church. During the 1820s, and 1830s, Richmond’s First Baptist church had a large and steadily growing African American membership. The white administrators of the church elected black deacons, who under white oversight guided the day-to-day religious activities of the black congregation. When First African Baptist was formed in 1841 the congregation was given the original church building at H and College Streets for their own.103

Sunday clothes were a pleasant relief from the shabby work clothes worn the other days of the week. Claiborne wore a “common fur Cap Cassinette Coat and pantaloons.” Milly, who was “uncommonally large Strong and muscular,” wore “a dress of Lindsay cutsy Broad Stripe or a plaid appearance Red Red and blue colours.” Harry “carried of [off] a Good many cloaths nearly all of which ar much patched and home spun.” Sam “had on Kersey pantaloons and over Coat of the Same.”104

[1841] Jan 18   Ellen A Bright mulatto Girl Belonging to Sal. Bowers is runaway she has on a old Linsy Woolsy dress She has worn a hole on one of the hips with the bucket and has mended it with a peace of the Same which looks much fresher than the rest105

The wear and tear of work left its imprint on the clothing of all working people.

103 Ibid., 96.
104 DRPG, 128, 129, 178, 192.
105 DRPG, 227.
During the week, Ellen would not have stood out in the crowd, but on Sunday she probably joined her neighbors and fellow slaves to attend church dressed in a well-sewn dress of bright colors.

Equally confounding to Southerners and Northerners alike were the Sunday clothes worn by urban free blacks and slaves.

“To see slaves with broadcloth suits, well fitted and nicely ironed fine shirts, polished boots, gloves, umbrellas for sunshades, the best of hats, their young men with their blue coats and bright buttons, in the latest style, white Marseilles vests, white pantaloons, brooches in their shirt-bosoms, gold chains, elegant sticks and some old men leaning on their ivory and silver headed staves, as respectable in their attire as any who that day went to the House of God, was more than I was prepared to see.”

In Richmond, one woman “marveled at the silks and muslins, beaver and broadcloth” worn by free blacks and slaves while remarking what she thought to be a black walking style which made them look larger than they were. A decade later, Frederick Law Olmstead might dismiss the finely dressed black men he saw as “dandies,” but he had to admit the beauty of the “colored ladies” who were dressed “not only expensively but in good taste.” White visitors to black church services were a matter of concern to members of First African Baptist as these observers often interpreted the strength of the black religious feeling expressed in the services and the Sunday dress of the membership as proof of the happy condition of slaves.

The fugitives in the Daybook had access to the support of family and friends

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106 Anthony Burton. The Rise and Fall of King Cotton. Andre Deutch: British Broadcasting Corporation, 1984, 118.

107 Kimball, American City, 107-8, 51.
among a large population of both free blacks and slave and were, in the main (745 to 190), resident in Richmond at the time they absconded. Fugitives were described by their pursuers as members of complex networks of family and friends within the free black and slave community of the city. Marriage (as sanctioned by the black church and nominally recognized at the convenience of owners), friendship, church attendance, recreation and work brought blacks together daily. In so many ways everyone in the black community, free and enslaved, was joined by common goals and understandings among themselves on the one hand, and restrictions and laws by whites on the other.

Given the number of wives and husbands mentioned in the Daybook entries clearly the creation of family, no matter how tenuous or besieged, was an important community value. Whether free or slave, in Baltimore, Charleston, Louisville, Mobile, New Orleans, Norfolk, St. Louis, Savannah or Washington black women outnumbered black men. In Richmond’s free black population, as in most Southern urban centers, women outnumbered men – ranging from 286 more in 1830 to 206 more in 1840. In contrast, among the population of bondsmen in Richmond, male to female ratios rose steadily from 231 more men than women in 1830 to 397 more in 1840. The numbers continued to grow with 687 more in 1850, and is unique when compared to all other cities of the South, as there were 1,573 more black men than women in 1860.108 There can be no doubt that Tracy Weis is correct when she argues, “The predominance of male slaves, together with the practice of hiring and boarding out, shaped the composition and household organization of domestic servants, slave and free, in black Richmond in the

108 Wade, 328-30.
antebellum period. Free black women and enslaved women found husbands among the bondsmen living in the city. The opportunities were present and the potential for complex kin relations between the groups always existed. Slave men had free wives, slave wives had free husbands and there were many slave couples living at separate places of work.

[1835] Jan 19th Mr Asaph Hills woman Mary and Child Runaway Sometime Since about 24 years of age rather Stout has a Scar on her neck and complexion molatto. She was purchased of Wm W Michie and has been living in Richmond for Sometime past. She has a husband living at Haxalls Mill who belongs to Mr John Hays in Chesterfield county. She is Verry far advanced in Pregnancy $30 reward will be paid for hir apprehension and delivery to Mr Hill at Mr Geo. Lumkins apprehended by H&B Bowles 11th Feby

It was on Monday, January 19th, that Mary’s absence was reported to the police. Did “Sometimes since” mean she had been missed during the preceding weekend or perhaps even before then? Had Mary hoped to spend the last weeks of her pregnancy with less of a burden of work and only now, so close to her lying in, did her owner fear that the new baby might be born in a situation beyond his control? Mary already had one child and likely had been married for several years although she and her husband lived apart because different masters owned them. It is unclear what work Mary did for Mr. Hill, but domestic work in his household is most plausible. Her husband, although owned by a man just outside the city in Chesterfield County, had been hired to Haxall’s Mill, the largest flourmill in the city. Her husband may have been among those hirelings living off the company grounds. When did this family have any opportunity to be together?

109 Weis, 42.
110 DRPG, 107.
Upon apprehension Mary was to be given over to George Lumpkin who ran a
slave jail, and held for return to her master. A Mr. H. Bowles caught her on Wednesday,
February 11th and the apprehension was noted in the Daybook. Mary was at large for at
least 24 days and possibly longer. There was no indication of whether her baby had been
born in the interim, or if she had succeeded in seeing her husband, if indeed that was her
original destination. Nor does the record tell us whether the child that left with her was
also apprehended with her. It is within the realm of possibility that only she was caught
and that her child was left in the care of someone else in the town.

The warren of closely built up blocks of tenements, warehouses, alternating with
alleys full of wagons and rough shacks that comprised the western edge of Old Shockoe
Creek was matched with a similar layout on the opposite side as the hill rose up to the
Capitol Hill area to the west. Mary would have had to make her way through the traffic,
carrying or leading her child by the hand, to the level area down by the Old Market at 17th
and Main, where a bridge led across the creek to Dock Street, the road along the river
leading west to Haxall’s Mill. That is if Mary went directly to find her husband.

If Mary’s husband was one of the hired bondsmen allowed to find his own
lodging, she may have headed there or to the home of a relative or family friend.
Someone helped her find food for almost a month. Was it a combination of her
husband’s aid and that of other friends or family? She had been living in Richmond for
“sometime past,” and she may well have been one of the slaves in the First Baptist
Church congregation. Such an association would have ensured that Mary knew many
fellow bondspersons and free blacks that could possibly be called on in her need. While
it went against white church leaders’ intentions and the rules black deacons were
expected to follow, the congregation was far too diverse and too large for constant supervision of every encounter between members of the congregation by any white church officials.

[1839] April 3rd Mr David Pelkentons man Jim is Runaway he is a low Stout built fellow Complexion black 50 or 60 years of age. and he has a wife at Peter Everettes also his woman Betty is Runaway She is 45 or 50 years of age. Complexion a Mulatto. She has a Good Supply of Clothing and a black leg horn Bonnett. They took with them a Ham of Poark and a part of a middling ham of Bacon

Betty and Joe ran off together. The exact nature of Betty and Joe’s relationship is not possible to determine at this late date. Joe had a wife but no husband was named for Betty. Were Joe and Betty kin, siblings, in-laws, or perhaps cousins? Or were they just friends? Jim was born somewhere between 1780 and 1790 and Betty between 1795 and 1800. They were children when Gabriel planned his 1800 rebellion. They were adults when Richmond blacks first petitioned to form First African Baptist and were refused, when David Walker published his inflammatory appeal, and when Nat Turner’s Rebellion brought down murder on whites and retribution on the blacks of Chesterfield, Henrico and other nearby counties. Many fugitives were said to have stolen clothing and some were accused of stealing money, but Betty and Joe’s theft of food is one of very few in the Daybook assigned to a runaway. The appropriated meat and clothing might have been used as barter items for finding places to stay and additional food while on the run.

Joe’s wife would have been questioned and perhaps watched for a while, but surely she must have played some role in the success of the escape. Having a family

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111 DRPG, 180.
network undoubtedly made the difference between success and failure. The two were not apprehended.

Turning to Kesiah, we find a situation that presents more questions than the entry gives answer to, especially since she too was unapprehended.

[1842] April 7th Kesiah an old Woman black colour with one eye White and the other the usual colour extraordinary appearance walks one sided Similar to a crab has a cousin in Butchertown named Peter lived last year with Jonathan Justice runaway last night from George W Smith firm of Smith Bray and Harwood

One might ask how does an ‘old Woman’ with an injured eye, and a pronounced limp just disappear in the city of Richmond. Perhaps her cousin Peter or some other friend or relative helped Kesiah find a job in a kitchen or tending someone’s children or caring for an invalid. Still to be answered are questions such as: What work did Kesiah do for George W. Smith? Having worked the previous year for Jonathan Justice had she been shuffled from hirer to hirer over the previous several years and now chose to strike out on her own? What caused her infirmities? Polio? Injury? Punishment? Was the “white eye” blind? How old was Kesiah? While necessarily speculative the answers to questions such as these would help to give a deeper picture of black life in Richmond.

Betty’s master did describe that 45 to 50 year-old woman as “old.” Does that mean Kesiah was closer to 60? If so, and if she had lived in Richmond during her long life, she would have been intimately familiar with the city and the people in it. She would have had opportunity to be acquainted with many black members of First Baptist over the years or be a member herself. If in 1842 “Old” Kesiah was somewhere between 55 and 65 years of age she not only would have been present in Richmond during the Nat

112 DRPG, 262.
Turner Rebellion 11 years earlier, but she would have had clear memories of Gabriel’s aborted 1800 insurrection as well.

In example after example we can see the varieties of family connections known and implied by the pursuers when they listed their fugitives with the police. Yet despite these details of kin, friends, places of work, both former and current, so few of the fugitives were apprehended. One conclusion that can be made by that fact is that the support network was active, well known among family members and friends, and well shielded from prying white eyes.

[1835] Apl 4 Mr Thomas B Carters woman Alcey runaway this morning. She has a mother Mr Nocholas Mills also an aunt at John R Tripletts. She is verry likely has a brown Skin and Stout made about 5 feet high $10 reward

[1837] March 16 Mr S McRaes boy John is Runaway he is about Sixteen years of age brown complexion had on a brown cap and a neat dark grey Suit of cassinet Clothes he has a Father in law named Ned or Ned Friend who works it is believed at GH Williams factory and he has a mother named Patience who lives with Mr William Gray in Manchester and he has Some Acquaintances at Mr Warrells near the New Market on Shockoe Hill. Ten Dollars will be given for his apprehension and delivery at Mr Goodwins Jail.

Alcey had both a mother and aunt to turn to and there may well have been other slaves in the Carter household who helped the girl. At 16 years old, John was quite young to have a wife, but although John’s wife’s name and location were not given, John was at the least expected to try to contact his father-in-law or his mother across the river in Manchester for aid.

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113 DRPG, 110.
114 DRPG, 150.
Twenty-year-old Sally, the runaway who took several stylish dresses with her, also had many potential helpers to keep her hidden, "Judy hir mother and Several of hir brothers and Sisters lives at John Allens (Irish) and hir father Bob Lives at Richard Minors."\(^{115}\) Sally had not only her mother to turn to, but numerous brothers and sisters as well. Her mother and siblings were the property of John Allen and lived somewhere on his large lot with its mansion, kitchen, slave dependency, stable and garden within a high fenced compound at the corner of 5th Street and Main, just five blocks from the Capitol Square. Her father’s place of work (and possibly his owner) was known to both her and to Henry Gibson, who was either Sally’s hirer or owner.

\[1837\] Apr 22 Crouch and Snead Lilytand I suppose is about 5 foot high very black very sharp nose for a negroe extremly so. about 25 years of age Speaks sharp & quick when spoken to. he has a sister living with J M & W Williams and I beleave he has acquaintances working at almost every Tobacco factory in the place If any other information is wanting apply to Thos. Pemberton. \(^{116}\)

There is a definite note of ire in the admission that Lilytand (one of the most unusual names in the *Daybook*) is well known with the black laborers at the many tobacco factories. These young men spent the monies earned for over work on leisure activities including the theatre where slaves with passes could buy a ticket for the gallery, causing concern about the "riotous spirit among the colored persons who nightly crowd there."\(^{117}\) Afterwards strong spirits were available at the many illegal grog shops. Even if instead the young men of Lilytand’s acquaintance were serious Bible students meeting

\(^{115}\) DRPG, 153.

\(^{116}\) DRPG, 182

after work for prayer such friends and after work companions were likely to have helped
the young man hide and could not be persuaded to give his location away.

1842 - July 25th  Patrick Johnson belongs to Jacob T Altee is
Runaway  he is well known as a driver in the City Is a red Mulatto
about 5 feet 6 inches high  Square built  Has a very broad mouth
nose somewhat flat. Had on when he left a white hat much worn
took with him Two new cotton Ozenburgs shirts and a pair of
Monroe shoes about half worn  he is said to have two wives one
near Henry Johnsons Smith Shop. The other near the Bell Tavern
Jacob T Altee 118

As a “driver in the City” Patrick seems to have had ample opportunity to court
and marry two women. One can get some idea of how crowded the city must have been
to allow the two women to go undetected from each other. Although there is the
possibility that the “two wives” may only be owner Jacob’s Altee’s ill-informed response
to the rumor mill, neither woman seems to have given her husband away, because Patrick
was not apprehended.

When it came to motive whether escape to the north, freedom to live in quasi-
freedom in the city, keeping and remaking connection to family, avoiding sale to the
South or exile to the countryside, are all reasons that appear important to the people in the
entries in the Daybook.

Escape to the north was the most difficult destination and only a small number of
owners assumed that their fugitive had either the intent or resources to
make that move.

Novr 2nd  Ranaway from the Subscriber on Saturday
last my negro man William, about 35 years old 5 feet 8 or 10
inches high Stout made and not very dark complexion he went
off with out any provication having been Sent to town that to

118 DRPG, 269.
collect money for ice tickets it is presumed he eloped with a considerable amount in his possession and has or will no doubt make for a free State The reward of $200 will be given if he is taken out of this state and $50 if taken up in the limits of this state and placed in any goal So that i get him John B Young

Nov 10th Stapleton Belonging to Samuel Alsop ranaway on the 3rd of January 1843 he is about 23 years of age. He is a very bright mulato with light hair and blue eyes about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high very bow legged; has a down look when spoken to. Carried with him a broad cloth coat and roundabout and a coat and pantiloons of cotton and cowshair mixed I have some reason to think he went off with some negroes going to the iron works west of the mountains and will no doubt endeavour to pass himself for a white man and make his way to a free state. I will give fifty dollars reward for his apprehension Samuel Alsop near Fredericksburg Virginia

William had the advantages of money and mobility while Stapleton was light enough to pass for white and he took the unusual escape trajectory of heading northwest across the state, possibly with the intension of getting across the Ohio at Wheeling.

The complexities of city life seem to have conspired to make apprehension of the fugitives more difficult for Watchmen, and in any case there were never more than twelve to twenty watchmen on duty at any one time over the decade and never more than twenty-two men employed as Watchmen in a year. The black community was large, but close knit in intricate webs of kinship and social relationships. The fugitives themselves differed in no significant visual way from the non-fugitive population. They were not Africans or foreigners, but well-assimilated, multi-generational Afro-Virginians and Americans. Some could read and write, some had traveled throughout the Tidewater and beyond in their work. Marriage to a free person established another level of possibilities for help and membership in the First African Baptist created yet another. Unlike later in

119 DRPG, 189.
120 DRPG, 293.
the antebellum, the fugitives in Richmond were not often attempting to leave the city or the state and thus, they were far less likely to have involved sympathetic whites in their plans. The secret hiding places, the low-key work places were kept so by the black community as it shielded its own as much as possible. The Watch could only do just that; watch and hope that sheer luck would pay off. Given the numbers luck was not on their side.
Table 2. RICHMOND POPULATION 1830 AND 1840

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121 Adapted from Wade, 325-330.
Chapter IV
THE STRATEGIES OF CONTROL

The general assembly enacted legislation to aid in control of Virginia's blacks statewide, but control of the streets of Richmond was the job of the public guard, the men of the Watch that entered the daily minutiae into the Daybook when citizens arrived at the City Jail at 15th and I Streets to report thefts, lost personal items and runaways. Despite detailed legislation designed to make control of slaves and free blacks easier, the very nature of the cityscape and the work places within it conspired with the lack of physical distinctiveness between the two groups to stymie the Watchmen. They seem to have found it very difficult to distinguish free blacks from slaves and slaves going about their permitted business from fugitives attempting to elude capture.

The men of the Watch were originally formed when "On August 29, 1782, the Mayor and the Council appointed four constables to supervise an eight man-watch." In 1833 they added two policemen for a total of nineteen men, and they also "placed two officers under the Mayor's control to observe the town's black population." In an act to update the Richmond city charter in 1842, the city council was given the authority to provide a city Watch "in such manner as will most effectually preserve the good order and peace of the said city, and secure the inhabitants thereof from personal violence, and their property from loss or injury." The duty roster was organized into four day

\[123\] Acts. General Assembly, 1842, 128.
policemen under the Mayor’s control and a total of twenty night policemen.\textsuperscript{124} The pay for Watchmen ranged from ten dollars per month for sergeants, nine dollars for corporals, and eight dollars per month for privates.\textsuperscript{125} The men who wrote each entry in the Daybook did not sign their names in the initial report. The names or initials of the Watchmen do appear in the notes of apprehension of runaways and when specific officers notified owners that the doors to their businesses had been left open at night. From 1834 to 1840, as few as two and as many as 22 names of individual Watchmen appeared in the reports in any given year. Throughout 1841 the use of a numbered ward system began to overlap that of names and by 1842 few surnames of watchmen were noted. Perhaps the new ward numbering system was part of the modernization of the guard.\textsuperscript{126}

As the capital city Richmond received a good deal of attention from the General Assembly. It was the city in which they met, lived, owned and hired and sold slaves. The Virginia Convention of 1831-32 failed to pass legislation that would have set a timetable for the gradual abolition of slavery in the state, choosing to do nothing to remedy the situation. Slavery was there to stay for the foreseeable future. The city authorities passed law after law and ordinance after ordinance designed to control the lives of slaves and free blacks more tightly. In the Acts of the General Assembly for 1833/34 licensed ordinary keepers or keepers of houses of entertainment were prohibited to “authorize any negro or mulatto, bond or free, to exhibit under such license any public show, or to vend any goods, wares, merchandize, or other articles, as a hawker or

\textsuperscript{124} Cei, Law, 25-26.
\textsuperscript{125} Acts. General Assembly, 1833, 20.
\textsuperscript{126} There appears to be no existing copies of any previous daily records kept by the Richmond Police Guard prior to the volume in the Alderman Library collection that begins in Jan 1834. Nor are there any later volumes by the Police Guard. There are the Mayor’s Court Docket for 1836-1839 (Valentine Museum) and the Richmond City Sergeant’s Papers, 1841-51 (The Virginia Historical Society, Richmond) that detail activities of the police within the context of the court.
peddler, or otherwise."^{127} By 1838 a slave or free black “caught taking or selling terrapin or oysters out of season (from May 1 to Oct 1) with out permission of master, mistress, or employer, shall upon conviction receive thirty-nine lashes on his or her bare back.”^{128} By curtailing the ability of blacks to use or sell, legislators hoped to keep slaves and free blacks from acquiring cash, as well as to limit competition with white shopkeepers and fisherman. In a presumption that many of the products free blacks might offer for sale were stolen or otherwise illegally procured, the General Assembly in 1843 demanded that a paper signed by “two respectable white persons” must be presented when ever a free black offered “to sell or barter, or to offer to sell or barter, any Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans or other agricultural products.”^{129} Free blacks were more and more being hemmed in by petty and mean-spirited restrictions that affected aspects of their daily lives.

Across the nation, as well as in Virginia, white citizens were placing an increasing emphasis on class and racial distinctions. In the North, Irish immigrants came under attack as being no better than “a nigger turned inside out,” while Native Americans were often described as a dying race to justify removal and relocation.^{130} Within the Commonwealth there were enough racially ambiguous people who claimed to be “descendants of Virginia’s Native American tribal groups” to prompt the following clarification of racial status.

An ACT concerning descendants of indians and other persons of mixed blood, not being free negroes or mulattoes.

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia,* That it shall be lawful for the several county courts of this commonwealth, upon satisfactory evidence of white persons

^{127} Acts, Gen Assembly 1833/34, 14.
^{128} Acts of Gen Assembly, Chap 114, Section 3, 1838, 87.
^{129} Acts, Gen Assembly 1843, 59.
being adduced before any such court, to grant to any free person of mixed blood, resident within such county, not being a white person nor a free negro or mulatto, a certificate that he or she is not a free negro or mulatto, which certificate shall be sufficient to protect and secure such person from and against the pains, penalties, disabilities and disqualifications, imposed by law upon free negroes and mulattoes, as free negroes and mulattoes.\textsuperscript{131}

Everyone clearly understood and wished to avoid if possible the “the pains, penalties, disabilities and disqualifications” of being black, be one free, mulatto or enslaved.

In an ever more virulent tide of Southern racism, blacks, free and slave, were described as “utterly different from whites,” and “totally incapable of freedom.” “Breakdown slavery,” warned Congressman Henry A. Wise of Virginia, “and you would with the same blow destroy the great Democratic principle of equality among men.”\textsuperscript{132}

Of course by “men,” Wise meant only white men. The problems inherent in a free black population were complex. By their mere presence they disproved slavery’s effectiveness. Whites also nursed a pervasive fear that free blacks made slave revolts more possible. In the Watch’s attempt to control the illegal movement of slaves in Richmond free blacks, especially in the bustle of the city, created a permeable barrier through which fugitives could seemingly pass with ease.

Richmond’s free black population numbers remained at or below their 1830 level until after the mid-1840s. Purchasing manumission was costly and the results

\textsuperscript{131} Acts, Gen Assembly, 1833, Chap 80, 51.

\textsuperscript{132} Watson, \textit{Liberty}, 53.
unpredictable. Exclusionary laws prohibited free blacks from entering several of the free states and yet after 1808 all newly-freed slaves in Virginia had to leave the state within twelve months or risk being sold back to slavery. Exceptions to the twelve month rule had to come each year from the general assembly and in 1835-36 in ten separate acts 22 named free people of color plus their unnamed family members, some newly emancipated, were given permission to remain in the Commonwealth for varying lengths of time ranging from one year to five years. Several of the acts stated the persons were being allowed the time to give them opportunity to acquire the “means of removing” themselves and their families from the commonwealth. However, any infraction of the law would result in the immediate expulsion from the state.133

Pro-slavery arguments made in the debates between slaveholders and abolitionists emphasized that “freedom itself was fatal to blacks . . . [that] mortality, insanity and mental retardation increased among free blacks in direct proportion to the victims’ distance from slavery.” Such dire assessments found ardent adherents.134 There were continued organized efforts to promote colonization of American blacks to distant shores. In Virginia the General Assembly of 1833 passed acts to appropriate funds to “for such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the costs of transporting and subsisting such free persons of colour for a limited time, on the said coast of Africa…if the free persons of colour can be found in such county or corporation, willing to emigrate.”135 Whether through fear of violence or to profit in new land acquisition, the removal of undesirable elements in the society was being attempted on a grand scale. It was during the 1830s, at

134 Watson, Liberty and Power, 53.
the same time as the last efforts of the African Colonization movement, that the
remaining eastern Cherokee were removed to the west and the United States Army
battled slaves who had joined with the Seminole in Florida.

The white readers of the Richmond press rightfully feared that some number of
blacks among them could read the papers too, passing the news on to those who could
not. In an “Act to prevent free persons of colour who leave the state from returning to it
in certain cases” the General Assembly stated “That if any free person of colour, whether
infant or adult, shall go or be sent or carried beyond the limits of the commonwealth for
the purpose of being educated, he or she shall be deemed to have emigrated from the
state, and it shall not be lawful for him or her to return to the same.”

Despite such vigilance against the education of slaves, notices of fugitives
purporting to have passes or free papers continued to appear in the press. In 1842
lawmakers found cause to circumvent these punitive laws against slaves or free black
being taught to read in a peculiar case presented for their deliberation. Henry Juett Gray
“a blind youth of reputable character and extemporary deportment, who has made
considerable progress in scientific attainments, is desirous of qualifying himself to
become a teacher of the blind.” In order to achieve that end “it is necessary that he
should have the services of a servant capable of reading and writing, which object cannot
be permanently secured otherwise than by the education of a young slave named
Randolph, the property of said Henry Juett: and it further appearing that Robert Gray, the
father of said Henry Juett, is willing to indemnify the public against any possible injury
which might be apprehended from the misconduct of said slave.” The act went on to

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137 Acts, Gen Assembly, 1842, 164.
make it lawful for some competent white person to teach the slave to read and write and laid out the several sureties the boy’s father would have to put in place. If the Gray family’s plan was successful, it means that an enslaved young man named Randolph learned to read and write well enough to be useful to a person intending to teach others. Randolph would have been among the very few legally educated slaves in Virginia.

Throughout the period of this study the pressures of industrialization, westward national expansion and debates concerning slavery continued to impact the daily lives of Richmond’s slaves and free blacks. The very success of the city’s industrial base depended in no small part on the skills and energy exhibited by hired slave laborers yet it was impossible to run the city as if it were a vast prison, with its slave labor force under constant and strict supervision. The industrial overseer could not control the streets and the Watch never seems to have numbered more than 20 men at any one time. This in a city that went from a population of just over 16,000 in 1830 to just over 20,000 in 1840. After the Nat Turner Rebellion white people in Richmond were ever more nervous about the large black presence in the city, which was very close to half the population from the entire 1830s through the 1840s, but they could not devise a permanent solution to their problem or figure out how to soothe their fears. If industry was to continue to grow, and if the homes and businesses of the wealthy were to be serviced by controllable domestic laborers, slavery had to be accommodated within the city. Everyone, black and white, knew this to be true.

The General Assembly continually devised restrictions on all manner of infractions that whites imagined they had to fear. In 1837 they clarified the punishment for ravishment, or the attempted ravishment of any “white female person” by any slave,
free black or mulatto for which the punishment was death without benefit of clergy.\textsuperscript{138} By 1843 administering poison was punishable by death without benefit of clergy. Selling or administering any medicine without permission of master or mistress was punishable by stripes not to exceed 39 on his or her bare back, and for administering any drug or substance causing the abortion of any pregnant woman, the guilty would receive five to ten years in prison and 39 lashes for the first offence and for a second offence death without benefit of clergy.\textsuperscript{139}

Any white person who used slave labor in their homes or business had to be concerned and all white citizens had a vested interest in a slave system that ran smoothly. From the 1830s onward, as Tracy M. Weis has noted, slave owning and the inexpensive prices for slave-hiring “permitted the extension of domestic slaveholding to nearly half of the city’s white householders, even those without property.”\textsuperscript{140} The men who formed insurance companies to write policies on slaves, slave jails, and slave hospitals all profited from slavery. By an act of the 1839-40 General Assembly even the owner of an executed slave could gain some return on his investment when it provided for the payment for slaves condemned to death or transportation.

That if any slave shall be condemned to be hung or to banishment or transportation, such slave shall be valued and paid for in the following manner . . . the justices who shall condemn such slave shall value him or her at the cash price, for which he or she would in their opinion sell at public sale under a knowledge of his or her guilt; . . . from such valuation the court shall ascertain the average value of such slave, and such average shall be paid to the owner of the slave by the commonwealth.\textsuperscript{141}

\textsuperscript{138} Acts, General Assembly, 1837, 49. 
\textsuperscript{139} Acts, General Assembly, 1843, 59-60. 
\textsuperscript{140} Weis, 165. 
\textsuperscript{141} Act, General Assembly, 1839-40, Chap. 61. 51.
In 1838 the men of the “public guard” of Richmond received nineteen thousand dollars and ten thousand dollars “for slaves executed or transported.”\textsuperscript{142} Pilots of vessels could earn a reward of $20 for apprehending a fugitive on board, and the captain of the ship would be fined $500.

For all blacks who might seek to resist the net of legal restrictions and punishments that surrounded them on all sides there was the additional constant and powerful threat of sale and removal from the state, particularly those individuals who misbehaved, or worse, ran away and were apprehended. Even as Richmond’s prosperity grew by using a hired slave force, there was a steady drain of plantation owners and their slaves out of the state. The migrants took with them slaves from their own plantations as well as newly acquired slaves, often purchased in the slave auction houses of Richmond. As more and more Virginians pulled up stakes and headed west and south, the state’s total population declined by 26,000 people in the decade of the 1830s. In April 1835, J. D. Andrews advertised his wish to exchange land near Hanover Court House “in whole or in part for young negroes.”\textsuperscript{143} With the profits from the sale of his property and new, young hands as workers, perhaps Andrews planned to join the thousands each year leaving Virginia to open newly purchased land in the west. One newspaper, in an issue devoted to internal improvements, claimed that in 1834 alone over 1,000 Negroes had been taken south from Pittsylvania [County], and that most of the other counties had been drained in like proportions.\textsuperscript{144} Despite the loss of these primarily rural plantation owners, and the exodus of white laborers and others seeking to make it rich in the opening cotton and tobacco lands to the west, the cities of Virginia continued to grow steadily.

\textsuperscript{142} Act, General Assembly, 1838, Chap., 2.
\textsuperscript{143} \textit{Richmond Whig and Public Advertiser}, April 10, 1835.
\textsuperscript{144} Seigel, 83.
The total black population of Richmond grew by over 1,100 people during the period of this study and nearly all of them were slaves hired to industry. At the same time, the free black population actually dropped by 34 individuals to 1,926. Once settled in the city, and accustomed to its tradition of enslaved workers living-out on their own, a man or woman could contemplate extending mere living-out to living-as-free by absconding. In this effort, they could often count on kin and friends in the surrounding black community for support.

That support might come from individuals involved in the black church, for in Richmond the membership in the nascent Underground Railroad (UGRR) developed alongside and in tandem with membership in First African Baptist Church. The UGRR, loosely organized and secret, overlapped with church membership. The goals of both groups contributed mightily to the tradition of independent thinking and behind the scenes schemes. The following example makes clear the ways both groups interacted.

It was not until 1841 that black Baptists succeeded in forming a separate congregation yet they were still supervised by whites. The separation made an ironic sort of sense: blacks had been a majority in Richmond’s Baptist congregation from at least the early 1820s, and indeed by 1836 the white pastor of First Baptist had only 400 white members in a total of 2,400 congregants. The sheer numbers of black members seem to have been the final factor in allowing the formation of First African Baptist Church. The congregation elected as deacons men who were leaders in the black community and a significant number of that leadership were slaves, while a majority of the general membership were bondspeople.

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Shortly after the period under study in this paper, the police in Richmond uncovered a secret mailing system used by runaways within First African Baptist Church. A white pastor, Ryland had originally conceived the mailing system as a method of aiding members who had to leave the city, particularly for those slaves who were being sold away. The letters gave needed recommendations for membership at their new congregations in other Virginia locales, and other states in the north and south. Yet members and ex-members were using the system as well for passing on information of escape routes. It was not until 1848 that the conduit for runaway slaves was uncovered, but the activity had been going on for some time.\footnote{146}

These *Daybook* fugitives were part of an ongoing tradition of absconding within the larger world of Southern slavery. Examples of habitual runaways from the notices collected by Franklin and Schwininger give an idea of how insistent some fugitives were in their desire for freedom. Many men and women in the countryside fit the category of habitual runaway, causing owners ongoing concern and expense. One man ran at the death of his master and became a “perpetual absconder.” Another was said by his owner to have “as bad habits about running away as any slave I ever saw.” Twenty-four year-old Isaac ran away five times in one year. Lucy, Sary, Ralph, amputee Bob, and Sarah, all ran away repeatedly.\footnote{147} The Watch in Richmond also noted repeat offenders in the *Daybook*. An entry for September 4, 1837 says “Mr. Watkin’s Betsey” has run again. One finds the original notice for Betsey written by the police on the page for October 30, 1835. There was a $10 reward for her return.

\footnote{146 O’Brien, 535; Kimball, *American City*, 148-49.}
\footnote{147 Franklin and Schwininger, 39, 40, 41.}
[1834] Sept 27th Lewis is the property of Peyton Randolph
abscended and was apprehended by Wm W Pearce & L
McGruder and committed to Jail. he was taken out by his owners
and again abscended before they got him home Lewis is a black
fellow tolerable Stout and likely

Caught the first time in Richmond, the second time Lewis ran, he
apparently was not apprehended and since the notice is in the Daybook the man
was likely thought to have returned to Richmond.

[1841] June 24th Thos. M. Randolphs man Jim Lewis is
Runaway he is a brown Skin 23 years of age has a down look
when spoken to has a Scar on the side of the nose he has been
runaway for four weeks - he got home last Sunday night and has
left home again I understand he has been in Richmond most of
his time and Staid in Rockets - whare he was Seen by a man who
nows him well and beleaves he may Still be found their now Ten
dollars is offered for his apprehension

Even with a witness to Jim Lewis’s presence in the area on the wharfs known as
Rocketts, he was not apprehended. Such clandestine knowledge would have contributed
to the understanding among potential fugitives that somewhere out there if they knew or
found the right person there might be some sort of help available from a fellow slave or a
free black. In extreme cases succor could come from sympathetic whites.

[1834] Feb 24th Mr John V Wilcoxs man Lewis absconded
Mr William Stiths do Henry ditto
Mr Robert A Mayos do Washington ditto
Mr Robert A Mayos do Edenborough ditto
Mr Adolph Dills do Overton ditto
Mr John Pearces do Charles ditto
Mr James P. Tylors man Henry absconded
Mr James P Tylors woman Sarah ditto
Mr John Mattoxs ditto Agness ditto

148 DRPG, 103.
149 DRPG, 243.
The Said negroes Was found on board the Schooner Charlotte Secreted in the load of coal and was apprehended by William Pearce and Thomes Blunt. Capt Edmond Smith the owner Capt Elijah Townsen Master and William Cambell Cook of Said Schooner Were all arrested and tried for the offence George Braxton a Slave belonging to the Estate of Craxton Lumpkin hired to John Howell Was arrested and tried for Enticing aiding and abetting Said Slaves to abscond. and found Guilty of the offence in nine different cases.

In this case the two men of the Watch who secured the runaways were paid $25 each for their success. 

Increasingly slave owning Richmonders felt the need for special acts to secure their slave property. In 1842, the General Assembly authorized twenty-two named individuals and others from the city of Richmond and the county of Henrico to form a society “for the purpose of adopting measures to prevent the absconding and abduction of slaves.” How effective the group may have been is not known. But their persistent fears of slave abduction, enticement of slaves to elope, and aid being given to slaves to escape by water were revealed in several acts generated by the General Assembly in 1841 and then again in 1843. The first act spoke to the prevention of “citizens of New York from carrying slaves out of this commonwealth, and to prevent the escape of persons charged with the commission of any crime.” It detailed the many ways vessels had to be inspected, the obligations captains had to certify individuals aboard their ships, the inspections, punishments, and fines associated with being found in contravention of the rules. The legislature of New

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150 DRPG, 94-95.
151 Kimball, American City, 151.
152 Acts, General Assembly, 1842, 104.
York seems to have responded by having passed an act of their own guaranteeing the “right of trial by jury” for fugitives from Virginia or persons in aid of such fugitives who might be brought before the courts. In March 1843, Virginia said they would nullify their original 1841 act when New York nullified their act. Their new act was aimed primarily at persons guilty of “stealing, enticing, or carrying away any slave or slaves from this commonwealth,” and cited the “fourth article and section of the constitution of the United States,” to support their position.\(^{154}\)

Running away necessitated purposeful intention and there were scary choices to be made. The techniques and lore of absconding must have influenced the ways people came to the final decision to run. There were questions that a fugitive had to have asked him or herself and hopefully had opportunity to discuss with others. How did a person go about it? Was it better to leave at night, or on some particular day of the week? Was it best to slip away without saying goodbye to family or friends? Had the prospective fugitives known someone that had absconded successfully? Black people in rural slave quarters are often stereotypically imagined sitting around the fire telling *Brer’ Rabbit* or *Anansi* stories while roasting sweet potatoes. Would it not have made as much sense for them to have also been discussing running away? Often it must have been an abstract way, of “what someone might do if,” just to keep the hearers safe – more word of mouth information than tale. And what about the Negro Spirituals like *Follow the Drinking Gourd* or *Steal Away*—so long beloved of the musicologist? If ‘ignorant’ field hands spoke to each other in such a code, urban bondpeople building on the rural tradition surely would have an equally complex oral code to guide them. But in the city, the oral traditions were passed in grogshops, on a busy street, or while sitting in church.

\(^{154}\) Acts, Gen Assembly, 1843, 60.
Instead of being about trickster rabbits, stories would have been about ways to elude the Watch, places to find clandestine work, or how to find one’s way North.  

Individuals ran away spurred on by personal reasons, but they also ran away because they had some idea that it could be done and that there were strategies for how to do it that could mean more or less chance of being caught. How did they learn it? An obviously pregnant woman was certainly an easy mark for the Watch, and very young children as well, but even such vulnerable individuals did not just run blindly out in the streets, nor were they all apprehended as we have seen. Each had some sort of plan or at least an initial destination in mind. Only certain individuals were unlucky and were spotted. But the majority of the fugitives in the Daybook seem to have been taking a considered chance that they could blend in to the urban woodwork enough to stay ‘out’ for extended periods of time and sometimes for very long times indeed. Cicily Page was loose in the city for seven years when she was reported and she nonetheless continued to remain at large.

[1838] May 22 Mr Richard Randolphs woman Cicily Page Runaway from him in Richmond on the 12th of March 1831. She was then about 18 years old her complexion rather blackish her figure Very Good Slender and Straight fingers long and tapering her eyes Shew more of the Whites than usual Very flat nose. She has a Sister belonging to Mr Walter F. Jones of Norfolk one belonging to H. Gibson. a brother belonging to Mr Anderson hir father and mother belongs to Irish John Allen who owns a other of her Sisters. She is a first rate Seamstress. It is Supposed that She has 2 or more Children. $100 Dollars Reward is offered for hir and Children if she has any. Mr Randolph resides in WmsBurg


156 DRPG, 172.
Although laws concerning fugitive slaves had been on the books in Virginia since the seventeenth century, in the 1830s, the activities of Northern Abolitionists deepened the concern of slaveholders who tightened the laws further. For several years, the Society for the Prevention of the Absconding and Abduction of Slaves distributed handbills to ship’s captains and paid out rewards for the detection of fugitives. It was this Society that paid the Watchmen who found the slaves aboard the Schooner Charlotte and promoted restrictions that covered all types of potential transportation of runaways out of the state. “Rivers, bridges, ferries, and Northerners” were specifically targeted as part of the attempt to keep slaves from escaping by water. The railway came under scrutiny with the passage of a bill in 1837 to prohibit “transportation of slaves on rail-roads without proper authority.” In the advertisements, masters of sailing vessels were “cautioned” against aiding or “carrying away negroes,” and a certificate of inspection from a licensed pilot was necessary before a boat could leave the port in Norfolk. However, domestic slaves daily accompanied their masters and mistresses, the children of the household, and their master’s goods on ships into the Chesapeake Bay, on vessels plying the Intercoastal waterway both to the North and the South, and on the railroads in attendance with white families. Every trip added to the store of knowledge of how those forms of transportation worked and might be used for future escape.

Passes, free papers, and the help of whites, as well as the accusation of outright theft of these owners’ slaves by whites, was a recurrent theme in the notices. With so many whites aggressively involved in the policing of slaves it was particularly galling to

158 Tommy Lee Bogger. The Slave and Free Black Community in Norfolk, 1775-1865. (University of Virginia, PhD 1976, University Microfilms 77-7603), 265.

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slave owners when they suspected fellow whites to be complicit in the escape of slaves. Newspaper advertisements and some Daybook entries often supposed that whites had either seduced the slave to run or stolen them for their own profit. Leaving the state was very difficult but it remained an important destination.

After reading the hundreds of entries in the Daybook, so many of them describing illegal journeys of only blocks or parts of a mile, I would also argue that we have to be careful not to trivialize these escapes that seem at first reading to be “visits across town.” The “visits” were more than mere social calls. They were an attempt to take advantage of networks of kith and kin to find work and locate food and shelter. Self- Liberated slaves traveled much the same way modern illegal aliens do today, seeking employment, often through relatives or friends, in the least desirable sorts of work, where not too many questions will be asked by an employer.

To the people involved such forays across Richmond were of great importance, if for no other reason then that it was illegal to be out without a pass or permission. The masters may have chosen to describe the few permitted social interactions of bondpeople as if they were mere reciprocal social calls or irresponsible casual hanging out, but it was to the master’s interest to paint actual absconding as directly resulting from the inherent laziness, malingering and stubborn intransigence of slaves. Such interpretations were self-serving. Slaves were permitted leisure time for visits or church in a way that contributed to social cohesion in the larger black community. Fugitives were making for specific people in Richmond, using community ties already forged within the permitted sphere of social calls. Social calls were just one of the strategies that made absconding possible.
To be on the street required a pass. Passes could be forged. Owners were to be informed of off-site sleeping arrangements but workmen lied. Slaves were prohibited from selling or buying all manner of goods or food stuffs, but ate meals in shops and attended church in clean and even fashionable attire. They flouted the laws against running grog shops, or renting rooms. The police carefully noted an owner's speculation of a fugitive's kin and friends but those people seemed to have rarely proved helpful in tracking down runaways. No matter the weather or time of year, individuals intent on running away in Richmond did so and continued to do so throughout the antebellum.
Chapter V
CONCLUSION

This study opened with exploring the ways in which fugitive slaves appear in scholarly writing on the antebellum South. Routinely, historians used newspaper runaway slave advertisements as the basis for interpretation. Newspapers had regional and statewide distribution and the ads for runaways appealed to that readership in outlying areas for help reclaiming slave property. An ad published in a Richmond newspaper, but read many miles away seems to have limited the range of runaways sought after. The data derived from newspapers placed an emphasis on rural slaves, and on male runaways. Chapter 1 demonstrates that the Richmond Police Guard Daybook data is unique and affords us an opportunity to examine an urban slave population including a large number of women fugitives, scores of hired slaves living-out and absconding, and the landscape in which that absconding took place.

The physical layout of the city of Richmond and the ways in which industry, mercantile businesses, and Richmond’s role as the state’s capital all influenced the ways the black community lived and worked. Chapter 2 details what the city was like in the decade of 1834-44, the sights and sounds and smells of daily life.

Chapter 3 describes the fugitives themselves. Not merely what they looked like or how they dressed, but the web of family and friends they could, and did, turn to for help at remaining at large.

The Watchmen of the Police Guard operated in the context of laws and constantly updated and revised restraints pertaining to the black community of Richmond. Chapter
4 examines the onerous legal conditions free blacks lived under, and the even more restrictive conditions for slave laborers. But no matter the restrictions and laws put in place by the white community, individuals in the black community persisted in fishing, selling, drinking, buying, and running away. The city could not run without the complicated participation of the very black community it attempted to keep legally bound into subservience.

The fugitives of Richmond, those who remained in the city and those who sought to leave, their families and their friends, were the force behind the evolution of strategies to help runaways throughout the remaining years of the antebellum. The Daybook lists 295 family members (some enslaved, some apparently free) of the fugitives. In addition, 223 Richmond based friends or acquaintances appear in the various entries over the decade. Easily over 500 people were within the network of potential helpers to a fugitive in the city, especially since the friends and acquaintances, while unnamed, are most often in the plural. Those named are only the people that owners and hirers knew about.

The strategies conceived and deployed by this divergent group of fugitives, aiders, and abettors ultimately resulted in the successful escape of persons such as Henry "Box" Brown and the many more that came from Richmond in the 1850s. William Still said of Richmond's fugitives, "no one city furnished a larger number of brave wide awake, and likely-looking Underground Railroad passengers than the city of Richmond."\textsuperscript{159} The earlier individuals and the ways they found support and succor

\textsuperscript{159} Kimball, \textit{American City}, 150.
within the black community, spurring creative ideas for successfully remaining at
large provided models for the fugitives that would follow them by the thousands in the
later antebellum period throughout the entire South. The following example makes
the point well.

Also in his teens was an anonymous slave brought to the
slave pen in Richmond in 1860. While his career as a perpetual
runaway would be cut short by the Civil War, it was clear that
he was destined to such a future. According to one observer in
Richmond, the youngster was “City rased and has run away twice
since J & Slaters had him in jail.” The physician who purchased
the slave for $1,462.50, G.W. Brown of Perry County, Alabama,
did not know the type of slave he was purchasing. “He ran right
out of Jones & Slaters jail and Slater right after him a hollowing,
Ketch him! Ketch him, & away they both went down the street,”
a bystander said. Slater caught up with “the boy” at the market.160

That particular “City rased” slave had no intention of giving up, and one wonders
how successful his new owner was in getting the boy to the South. Among the enslaved
there was a tradition of absconding that was deeper than merely knowing that some
people did it and others did it repeatedly. Wilma King makes the point, “a part of every
child’s socialization was the preparation for freedom. The Missouri-born Lucy Delaney
remembered that her mother ‘never spared an opportunity’ to encourage her children to
run away.”161 The slaves who ran away were those who “most clearly repudiated the
regime; who dramatically chose freedom at the highest risk; who never let the others
forget that there was an alternative to their condition.”162

160 Franklin and Schweninger, 39.
161 Wilma King. “Raise your children up ‘rite’: Parental Guidance and Child Rearing Practices among
Slaves in the Nineteenth-Century South,” Working Toward Freedom: Slave Society and Domestic Economy
162 Genovese, Roll, Jordan, Roll, 657.
The fugitives of the *Daybook* had a network of connections to turn to, some known personally, others recommended by others. Again the resemblance to the gray and twilight world of the 21st-century illegal immigrant is striking. Brothers, sisters, gardeners, sweat-shop laborers, cousins, maids, cooks, dishwashers, busboys, priests, casual labor contractors, human rights activists, some to be trusted, others needing to be avoided. So too with the escaped slaves in Richmond: One needed to find a friend here, a parent there, a grog shop needing a dishwasher, a livery stable willing to let a man muck out stalls and sleep rough with no questions asked, a captain willing to take on a secret passenger.

The *Daybook* spans the decade after the Nat Turner insurrection when anti-black feeling ran high and access to manumission was difficult if not impossible. The potential abolition of slavery in the south, whether gradually state by state or in some sweeping mandate, was not even among the realm of things thought possible. For whites, sending ex-slaves and free blacks to Liberia seemed to be the furthest their imaginings could reach beyond the “peculiar institution,” and of course the government could not force free blacks to go to Liberia. All they could do was to offer a financial inducement to ex-slaves and few accepted the offer.

With the continued opening of lands to the south and west, white slaveholders were more determined than ever to bend slavery to the purposes of land speculation, to the development of large cotton plantations, and by recreating the civilization of the Old South in the new states and territories. Virginians were prominent among those immigrants, taking Virginia slaves with them when they migrated. Virginians remaining at home sold slaves to others that were going, and within Richmond continued to use
industrial slaves to their profit. In the face of that bleak reality Richmond’s African American community of free black and enslaved laborers supported and sustained itself with faith, loyalty, and persistence.
APPENDIX A:

DAYBOOK OF THE RICHMOND, VIRGINIA POLICE GUARD, 1834-1844

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APPENDIX A continued

Side 1

1834 A Record of Robert &c

Jany 1st Henry Watkins Ollive over Coat with his name in Side of the Sleve and two pair Boots with his name and Hardies wrote on the lining was Stolen out of his office. Twenty Dollars Reward will be given for the Theaf and articles

Jany 1st Mr Stanards Blue over Coat with his name in the Sleave was Stolen out of Mrs Stanards Boarding House a liberal reward will be given for the recovery

Jany 9th Bernard Wickers Store was entered over the Door by means of Breaking the Glass and about one Hundred and Eighty or nienty Dollars Stolen contained in a box which box was found in the Falls His own boy is Strongly Suspected

10th Samuel Balls Taylors Shop corner of 5th and H Street was entered through a window in the rear of the house leading in the inclosed Lot and three new coats Stolen there from

18th G V Raymond had a Small Parsle of damaged Skins Stolen from his door by Syrus Brown a free man who was arrested and tried for the Same

18th Hiram Bragg had a Bag of Feathers Stolen from him

20th Mrs Stedsons Gold Pattent Leaver Watch No 23435 Robert Roskell Liverpoll maker with a Small Crack a cross the face was Stolen from Duvalls Boarding House a few Weeks Since

18th N. Peas, Wm Smith, R. Owen, B. Whipple and Jno. Collins Broke out of the County Jail of Henrico Collins returned

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1834 A Record of Roberies &c

Jan 27th  Baldwin & Kents Cellar Door was found unlocked the bolt of the lock was
Said to be broke one of the Clerks was knocked up between ten and Eleven Oclock A M.
and informed of the fact.

31st Baldwin & Kents Cellar was entered and 7 ps 3/4 Brown Shirting 2 ps 7/8 New
market Shirting 1 ps Drab Kersey 7 fine 4/4 Apron checks 2 ps 4/4 Domestick
Gingham 2 ps 4/4 Franklin Gingham 2 ps 4/4 Plaid Linsey and 1 ps Drab Linsey rolled
was Stolen and carried of

Feb 4th M Cochrans new black coat was Stolen over Galts Alley a short time Since his
owne man is very Strongly Suspected

5 James Winstons Lumber House was broken into on the Dock by James Robinson a free
black who was arrested by B Jenkins and John Pearce convicted of Larsony and
Sentenced to receive Thirty lashes

5 Mr Woodbridges Blew Cloth Cloak was Stolen from Mr William Stiths a liberal
Reward is offered for the Same See advertisement in Compiler of the 8th Instant

8 Mr Daughertys Green Cloth over Coat new with Velvet Collar and lined with Velvet
in front the Pockets Sloped was Stolen out of Doctr B Smiths Passage.

14 Ann Norriss House was entered by a Black fellow who after passing through the front
passage door which was left open by herself he went up Stars and broke open a door
with an axe fastened himself up and pillaged the Draws & Stold a Small Sum of money
and being persued by the Watchmen made his escape out of the Second Story front
window leaving the axe behind

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1834 A Record of Roberies &c

Feby 17 Mr William G Wynns boy Robert absconded the first day of last June from Dinwiddie County. Said boy is about 5 feet 2 Inches high 19 years of age thick well Set and Dark Complected. it is Supposed he has obtained free Papers and is now lurking about Richmond a reward of Thirty Dollars will be given for his apprehension apprehended by Robt Saunders & G W Meridith 21st July 1834

17 Mr Samuel Hardgroves man Henry absconded last Wednesday. he is about 23 years of age 5 feet 10 or 11 Inches high black complexion quite likely and appearance Genteel. Twenty Dollars will be given for his apprehension and Delivery to Saml Hardgrove

18th Doctr M Clarkes boy Tom absconded Monday morning last. Said boy is 18 or 19 years of age a Dark Ginger bread colour rather Slim with round about Jackett thought to be Blue and Blue Panteloons a Lawfull fee will be paid when caught

18 Mr John Enders Ishmael absconded a few days Since

19 Mr Peter Winstons Lumber House on 1st between G & H Streets was broken into and from Seven to Eight hundred weight of Sugar Stolen and carried of

Lt. E Browns Peter Runaway this morning he is about 20 years of age five feet 10 or Six feet high Straight and Slender built dark complected thick lips Dress blue cassimer Panteloons and black vest

20th Mr John V Wilcoxs man Lewis absconded
   Mr William Stiths do Henry ditto
   Mr Robert A Mayos do Washington ditto
   Mr Robert A Mayos do Edenborough ditto
   Mr Adolph Dills do Overton ditto
   Mr John Pearces do Charles ditto

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side 2

1834 A Record of Roberies &c

Feb 20th Mr James P. Tylors man Henry absconded
     Mr James P Tylors woman Sarah ditto
     Mr John Mattoxs ditto Agness ditto

21st The said negroes was found on board the Schooner Charlotte secreted in the load of coal and was apprehended by William Pearce and Thomas Blunt. Capt Edmond Smith, the owner Capt Elijah Townsen Master and William Cambell Cook of said Schooner were all arrested and tried for the offence George Braxton a slave belonging to the estate of Craxton Lumpkin hired to John Howell was arrested and tried for enticing, aiding and abetting said slaves to abscond, and found guilty of the offence in nine different cases.

23 Mr William Andersons Malinda runaway this evening Malinda is dark complected about the usual size Rather tall thick lips down look when spoken to and a Scar on one of her sides supposed from blistering.

24 Col Amblers man William absconded a few days since there being a warrant in the hands of Mr Clement White against him.

March 3rd Mr Beverly Randolphs man Walker absconded this evening and was apprehended by Wm Gardner the same night.

3 Mr Turner Sharpes man Rhemus absconded 2nd Inst Rhemus is stout and likely black complected a blemish in one of his eyes and limps a little $10 Reward.

4 Mr Edmond Steans meat box was broken open and several pieces of meat stolen.

5 Mr John C. Knauffs meat box was broken and some pieces of Bacon and other meats were stolen.

6 Mr J. Reeds Shoe Store on F between 17th & 18th Streets was entered by breaking the glass over the door through which they put thir hand and pooled up the bolt of the glass.
APPENDIX A continued

side 1

1834 A Record of Roberies &c

March Door. then pushed it open and went in and rifled the Draw of about five or six dollars took one red hair Trunk and Several pair of Shoes and made thir escape

10th Turner Sharps man Rhemus absconded a few days Since from his residence in Chesterfield and is Supposed will make his way to King George County Va $10 Reward

12 Lucy M Downmans man nat absconded Sunday Evening last from the Eagle Hotel he is of low Stature intelligent about 35 years of age and a Carpenter by trade. his Mistress resides in Sussix Cty and had Sent him to Richmond for Sale $25 reward

13 Mr Days man Washington absconded a few days Since from his residence in Manchester he is about twenty years of age and black complected

13 Mr Briggs man Minor took himself of a few days Since and is now at large Minor formerly waited on Mr Marchus Cochren

14 Mr Hays Smoke House was broke open on Church Hill on F betwene 27and 28th Streets and three peace of bacon Some peace of corned beaf Some meal and a part of a Barrell of flower was taken off

15 John Floyd, late Govenor of Virginias Man Joe absconded. Said man is verry well dressed and is Suposed to be lurking about Richmond

Jos. A Myers deed Shoe Store in one of the tenements of the Manson House on E. Street the Cellar of which was entered by breaking a padlock by Some person who took Stold and Carried away ten or twelve par of Shoes. the correct quantity not asertained

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1834  A Record of Roberies &C

March 29th John Henrys Restorative was entered through a back window leading from the back yard Supposed by his negro boy and 20 or 25 dollars in Silver one Watch and a Breast Pin taken

Mar 31st A Stage Drivers Trunk and Cloak was taken from the Union Hotel. the Cloak was found in the alley in Rear of the Union and the Trunk which contained Cloaths and Some other articles was found on the Dock with the bottom broke in and Some of the Cloaths and Articles

31st J Amblers man David Ran off and is Supposed to be lurking about the City he was Seen in the Old Markett David is about 23 years of age of low Statue and dark Complceted if taken to be corrected & lodged in Jail

Apl 2nd apprehended by John R. Blankenship and order complied With

4 Lancaster Denby & Cos Lumber House on the Dock was Broken in to and 5 Bags of Coffee Stolen Said bags were of brawn lining with the letter G. on them

6 Archer Armstrongs Tavern on 17th betwen D an E. Streets was entered through a window by Daniel a Slave the property of Mr John Enders. Said Daniel had with him a bar of Iron And was arrested in the very act before he had stolen any thing by Thomas Blunt and Samuel W Pearce about 10 minutes past three Oclock A.M.

7th Mr Samuel Andrews Cellar under his Store South Side E between 15th Street and Shockoe Creek was broken open and the following articles Stolen to wit

12 peaces 7/8 wide Bleached Domestick Shirting
3 peaces 4/4 do undrest New York Mills ditto
8 peaces 4/4 Superfine Powerloom Bleached ditto
1 peace 35 1/4 yds. coarse dark Grey Sattenet
2 peaces Drab Coloured Caimbrick
2 peaces Black ditto

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side 1

1834 A Record of Roberies &c

Aprl 7th  2 peaces Green Flannel  92 yards
         1 peace Yellow Flannel  46 yards
         2 peaces 4/4 Fine Brown Domestick Cotton

16th Some of the Goods obtained and Six of the Theafs Detected and arrested by Capt Geo. R. Myers D. Pearce & J Hoffman

8th Mr Kenadys Man Tom Ranaway from his Blacksmith Shop near the baison and is Supposed to be lurking about Rocketts  $10 Reward will be paid for his apprehension and delivery

9th Mr Daniel Calls man Lancaster Runaway last week of a brown complexion middle Size has lost his four teeth is very plausible in Speech active drink hard his wife lives at Mr Walthalls and his Father lives at Mrs McReas opposite to Mr Beals.

12th Mr Joseph Goodes house was entered between 8 and 9 oclock P.M. by Henry Jackson who Stold a mantle clock a females Cloak made of Black Silk and a Bed Valance and offered them for Sale at Mr Davinsons on D Street and was arrested the Same evening by Thos Blunt John Pearce and L W Pearce

May 6th Mr Silver Lever Watch Makers name Jackson Liverpool No 5218 was lost out of his pocket a few days Since

6th Mrs Morgans Woman Bridget Runaway a few days Since. She is tall an Stout built dark brown Complexion 35 years of age. She formerly lived At Mrs Shields a liberal Reward is offered for her apprehension

Wm Venables man Isaac Runaway in April last near Prince Edward Court House Isaac is about 45 years of age dark complected Tonge Tyed and large whiskers

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May 14th Mr Philip M Tabbs man Moses Runaway a few days since. Moses is a black fellow and very likely, and has a scar on his face appd by his son.

14 John Goodes man Tarlton Runaway the first of April. He is about 24 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches high, a dark brown complexion, a thick well set fellow, a carpenter by trade, he has a scar on his left hand occasioned by a burn, he wore away a mixt coattee and pantelope and white hat with very narrow brim. Stephen Green a free man who lives in Richmond is the father of Tarlton. The said Tarlton was hired for the present year to Mr James Wilkerson of the County of Powhatan.

14th Mr James P Tylors Lumber House Situated in rear of his Store North Side of H Street and three tenements above 1st Street was broken into through the brick wall. Supposed to be about 11 o'clock and about 30 hams and several midlings of Bacon Stolen.

June 1st Mr Silver Watch a large bulls eye. Some name on the inside of the case and Spencer Y. Perkins marked on the face which renders it very notable was stolen from on board a vessel a few weeks since.

22 Mr Bacon Taits Woman Rachall runaway a mulatto woman aged about twenty six years. She was formally the property of Henry D Pegrem. It is suspected that Rachael is at Dr Tazewells Kitchen, Joseph Mayos Kitchen or Eliza Johnsons. $20 Reward Will be Given for her apprehension. She came in herself or was appd by her master in July.

25th Mr William D Taylors man William Runaway a few days since. It is probable that he is lurking about Richmond. William is a midling size negro and quite black complected.

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July 12th Peter V. Daniels Girl Rachel Runaway a few days Since about 15 years of age quite black low Stout and well Grown. Rachel was apprehended on the 13th Inst By B Jinkins Wade & Blankenship

12th Mr John Colemans Woman Margaret Runaway last week about 30 years of age tall and dark complected Margaret was apprehended by T Blunt and L.W. Pearce 13th Inst

12th Mr Henry L Carters man Isaac Runaway Some time in 1833 about 40 years of age a dark mulatto Isaack was apprehended by John R Blankinship and Spotswood F Bowles 13th Inst

14th Mr Peter V Daniels Girl Rachel Runaway this evening and was Seen in Butchertown Said Girl is described above Rachel was apprehended by Capt George R Meyers in Richmond July 18th 1834

15th Mr John F Ellis woman Milly Runaway last week dark complexion 45 years of age boxt ankle apprehended by Wm W Peare and Lewis McGruder 15th Instant

15th Col Jns Amblers boy William Runaway yesterday morning William is about 16 years of age a bright mulatto tall and Slender made with a Scare on the corner of his eye William was apprehended by Mrssers John R Blankenship and HM Wade 15 Inst

15th Mr John Hills man Sam calls himself Sam Fuzzle Runawaway one day last week and is supposed to be lurking about Richmond Sam is a black man about 25 or Six years of age tolerable tall likely and dark compd.

16th Mr Thomas Crouchman Billy Runaway from Westham about the 20th of June Billy is the Property of Mr Edmond Walls of Richmond about 21 years of age Short black fellow $20 Reward

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July 17th Mr Archabald B. Timberlakes Women Edy Runaway from his House in Hanover County Monday Evening or Early Tuesday Said woman is a molatto tall Spar made Stoops a little forward when she walks. 30 or 35 years of age She has long bushy hair but generally keeps it tied up. She is suspected to be in or about the city of Richmond She returned home to her master.

18th Mr Richard Cuninghams man Ceaser Hopes Ranaway about the 1st of July. he is a large Stout fellow not quite black with large Whiskers. Formely Drove a carriage for Capt Thomas Nelson and is Supposed to be in the neighborhood of the New Market or Theatre $10 Reward will be paid if apprehended by application to Mr B. Randalls

18 Mr Peter F Boesseaus man Gibson Runaway on the night of 29th June last from His residence near Chesterfield Court House. Gibson is 23 or 24 years of age 5 ft. 8 or 9 inches rather Spar made. of a dark complexion very polite when spoken to he carried Sundry Cloathing with him one blue cloth Coat one pair Green Corduroy Panteloons and a hat with crape round it. His Father lives at Mr Richard Gregorys above Richmond $20 Reward if delivered to owner.

18th Mr John Enders Man Randol Cross Ranaway on the 4th of July. he is a tall black fellow with one crooked Knee bent inwards his wife lives at Mr Samuel Sheppards and has been see about the Baison frequently since his Elopement $5 Reward will be paid if Appd.

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Aug 16th  Major E. Christons Man Jacob Runaway about three months Since Jacob is a black fellow 35 years of age tall and Slim rather Lanthorn Jawd and quite a pleasing countenance $20 Dollars will be paid for his apprehension and Delivery to his master

16th  Major E. Christons Man John Runaway a few days Since. John is about 18 years of age of a dark Ginger Bread colour flat nose & pleasing in his manners

22nd  A Slave Traders man Henry Jackson Runaway 2 or 3 Days Since Henry was formely under the control of Nathaniel Charter Esq. a tall Stout molatto man about 25 years of age with 3 of his fingers cut off he was apprehended by Mr H Vaughan

22  Mr Joshua Ronalds Girl Marena Runaway to day she is about 14 years of age dark brown hair Platted behind Supd to be in Butcher Town

23  Said Girl Returned Home on Saturday 23 August 1834

25  Mr Charles Williams man Melton Ranaway 23 Inst Melton is about 20 years of age black complected Tall thin Visgge and has a pass and is suposd to stay near the Theatre

27  Mr Lumpkins Girl Ann Runaway this evening She is about Sixteen or eighteen years of age a bright molatto with Straight hair She is verry far advanced in the family way it is presumed that she is in the neighborhood of Mr Wyndham Robersons as she was purchased of him Apprehended by Mr Morgan in Manchester the Chesterfield constable

29  Mr Thomas B Smalls man Jack Runaway this evening he is a large and powerful made man about 40 years of age of a black complexion has a Small defect in his left eye

29  Mr T B Smalls man Lymas Runaway with Jack he is a midle 26 years of age black complexion but little beard high fore head talks drawling and is verry artful
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Augt 30 Mr Henry Smiths woman Milly Runaway a few days Since Milly is a mulatto Girl about twenty fore or five years of age rather over the usual Size five dollars Reward is offered for hir apprehension and delivery to hir master.

Sept 1st Milly was apprehended this night by BWT & JW Blankenhship

1 Capt Buckus s man Frances absconded from his farm near malvin Hills about ten days past Francis is about 35 years of age middle Size about 5 feet 8 Inches high thin Visage black complected and Stands erect dress blue cloath Coat Brown over coat & cap

17th Mr Miles Macons man Jack Runaway from his Farm in Hanover County and is Supposed to be lurking about Richmond a reward of $10 Dollars will be Given for his apprehension & Securing in Jail Jack returned home to his master in Hanover

18th Mr Anthoney Robersons man Charles Russell who he purchased recently of a Mr Smith or Stith Runaway about ten days Since. Charles Russell is about 20 years of age Stout and able bodied flat nose about 5 ft 6 Inches high curly hair and complexion a molatto Charles is well acquainted with Ben a black fellow at Mr McKinzes Garden a reward of $100 will be paid

27th Lewis is the property of Peyton Randolph absconded and was apprehended by Wm W Pearce & L McGruder and committed to Jail. he was taken out by his owners and again absconded before they got him home Lewis is a black fellow tolerable Stout and likely

28th Mrs Shuffeys[?] Girl Julia Johnson Runaway from hir residence in Stanton a few days Since She is about 21 years old brown complexion She has one of her upper four teeth out Stout made & Smiling countenance Isaac Adams free Suspd of decoying hir off

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Oct 8th Mr G Picots man John Runaway a few days Since and was detected in Petersburg & Sent home

9th Mr John A Lancasters Family Store House on 19th Street between F and G Street was entered and nearly two Barrels of Flower one Fruit basket and pots of Pickles an preserves was Stolen and carried off

9th Mr Fleming Griffins Girl Milly Runaway Some weeks Since and is Supposed to be in Richmond Milly belongs to Simpsons Est and was hired by Griffins for this year

13th Col. John Amblers boy William Runaway this morning William is about 16 or 17 years of age well grown and yellow complexion $5 Reward William was apprehended in Petersburg Shortly after Absconding

15th Mr Phillip N Nicholas boy Tom Blue Runaway a few days Since

15th General Jaqulin B Harvies man Jim Banks Runaway a few days Since apprehended in Chesterd

30th Mr John M. Travillions man Billy Gordon Runaway a few days Since from his residence a Dover Mills Goochland County Va Billy is a yellow man 35 years old midling Size down look and Speaks Soft his mother lives at James R Johnsons a few doars below the Union Hotel where Said man is Suspected to be Staying

Nov 5th Mr P K Whites Frunt Cellar lock was Broken by Some Person for the purpose of Stealing but did not Succeed leaving the premisis without any other dammage

7 Mr A Bargamins Woman Dianna Runaway yesterday Dianna is about thirty or thirty five years of age Black and uncommonally Stout built her Right hand little finger is considerable crooked She had on a blue frock when she went of and has a down look
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Nov 7th Mr Nelson Carys man Joe Runaway this morning from his Stable at the Valley Markett House. Joe is a Stout black fellow broad of face & high cheek Bones

7 Mr Shaws Watch and Jewelry Store on main Street northeast Side between 15th Street and Shockoe Creek was Said to have been broken open on this night but the fastning was very Slender and unsafe and little or no marks of Violence appeared on the door and the following property Said to be Stolen therefrom to wit

1 Silver Lever name Ryland 3159-3127
1 ditto ditto ditto Johnson 1 S. Handle Durk Knife
1 Gold French Watch Gold dial
1 Silver ditto ditto double bottom Gilt cover
1 Silver Swiss ditto Figd dial double bottom
1 Silver ditto ditto Double bottom
1 Brass ditto Single case Brass dial
1 old English ditto double do G C aker London 3166
1 Par Percussuin Pistols 1 dozen Gilt Watch keys 1 Seal Some Thimbles one musisk Box and three plated Watch keys

10th Chas Bowe J F & W Allen arrested by G R Myers for the offence
8th apd Ransay Cox S Sublett arrested with 1 watch

7 Misers Randolph & McCreedys Store was entered this night by Some person unknown and two dollars Stolen the Store is on main Street between 13th and 14th Street Southwest Side

8 Mr J Nutall had a coat Stolen from his Tailors Shop on the S. West Side Main Street between 17th and 18th Street about 7 oclock this evening by a man of T H Hardgrove by the name of Robert Lewis who was arrested forthwith and deposited in the cage for trial and the coat obtained

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Nov 8th Lancaster Denby & Cos Lumber House on the Dock between 18th and 19th Street was broken into through a Door up Stairs and two Barrels of Whiskey Stolen

8th Judge Wm Brockenbraughs Girl Mary Runaway Some Short time Since She is a dark mulatto of low Stature tolerable Fleshey bushy head of hair and about 16 years old her mother and Grand mother lives at the Judges late Residence her sister Rebecca is hired to R Whaites Mary returned to her Master Shortly after the above date

Decr 22 Mr Peter J Chevallies man Ben hired to him for this year of a Gentleman in Hanover County Runaway about the first of the present month and is Supposed to be lurkin about Shed Town as he has been Seen in that neighborhood Very recently Ben is midle aged and rather above the common Size and the fingers of one of his hands is joined together. $50 will be given for his apprehension and delivery to his owner in Hanover County or Twenty five Dollars if put in Jail

22 Mr Wm Taylors woman Fanny Runaway about a week Since and is Suspected of being about Rocketts. She is a dark molatto common Size Speaks quick and about Thirty years of age

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9 Mrsers J F & W Allens men Warner Ben and Joe Runaway last week and is Supposed to be lurking about Richmond all of the Said negroes are the property of Mr William Jarvis from whom they were hired for the present year $5 each

14 Mrs Elizabeth Wingfields man Moses Runaway a few days Since Said man is 5 feet 10 Inches high dark complexion hired last year to S S Saunders

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Jany 14th  Mr George Ropers House on 2nd and K Street was Entered this evening between four and five o'clock and a Black fur hat Some what worn belonging to Mr Roper and a blue cloath cloak with black Velvet collar and half faced with the Same and a Small cape and a wine cord terminated with two tassles belonging to Jas L Price was taken and carried off.

14 Amanuel the property of Patrick Pearman of Charles City County hired for the present year to Mrs Dupuy Runaway this Evening five Dollars will be paid for his apprehension by Mr Youll L Rust  Manuel returned to his master.

17th  Mr Weavers house was entered in the early part of the night and a new frock coat and a Baskett containing Sundry cloathing was Stolen by some person unknown.

19th  Mr Asaph Hills woman Mary and Child Runaway Sometime Since about 24 years of age  rather Stout has a Scar on her neck and comlexiond molatto. She was purchased of Wm W Michie and has been living in Richmond for Sometime past. She has a husband living at Haxalls Mill who belongs to Mr John Hays in Chesterfield county. She is Verry far advanced in Pregnancy $30 reward will be paid for hir apprehension and delivery to Mr Hill at Mr Geo. Lumkins apprehended by H& Bowles 11th Feby

19th  Mr Ezikiel L Wrights Store on D and Virginia Streets was entered by breaking the back Door and 5 Dimijohns of mederia wine containing 5 gallons each were Stolen by Some Scounderls as yet unknown the wine was Said to be first rate.
Jany 21st  Mr Williams Girl Harriet runaway this morning from his residence opposit the 1st Presbytarian Church. Harriet was hired from R Price and is suspected to be at her mothers in Richmond

23rd  Mr Reaseys man Nat who formely lived at Mr Horns Musick Store Runaway this morning. Nat is dark complected about 25 years of age Verry low Statature & has a wife at Mr H L Kents

28  Mr Jeremiah Hoopers man Billy Runaway from his residence in King William county last Sunday Billy is about 23 or 24 years of age complexion quite black 5 feet 4 or 5 Inches high has a Scar on the Side of his neck produced by the cut of an ax & a good Blacksmith by trade Said man is Suspected to be about Richmond a liberal reward is offered for his apprehension

Feby 8  Mr William W Michies man John calls himself John Lomax Runaway from his overseer in Richmond last night John lived in Richmond for Some years previous to 1832

9  Mr Henry Smiths woman Milly Runaway and is Suposed to be in the city Milly has Since returned home to her master H Smith

9  Mr Berkleys man George Blackburn Runaway a few days Since George is a bright molatto 5 ft 10 Inches or 6 feet high he has acquaintances at Mr Manfords Mrs Taylors & Mr Gault a liberal reward will be given for his apprehension Mr Berkeley lives in Powatan County*
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Febry 12 Mr James R Ratcliffe had a Bag of Coffee Stolen from him between Sunset and
dark by Some negro unknown the watchman met him and persued him for Some
distance and recovered the Coffee but the negro made his escape

13th Mr Hyrum Harriss man Chism Runaway from the factory a few weeks back and is
Still at large Chism came in himself

March 1st Mr John Poes men Joe and Dick Ranaway a few days Since and has been
Seen lurking about Richmond

18 Mr John Sherrads woman Venus ranaway a few days Since 37 years of age tall and
nearly black her frunt teeth affected genteel appereince hair unuasly long She Still in
Richmond Supposed to be at a womans near the Union Hotel by the name of Jenny
She returned to Mr Monfords

25 Mr Pollards men Rubin and Charles runaway from his residence in Hanover County a
few days Since and he thinks they ar in Richmond Rubin is a Stout black fellow with
large whiskers

28th Lancaster Denby & Cos Lumber House on the Dock was broken open this night
between a quarter before 2 and half past 3 oclock an 10 or 12 Kegs of Lard Stolen and
was Supposed to have been taken of in a cart or drey drawn by one mule as such a
Vehcle was tracked down 17th Street to Said Lumber House door and thence to the
Steamboat Wharf at Rocketts Mark B Walthal arested by G W M with Kegg

Apl 4th Agness White the property for this year of Mr McLaughlin Ranaway a few days
Since

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Apl 4  Mr Thomas B Carters woman Alcey runaway this morning. She has a mother Mr Nocholas Mills also an aunt at John R Tripletts. She is very likely has a brown Skin and Stout made about 5 feet high $10 reward

8  Mr Robert Gordons man Bob Gentry runaway from the coal pits a few days since and is suspected to be lurking about Richmond as his master from who he was hired lives in Shed Town

8th  Mr R V Montagues man Dick runaway from the county of Powhatan 7 miles above Jefferson yesterday and it is suspected will make his way to Richmond in a canal Boat. Dick was Purchased in Gates County North Carolina 26 years old 5 feet 11 Inches high dark brown complexion clothing a grey roundabout and a low crown white dutch Hat he also has a not on the outside of one of his knees $20 Reward will be given for his delivery to Bacon Tait

8th  Mr William Matthews woman Runaway this Evening her name is Jane dark complexion likely and tolerable Stout 25 years of age had on a dark brown stuff dress her husband is named Kit Wingfield and works at B V Cowles factory

15th  Mr J & L Cosby & Cos man Lewis Runaway also the wife of Lewis Eliza Lewis is Very likely a molatto complexion and has several pimples on his face. Eliza is dark complected 24 years of age her eyes and mouth uncommonly large generally wears her hair plaied in front has a down look when Spoken to her child quite bright and likely her mother lives at Mrs Drews. $40.00 reward
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Apl 17th Mr William L Whites man Ben Runaway from his farm in Hanover County one
day this week and is suspected to be lurking about Richmond as his wife lives near Bacon
quarter Branch Ben is about 45 year of age molatto complexion hair nearly Straight and
of an Indian appearance

17th Mr John Holmans man Bob Runaway from his residence in Cumberland about the
middle of March Bob is 19 years of age very dark complected 5 ft 10 Inches high
rather Spare made and the two first fingers on the right hand are turned in So that he
cannot Straighten them $20 Reward will be given for his delivery or confinement for
particulars See Enquirer of the 17th Inst.

17th Anne H Moodys man Ben Runaway from the Coal pits in Chesterfield County he
is a bright molatto man Stout and about 35 years of age he has formely been a boatman
$20 Reward See Enqr 17th Apl

22 Col J Amblers boy William hired to B W Green this year Runaway a few days Since
16 years of age molatto complexion & slender built William returned home to Mr
Green himself

22 Mr Fleming James boy Alfred was put with Mr John Frayser this year Runaway about
3 weeks Since he is quite Small & molatto complexion he was apprehended by a
citizen and delivered

22 Mr Orville Jefferies woman Molly Runaway from his farm in King & Queen County
a few days Since She is dark complected Smooth Skin likely well dressed has lost one
tooth and about 23 years of age Henry Hill is her husband & lives in Richmond

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Aprl 23rd Mr John Liggons Girl Runaway She is about 16 years of age dark complexion quite likely and has the Scauffula which is Visibilly exibited on her neck five dollars reward

27th Mrs Richardsons man Harry Runaway from hir Boarding House appesite the Banks Saturday Harry is a molatto man about 36 years of age and has a wife living a Doctr Trents five dollars reward Chs Palmer his master took him back

28th Mr Edmond L Taylors boy William runaway from his masters residence in Hanover County near Taylors Ville William is about 15 years of age Verry dark complexion and well grown had on a par of cordurary panteloons and Sattinette roundabout See Whig 28th

May 2nd Mr Hyram Harris man Soloman Runaway from his factory in Manchester a few days Since $5 Reward is offered

7 Mrs Sarah Hendre[?] boy Allen Runaway Sunday last 14 years of age dark colour had on a Suit of dark domestick he has a brother at Mr Reynaults named Fleming Ten dollars is offered for his apprehension

7 Mr George Coxs cariage driver named Morris Runaway 2 or 3 weeks Since he is about 45 or 50 years of age about 5 feet 7 or 8 Inches high and tolerable bright complexion $20 Reward is offered appd by JR & JW Blankenship

7 Mrs Walkers man Phill runaway Several weeks Since he is quite an old man and Stoops when Walking

8 Mr John Peters man Kearney Runaway from his plantation in North hampton county (NC) 25 years old Verry likely dark complexion 5 feet 11 Inches high has several Scars on his arms and one Straight toe $300 Reward Se Enqr 8 May appd in Henrico county by a citizen and committed to Goal
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May 11 Mr Peter V Daniels man Tom Runaway he is about 35 years of age brown complexion and Stout made

11th Col Claibourne W Goochs woman Anna Runaway a few days Since and is Supposed to be in Richmond apprehended 12th Inst by William W Pearce and Lewis McGruder

12th Mr Thomas Johnsons Man Landsey runaway about one week Since and is Supposed to be in Richmond he is about 5 feet 10 or 11 Inches high rather dark mulatto Stout mad Grum look and when Spoken to Speaks Short $25 Dollars Reward will be given for his apprehension and confinement in Jail or for his delivery to Mr David Anderson Jr in Richmond Mr T Johnson resides at his farm in Louise County from whence the Said negro eloped after Severally beating his overseer

13th Mr Hyram Harris man Guy Runaway a Short time Since and lived with W Graner last year and is supposed to be in Richmond

13th Mr W H Houchings of Goochland County has a man runaway named Americus about twenty years of age yellow complexion has a wife at Mrs Woodwards and a mother at Mrs Hatchers named Violet

22nd Martha R Puckett had six large old fashioned Silver table Spoons Stolen from her they were Stamped on the back Demilt with letter B and the Initials LMP engraved on the front of the handles

23 Mr John Heaths men Hanibal Joe Payton & Moses Runaway Hanibal was arrested by Capt Jenkins Moses by BW Tolly & Levy Taylor
May 23rd Mr Andrew Stevensons man William Runaway this morning and took with him all his cloathes his wife lives at Nicholas Mills

30th Mr L L Mayos boy Henry runaway from Goochland County a few days Since he is about 16 years of age & yellow complexion

30th Mr L N Cloughs woman Runaway Sometime in April last her name is Judy about 40 years of age 5 feet 6 inches hight Spair made dark brown complexion and a good Set of teeth for a woman of her age

30th Mr Elletts boy Sigh Runaway from his farm in King William County a few days Since he is Black Slender made 16 years age with a full prominent eye. he has a Father and Mother living at Mr BW Greens named Sygh & Betty $10 reward is offered

June 8 Mssers JF& W Allens man Barnett Runaway a few days Since complexion black tolerable tall and has a pass to go to Betsey Clarks who lives near the County CH

8th Hoopers & Graffs Store opposite the Bell Tavern was entered from the rear or passsage of the House by Some person unknown and the following property was Stolen tharefrom
1 peice Superfine brown cloath 16 yards
1 do fine blue cloath 16 yards
2 blue dress coats 3 Green De Nass umbrellas 1 Sham 3 or 4 Vests $30 reward the above property was Stolen on the night of the 5th Inst

9 Mr Nuckles boy William Runaway a few days Since he is about 14 years of age complexion molatto and has a Scar on the right side of the face
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June 10th Mr Lumpkins boy Fedrick runaway about 12 o'clock to day he was brought from Norfolk a few days Since which place no doubt he will endeavour to make his way he is about 14 or 15 years of age dark brown complexion had on Striped Pantaloons and roundabout and a cap

17th Mr George W Atkinsons man Billy Runaway several days Since he is of middle Statue 35 years of age and has the hernia and wears a truss he formely lived at Broaches Stable Ten dollars will be given for his apprehension recovered

17 Mr William Goodes man Oliver Runaway from his residence in Mecklinburg County he is of brown complexion & common Size

21st Mr Henry T Drewrys Man Washington Runaway a few days Since from his farm in Amelia County He is a tolerable bright mulatto about 5 feet 7 or 8 Inches high Strait carriage and well proportioned a full head of hair and Verry polite. about 25 years of age had on a suit of brown casinette Velvet Vest and black Hat. Also at the same time his man Billy absconded he is a black man about 5 feet 4 or 5 Inches high 35 years of age Stout built with a good Set of teeth an little inclined to be knocked need with a long Scar on the side of his head reaching to the center of his forehead $25 dollars reward is offered for the apprehension of Washington and $20 for the apprehension of Billy to be delivered if apprehended at Mr B Taits Jail Washington & Billy both returned

28th Mr John Carters man Runaway yesterday morning he is very likely Slim made tall and complexion black Grum look eyes red when he left home about 22 years of age and has the marks of the lash on his back
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June 29th Mr Nelson Carys men George Sam and Jim all Runaway last night George is a tall mulatto man with large whiskers and lodges in a House near Jacksons Jail Sam is a black man Jim is a Small black mam and has a child at David Whites on Shockoe Hill and one on the Baison

July 10th Mr A M Harrisons man Sam or Sam White absconded from his farm 1st of June he is about 23 years of age black and Slender made teeth unuseally white and Conspicuous 5 feet 10 Inches high $20 reward

10th Mr W Bashers Woman Milly runaway She is about 35 years of age dark complexion a very Stout Square built Woman

10th Mrs Savages woman Phillis runaway last night or early this morning appd in Manchr

13th Mr Edward Martins woman Kitty runaway two or three days Since She is about 20 years of age dark brown complexion tolerable tall and likely She returned home 16th Inst

14th Mr John Hillards woman Isabella runaway Some Short time Since She is of a light Ginger bread Colour and Verry likely She was hired from W H Dickinson

14th Mr Augustin L Laytons man Henry runaway from Spottsylvania county on the 30th June last Henry is a tauny complexion fellow Verry likely about 5 feet 4 or 5 Inches high and about 25 years of age has several marks on his neck produced by the Kingsevil it is suspected that he is in company with a white who will endeavour to Sell him $50 reward if taken out of the State $25 if taken in Se Enquirer of the 14th July for particulars

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July 14th  Andrew Stevensons man John runaway from his farm in Hanover County about the 1st of July he is about 20 years of age Stout made and dark colour with large eyes and big mouth $10 reward Se Enqr 14th Inst

19th  T&N Tallys Store on F Street was entered by means of a false key last night and the following property taken One Box Spermecitti Candles marked Plimuth with red chalk 40 or 50 lbs best bro. Sugar & 4 or 5 dollars in money

19th  Mr Richard Andersons man Andrew runaway about two weeks Since he is rather advanced in years little inclined to be Gray and is hired from Mr A Brooks apprehended by J Reaford

21st  Mr John Georges man Runaway he is a young man tall and Spare made complexion black has a brother living at Mr. Hardys near the Old Market House the Said runaway is named Randal

31  Mr Robert Lumpkins man James or James Ca[?] a bright mulatto with blue eyes, Straight hair of a sandy colour about six feet high he was purchased of Mr Spotswood Grigsby of Fairfax County Virginia he has relations in Chesterfield at Mr James W Winfree’s, he said, where he perhaps is gone. he left home on the 26th Inst $50 reward

Augt 11 Mrsers William W Betts and T W Knights man Austin runaway in May last about 5 feet 8 or 9 Inches high bright complexion he was purchased of Mr G W Stantack of Petersburg. $50 reward for his apprehension and delivery to his masters in Lunenburg County or Secured in Jail

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Augs 20 Mr Dudley Atkinsons man ranaway on the 10th of July last he is about 35 years of age of middle Stature has a good set of teeth is active and sprightly he is affected with the hernia and wears a truss $40 reward

20 Mr R Dudleys man Elijah runaway this day he is about 24 years of age 5 feet 7 or 8 Inches high complexion black round Shouldered was hired from King William Cty, returned

26 Mr Francis J Smiths man Anthony ranaway about the first Inst. he is about 30 years of age 5 feet 8 or 9 Inches high a Shoemaker by trade $100 out of the State $50 out of the county and $25 dollars any where

Sepr 1st Mr Samuel L Myers man Mark runaway this Evening. he is a tall Stout fellow rather inclined to be lean prominant features Shows his teeth and wears his hair in a top not which renders his Verry notable Said man was hired from Mr Samuel Sublett for the present year.

8 Mr David W Patesons Girl Mercer runaway She is a likely mulatto Girl

12 Mr Smiths man Peter Wilmore runaway a few days Since he has a wife at Mrs Dufeys where he is expected to be Peter returned home 13th Inst

14 Mr George Willhelms Grocery Store was entered between 3 and fore oclock (this night) by three negro men who took therefrom one midling of bacon one Blue Cloath coat one hat and a few pair of Ladies Shoes and made thir escape. The Said Store is on H between 1st and 2nd Streets north Side

Oct 1 Mr Hyram Harrisses boy Soloman runaway a few days Since who he hired from Doctor Samuel Pleasence
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Oct 2 Mr Emanuel J Myers left his window unfast and says the following goods were taken therefrom (to wit) 4 pieces striped casinet 16 pair casinet pantaloons 5 dozen handkerchiefs 3 or 4 dozen bleached shirts 15 or 16 second hand coats and some looking glasses.

11 Mr William Gibsons over coat was stolen from his mothers. By Joe Tucker the property of J&S Cosby and was pursued and taken by Geo. W Meredith & Ro. Saunders and the coat recovered and restored to the owner and the said Joe sentenced to receive thirty nine lashes.

30 Mr Watkins woman Betsey runaway in August last from his farm in Charles City County. Betsey is between 35 and 49 years of age dark brown. She has a straight finger on her right hand and has a sister living opposite the 1st Baptist Church and her husband lives at Mr Picots if taken to be delivered to Mr Putney under the Eagle Hotel appd & deld.

30 Wm Kellogs Grocery on 15th Street was entered through the window last night and the following articles stolen 2 boxes mould candles 10 to the lb. 2 pair boots 5 pair shoes 5 pair brogans 2 second hand umbrellas 1 box phosphorus matches 1 tin candle stick 6 shirts 1 silk handkerchief 4 collars $9 in cash 1 small desk key 10 lumps sugar 11 pocket knives very inferior 11 pocket knives bladed 1 dozen wood combs 1 cloaths brush and probably 6 or 8 hams of bacon.

30th J & S Cosbeys Store was entered with a false key the 24 Inst and 52 blanketts and an pair of boots stolen and Phil was arrested in possession of the boots. Phil is hired this year by D Bridges.

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Octr 31st Mr F Laman had 2 Sircassion ladies cloaks taken from his Store about 6 o'clock to night before his doors were closed.

31st B J Kent had a carriage bridle Stolen from his Stable a few days since brass-mountins double runes and brass [?].

Nov 1st Mr William F Wickhams man Billy runaway 20th Octr last from his house in Hanover County. He is a black man about 35 years of age with rather a Sullen look but genteel in his appearance he wears a brown coat with metal buttons it is probable that he has lost one of his front lower teeth. He has a Wife at Mrs Duval's boarding House it is quite likely that he has an acquaintance in Manchester. He was purchased of Mr Macmurdo.

1st Mrs Richardsons boy Henry runaway three or four days since he is dark complected about 17 years of age and a little nocked need.

3rd Mr Corbin Warwicks man Luckner runaway last Sunday complexion dark Size midlin rather tall about 35 years of age and has a Sister at Mr Wises in Butchertown or at Bacon Quarter branch

14th Mr L Pallens woman Isabella runaway last evening. She is about 24 years of age dark brown complexion Stout made and has a bushy head of hair her Husband lives at BW Greens and her mother at Mr McCarty's $10 Dollars reward.

21st Mr Lumpkins and Moesbeys cellar was broken open. South west corner of D & 13th Streets and Some Bacon Soap Candles &c Stolen therefrom and Adam Thomas and Hardgrove & George Anderson T V Hardgrove arrested tried for the Same. the former convicted for Burglary the latter for Grand larceny

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Dec 21st Mr S J Levi had Stolen from his counter one common camlett Cloak blue lined with baize with red Velvet Collar and one black fur hat Baldwin & Kents Stephen was arrested by W W Pearce and Lewis McGruder with a roll of Black cloath and Sundrey other articles which were Stolen by him foron B&Kents Store

31 Judah Myers lost a box containing 60 pair brogans red and pegd from his doar 24th Inst the box is marked J or Judah Myers No 17

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Jany 19 Mr E L Wights man Bob or Bob Christian Runaway from his farm on the 6th Inst. he is a thick wide Set fellow dark complected 35 years old 5 feet 8 or 10 Inches high has a Scar over the left eye accasconed by a burn $20 dollars reward.

19 Col Samuel had his Pockett book stolen from his room at the Bell a few days since which contained $150 in 5 notes of 20 dollars and one of 50 dollars and Sundrey bonds and his commission as commandent of the 30th Regiment

20 Mr S J Levi had an over coat taken from his Store by a negro Saturday last 6 oclock 15th PM

22 Mr A Taylors boy Henry Runaway 8 or 10 days Since $20 reward appred by LF Bowles

23 Doctr Picots boy Lewis Runaway to day and has two brothers living near the theatre

23 Mr Branch A Saunders man Jacob runaway he is about 35 years of age Stout fellow and cross eyed.

25 Mr Purval Turners man Jacob also his woman Maria Wife of Jacob Runaway from his mill 7 miles above Manchester Jacob is 34 years old tall black and down look. Maria Stout Ginger bread colour Maria was appd by M & Saunders
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Jany 29 Mr Henley's Girl runaway this Evening about 15 years old molatto hir mother lives at Richd Minors hir name is May

30 Mr Warner T Taliaferros man Joe absconded about 11 months Since he is about 20 years Old five feet 6 or 8 Inches high rather Slender built Smooth black Skin Grave Santified countenance is quite intelligent and wears his hair well cobed in front he formerly lodged at John Smiths in the old capital if apprehended to be delivered to Mr P.M Tabb who will pay $50

30 Mr P M Tabbs Girl Nancy runaway a few days Since is 20 or 25 years old. She has a Sister at Mr Solomons near the county Court House where She probably is lurking.

30 Mr Wm W Gregory boy Henry runaway from his farm in Chesterfield Cty a few days Since he is suspected to be lurking about Richmond and is 19 years old complexion black

31 Mr Robert M Saunders man Bob runaway a few days Since he is about 55 or 60 years old Small eyes 5 feet 5 Inches high. Stout built broad Shoulders and black countenance has relations at Rebecker Jacksons

31 Mr Wm B Lipscombs two men towit Nelson and Tompson is runaway Nelson is a low molatto fellow.

31 G L Waddys man Dennis runaway about the 15th of Decr last he is low black fleshy face polite intelligent and 40 years old GLW resides in Louisa County Va See Enq Jan 30

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Feby 2nd Doct Peers Woman Betty Ann runaway a few days Since. She is about 18 or 19 years of age dark complexion rather tall and quite likely. hir Husband is named Adam belonging to Mrs Bowles in Hanover Cty and hired to John Barr as a Boutman for the current year. If apprehended to be delivered to Mr John Liggon

10 Mr Joseph Marxs man David runaway from the falls plantation. he is about 35 years old Stout made and black.

11 Mrs Dennis Girl Maria absented hirself from home on the evening of the 9th Inst. hir complexion is yellow She has a defect in one of hir eyes and uncommonly Small and diminutive for a Grown person $5 dollars reward

17 Mr Wm Lumpkins man Barney Stole two or three Hundred sollars and runaway a few days Since from his farm in Hanover County. he is about 23 years of age. Slim tall and black

18 Judge Wm Broockinbroughs Girl Roxey runaway a few days Since. She is Stout black thick low chunky homely has a Scare on one Side of her face blacker than the rest of hir face and about 20 years old tho she looks to be older if apprehended to be delivered in B Taits Jail $5 reward.

19 Mr Richard Cunninghams Girl Fany Runaway from the Cotton Factory She lived last year at Mrs Mahons in Vally Street

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Feby 19th Mr Henry Gibsons man Tom or Thomas absented himself from home on Tuesday last. He is about 6 feet 2 Inches in hight and black complexion

19 Hooper & Graff had the following articles Stolen from thir Store a few evenings Since before they had closed their doars by one of Mr Poitiaux Robinsons negroes. Supposed to be George Pleasants - viz - 3 blue coats. 1 pair drab Pantelhoons. 1 Silk Velvet Vest. 2 blue coats were found in William Carters Trunk and one of the coats the pats & the Vest were found in Manual Elias Trunk by L McGruder & Wm W Pearce and restored to the owner and the offenders arrested and received the penelty o f the Law all belonging to Mr P[?] Robinsons Factory

20 Mr Haistings had Some Sugar and Boots Stolen from his Store last Sunday. Viz - 6 pair and 13 lumps by Simeon, Branch & Cosby who was arrested and punished and Ned B H Cosby was foun in possesson of 2 pair of Boots having 1 pair on his feet and 2 lumps of the Sugar found in the factory kitchen of BH Cosbeys By Wm W Pearce & L McGruder and Ned arrested and flogged and the property restored to the owner

24th Mr Bennett Scotts Drapers & Taylors Store on E between 13th and 14th Streets South west Side was entered last night by Some theafs or theafes ether through the Side doar in the passage (the frunt Doar of the passage having been neglently left open) *
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Feb'y 24th Or through the back window and the following articles Stolen. Viz -
2 Green frock coats double breasted dark
1 do do do do do do do Velvet collar
1 Blue coat light colour large Size
1 olive brown coat Small size
1 Black coat. made for Mr B S himself and probably Several others not recollected
1 Verry dark blue camblett cloak with wadding
3 pair blue panteloons
1 do green Striped panteloons
1 do ditto
do light lead coloured ditto
1 peice plaid Velvet yellow Stripe
1 do figured do
1 do brown cloath
2 do dark Green cloath
1 do blue cloath
Several remnants Say 1 3/4 yds in each
Several blue black different qualities
1 peice black Silk Serge
The back windows Side passage doar and the Middle doars were all left open desinedly
or otherwise.

28th Mrssers Bowe Winfree & Cos man Anderson Runaway Sometime Since from thir
factory in Petersburg and is Supposed to be lurking about Richmond He is a tall fellow
and his complexion mulatto appd by G McGruder

28 Mr Richard Andersons man Dabney eloped Friday morning last. he is a black fellow
likely down Sleepy look about 22 years old and 6 feet 2 or 3 Inches hight. he is hired of
Mrs Pollard and lived at Mr John Enders Factory for the last 4 years he has a months
pass. Apprehended by G McGruder
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Marh 5 The Jail of the City of Richmond was broke and the following prisoners Escaped tharefrom this night viz  Miller (alias) Bruce Powell and Bailey. all White.

9th Thomas C Keesees woman Tenor is Runaway She is about 35 years of age hir husband is named Lewis Price and belongs to Jno Enders a libral reward is offered for hir apprehension and delivery at Bacon Taits Jail. She has been absent two or three weeks and is supposed to be lurking aabout Richmond

14th Mr Francis Staples woman is runaway named Maria She is a large Stout mulatto woman with Severl Scars on her neck accaisioned from the Kingsevle.

14th L W Tazewell Esqrs woman Lucy is Runaway She is 22 years of age well made Ugley and Black complexion. She has a Sister at Doctr McCaws one at Jas Brown Jnrs and a brother at David Andersons Twenty Dollars Reward is offered appd by Capt Jenkins. B & Gardner

15 Anderson Bowe & Cos boy Andrew absconded from thir Factory in Petersburg Sometime Since and is Supposed to be lurking about Richmond. Andrew is a low black fellow big Head and about 19 years of age five dollars Reward

22 B & L Jones woman Jane Runaway Several days Since She is about 24 years of age tolerable tall and likely. and dark complexion. The Said Jane was apprehended by B W Totty and Albert Goff this night in the Hous with and harboured by George the property of Mr Wamble

30th Mr Barnard Wickers woman Delphy Runaway a few days Since She is Stout & Black appd by J Wright

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Apl 4th Doctr Scots man Isham or Hishman Runaway a few days Since. he is of a Ginger bread Coular & 5 feet 8 Inches high

4th Mr James E Heath's man Olivay Runaway a few days Since. he is about 21 years of age Stout made bushy head of hair and Ginger bread colour. he was hired of Doctr Sutton of the County of Caroline where He is probably gone but he is Suspected to be lurking about Richmond in the neighborhood of the Bell Tavern.

8 Bowe Winfree & Cos man Claiborne Runaway from thir factory in Petersburg 30th of March last he is about 18 years of age bright complexion tolerable fleshy with large eyes. Wares a common furr Cap Cassinette Coat and pantaloons and belongs to Mrs Susannah Bowe of Hanover County

15 Mr Benj. F Porters man Edwin Burks runaway from his residence in the county of Rockbridge about the 18th of November last. he is of a yellow complexion 5 feet 10 Inches hight rather raw boned Stoooped a little in his Shoulders his countenance Verry good hair tolerably bushy he has lost most of his Jaw teeth and is what may be called lantern Jawed. he is a good Shoemaker and has free papers with him. $150 Reward out of the State and $50 if taken in the State and Secured in the Gaol: See Enqr 15th Apl 1836

15 Mr William Phillips man Abram Runaway from him on the 11th of December last. he is 27 years of age 4 feet 8 Inches high broad Shoulders thin ankles. his right foot turns out and his left turns in. he has a cut across the inside of his right wrist and Scar over his left eye. $20 reward. See Enqr to day

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Apl 17 Mr Reaslys man Richard runaway Some time Since he is nearly 5 feet high close made darke colour and has Verry little hair on his head and about 30 years of age he has a brother at Mr H L Kents by the name of Nat $25 Reward is offered

17 also his man Ben is is Runaway Ben is from 2 to 4 Inches taller than Richard not So dark complexion not So close made and about 24 years of age $25 Reward is offered for his apprehension and delivery or for his confinement also

17 Mr Boyds black frock coat a little worn was Stolen from Mr J Scotts Taylors Store last night about 8 oclock or a little after Supposed to be by a negro who came in under a pretence to buy

18 Mr McDowells Woman Milly Runaway two or three days Since. She is about twenty two years of age common hight brown complexion and uncommonally large Strong and muscular and has Verry much the appearance of a man about the face. She had on a dress of Lindsay cutsey broad Stripe or a plaid appearance. Red Red and blue colours She was purchased of Mr Edward Govern of Hanover County. She has a full head of hair. Ten Dollars Reward will be paid for hir apprehension and delivery in Mr Bacon Taits Gaol. appd by hir master at Baileys

18 Mrs Edmond Andersons man William Day is runaway he is a black fellow and has a brother who formely lived at Mr M Hollins he has also a brother living at Tree Hill. his brothers wife lives at Jas Evans.

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Apl 21 Mr John Wickhams boy Tom Reddick or Tom Tolly is Runaway. he is 17 years old dark mulatto. dress cassinet roundabout dark pantaloons. he is verry intimit with Lewis Armstead a free boy who lives at Frederick B Raneys. also with Henry who lives at the Whig office $5 reward will be paid

22 Mr David A Gentrys man Canaan Runaway a few days Since he has [?] one hand appd by M T Saunders

23 Mr Charles C Woods Servant Frederick or Hubbard as often called one as the other runaway on the 18th Inst. he is about 5 feet 8 or 9 Inches high. verry Slim and Slim Vissage. talks quick when Spoken to. Ten Dollars reward

25 Mr W Myers had Stolen from him about 8 oclock 1 roll of Goods containing 50 yards nearly white and Striped for Panteloons 1 Petersham coat cost Seven Dollars. 1 Hankerchief and one belt. he leaving his Side or alley Doar open through which the theafe entered while the inmates were at Supper

25 Mr Thomas Crouchs boy Burkley runaway this morning. he is of Small Statute 5 feet 4 or 5 Inches hight rather thin than otherwise of a brown colour nether Black nor mulatto 25 or 26 years old and had on when he left a blue long tail coat black hat he is acquainted at Doctr Neilsons appd by Capt Jenkins

30 Mr Henry Writings man James Runaway 15th of April he is a darke Gingerbread colour 32 years of age. 6 feet high blue yarn coat with white buttons cassinet pantaloons black Hat had also a grey caot Speaks well. has a burn on the right Shoulder a dark mark on his right cheek and a burn on his leg.

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May 17th  Grant & Williams nman George absented himself a few days Since he is a black complected fellow has a months pass which has not yet expired and is in the habbet of Staying at Mr Beverly Blairs of nights

17 Doctr Samuel Pleasants boy Jim went of this morning. he is a bright mulatto. 18 years of age. Stammers when Spoken to his mother lives with Mrs Nicholsons on Shockoe Hill and he has acquaintances at Mr Poitiaux Robinsons Tobacco Factory $10 Dollars will be given for his apprehension.

19 Mr Thomas Minors apprentice was taking a pair of Shoes (marked Charles Carter) to Mr Rawlings this evening about dark and was met by a negro in the Capitol Square who Snatched them and run off

20 Mr Jabez Smiths woman Runaway from his residence in Petersburg a few days Since. She is about 24 years of age brown mulatto common Size good looking and has a remarkable Scar on the back of hir right hand extending up her hir wrist which was acasioned by a burn. She has a brother belonging to Haxall Miller named Robert Wilson in Richmond She also has a Sister named Letty who was Sold to Jefferson & Trice Some years ago her name is Betsey She had a Child by a white man about 4 years past Thurity Dollars will be given for hir apprehn.

25th Mr James Lyles man William Brown Runaway this morning he is a young black fellow eyes protruded broad Shoulders thick Short neck & peart. also his man Jerimiah a young black fellow Slue foorted went of at the Same time
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May 25 Mr George Mottens boy Sidney Runaway a few days Since. he is about 16 years of age bright mulatto Straight hair Small for a boy of his age  weight about 110 lbs Sprightly quick spoken and rather a feminine Voice has large or thick lips and can pass for a white boy if not particular noticed. dress a black flock bombazine coat  white Vest and blue cassinet pantaloons  common Shoes and a new black fur hat narrow brim it is believed that he has a white spot on his head about the Size of a quarter of a dollar  $50 Reward  An additional reward is offered making it $150 Dollars out of the City and $100 in the City appd in Smithfield

30 Mr David Donnan Srs man Jack Clinton Runaway from his residence in Petersburg a few days Since. he is about 30 or 32 years of age 5 feet 10 or 11 Inches high dark complexion Stoops a little when he walks and a little bow legd he is a first rate Sawyer and good hand at any kind of labour. had on when he absconded a blue Broad Cloath Coat  blue Vest  White pantaloons and a fur hat half worn  $30 will be given for his apprehension if Secured in Richmond Jail.

30 Mr John H Jinnings woman Martha Runaway four or five days Since She is 22 years of age a tolerable bright mulatto low chunky and well Set hir brother lives at Doctr Brockenbraughs named Jefferson  whos wife lives at Mr Beverly Blairs named Mary She has acquaintances at Mr John Wickhams She has one Silk dress and one red flowerd callicio dress  She has a round full face with one or two Scars on the Same accaised by the chicken Pox when young:  Appd by JR Blankenship & Wm M Nuckles

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May 30th Mr John H Jinnings boy Beverly absconded this morning he is 11 or 12 years of age of rather a dark complexion (not a mulatto) his eyes is inclined to be blue one of his big toes is Injured by the frost had on a blue pair pantaloons and roundabout home made he is half brother to Martha and Jefferson and has acquaintances at the Same places that Martha has returned home himself

June 9 Mr E. M Connells Girl Ann Eliza is Runaway She is about 12 or 13 years of age Small for her age complexion nearly black. Appd by Goff & Toth[

10 Mr Crouch & Sneads man Gabriel is Runaway They purchased him last Winter of a Mr Bowlen of King & Queen County he is about 30 years of age common Size face rather round Smooth features brown complexion hair tolerable long and inclined to be Straight he was apprehended in the month of January last and committed to the City Gaol as a runaway

12 Mr Richard Andersons man Charles Bowe is runaway he is a common Size fellow and Stutters verry much his wife lives at Mr Alexander Brooks in Manchester he was hired of Mrs Crop of Honover taken home by F Griffin

14 RF&P Rail Road Cos man Lewis is Runaway if taken to be delivered at the depot

14 Mr James Ellitts man Harry Runaway from his plantation in Hanover County a few days Since he is 19 or 21 year of age Short Black full eyes one Shoulder higher than the other and his hair about the usual length his mother is named Betty and lives at Mr B W Greens.

15 Mr H Robinsons Eliza Runaway She is black likely common Size Calico frock & pink Bonnet

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June 15 Mr Hunleys man Bob Runaway this morning on his way to Richmond. Bob is a black fellow about 25 years of age rather Slim 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high his gums are black and his countenance open and free Walks Stiff his dress consist of a blue cloath coat and panteloons and a palm leaf hat his coat fits verry tight his watch pocket has Wm F Wickhams name Written on it Mr H lives in Hanover.

15 Mr Bacon Taits man Tom Runaway this evening he is about 24 years of age brown complexion was raised in the county of Louisa has a brother living at Mr Charles Ellises and one who is a waggoner whose name is Nelson his wife lives at Mr Ben Graves in Louisa from whom he was purchased Twenty five Dollars reward.

15 Mr McDowells Eady and Winny Runaway from his residence in Hanover County. Dick who lives at Mr R Dudleys is the husband of one and Jacob who lives ether with Mr R Dudleys or Doctor Scott is the husband of the other

16 Mrs R B Stanards boy William is runaway he is dark complected and nearly grown he had on a mixt coat considerable worn osnaberg panteloons and an old peace of a hat his hair is bushy locks full and long the hair on the back part of his head is cut Short

16 Mr Stephen Childress Girl Caroline is runaway She is black complected and of low Stature

22 Mr John H Jinnings woman Martha Runaway on the 20 Inst for particulars See 30th May also his boy Beverly 13th Inst for particulars See as above

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June 22  Mr Hankins woman Suckey Runaway from his residence in York County. She is black 30 or 35 years of age appearance Genteel She has a sister at General Lamberts and one at Mr E C Mayos She was formerly the property of Mr Power of Williamsburg $30 Reward will be paid for hir apprehension and delivery or committment.

22 Mr John Whittaker Old Street Petersburg had a Silver Watch Stolen from him. Said watch was made by James Thornton London No. 44805. With the letters J.W.P. stamped on the inside of both cases $5 reward for particulars See enquirer 22nd June 1836

22 Mr William B. Lipscombs man Henry Runaway a few days Since. he is black low Stature tolerable Stout and Suppose to have a wife at Mr Sublett McGruders $5 reward

22 Messers Harvey George & James Wynns men Mark Charles and Simon Peter. Runaway from them in Tazewell County Va on the 1st day of this month Mark is 6 feet or upwards in hight. Verry black. rawboned teeth very white nose roman feet large. walks with his toes turned out about 26 years of age can read and wright. has no Scars recollected. he had on when he left home a blue Jeans coat & blue cloath panteloons Charles is about 5 feet 8 or 10 Inches high Very black rather Slender long Slim feet. 19 or 20 years of age he is brother to mark. had on when he left a blue Jaens coat brown Jeans pantaloons and an old white Hat Simon Peter is about 5 feet 8 or 10 Inches high yellow complexion large white eyes large mouth lips rather thick. Speaks quick when Spoken to a bushy head of hair which he keeps combed about 20 or 22 years of age. had on when

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June 22 when he left home a Short checked coat. took with him a good deal of fine clothing and a new cotton umbrella and a cloath coat bottle green. he is a Tanner and can read and wright it is probable they have free papers Written by themselves or Some other person $450 Reward will be paid for thir apprehension or $150 for ether of them. for particulars See Enquirer of to day

Mr Lawrene Lottiens man Jack Simpson runaway he is a black ugly fellow and So nortorious that a further discription is unnecessary he went of on Friday or Saturday last appd by L & JR Blankenship

Mr Randolph Harrison Jrs men Sam and Tom Runaway. Sam is about 18 or 20 years old dark brown complexion five feet six Inches high. Tom is Tall about Sams age a mulatto 20 dollars reward for ether if delivered at Elk Hill. for particulars See Engr to day

Mr Thomas Garlands man Lewis runaway sometime Since from his residence near Boyds Tavern Albemarle County. he is about 5 ft 10 Inches high Very Stout and black has a Small Scar on the forehead between his eyes. he is Supposed to be about Laytonsville Hanover or on the rail road. $25 if put in Gaol $50 if delivered. See Engr 22 inst.

Mr Milton A Browder of Rockingham County N.C. has a negro m an who runaway about twelve months Since and was apprehended and lodged in the gaol of Meclinburg County Va from which he was taken and again made his escape before he was restored to his owner his name is Manza Very likely dark copper colour quite intelegent and very artfull and about 24 years of age 5 feet 9 or 10 Inches in height good form Speaks quick is fond of talking and has
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June 24 a very good countenance it is presumed that he has obtained free papers. $500 reward will be given for the apprehension of Manza and the detection of the individual who furnished him with free papers or $200 for Manza if delivered or $150 if secured in any jail in the United States for particulars see the Enquirer of today.

27 Mr Abraham Hartley formerly of the City of New York an recently a Boarder at Mrs Hobson's Boarding House in Richmond on South Side of F between 13th and 14th Streets. Had extracted and stolen from the lining of his coat on the night of the 24th June which he did not discover until the evening of the 25th June. The sum of five hundred dollars in bank notes of the following description: to wit

3 one hundred dollar bills signed by N Biddle U.S.
1 do do do do Branch Bank of the United States at Baltimore.
2 fifty dollar bills Commercial Bank of Philadelphia and three boarders slept in the same room with him on the said 24th June as follows: James H Bowis, Abrams, and Taylor. $100 reward is offered for the recovery of the money.

27 Mr. John B. Allens woman Kesiah runaway yesterday. She is about 24 years of age dark brown rather under the common size thin visage and had on a brown calico dress supposed to be at or near Mr. P. J. Cosbeys or Mr. Haskells.

27 Mr Joseph Woodsons woman Isabella Runaway She is about 35 or 40 years old and complexion Black.
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June 29th Capt Randolph Harrisons man Elijah Runaway on 27th Inst. he is a tall black fellow about 20 years of age he was purchased of Mr Peter Lyon of Hanover County where Elijahs Father and Mother lives

29 Mr Samule S Saunders man Fleming runaway Saturday before last. he is a large Stout fellow he has a wife opposite the White Hall Stable and has a pass to go to Hukels and Henton he is hired from Mr B. Blair

29 Mr R Kimbroughs woman Patsey Runaway She is hired from Mrs Barbara Green of Hanover County She is 30 or 35 years old rather bright and has an impediment in her Speech $10 reward if delivered See Whig 29th Inst.

29 Mr James Browns man John Runaway in March last. he is 40 years of age low Stature Short neck and Stout made light complexion and Sullen look had on when he left a blue Sotout[?] coat he has lived in Richmond where he is Supposed to be lurking he has been Seen not long Since about Powhatan Court House but has lately disapeared $10 reward. See Whig 28th Inst.

July 5 Mr Francis Jerdones boy Robert Runaway from his Farm in new kent county called Providence Ford on Wednesday last. he is about 17 or 18 years of age Well grown Tolerable bright mulatto full head of hair remarkable intelligent and quite likely, his father lives at the Chesterfield Coal pits whose name is Isreal he is well acquainted with Berry who is hired to Mr Francis Wicker

12 Mr N H Raglans woman Maria Runaway. She is quite Stout. and has a Husband at Grant & Williams Factory named Harry

12 Jas R Bridges Corbin broke open the corporation Hog pen with an axe and was apprehended by J. Pearce

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July 16th  Mr David Andersons woman Maria is runaway  She is about 35 or 40 years of age.  Common Size  black complexion  hir upper frunt teeth decayed which affects hir Speech  She is particular intimate with Mr Temple Gwathneys Servants and She is acquainted with the Servants of Mr Lewis Webb and Chapman Johnson  20 Dollars reward is offered for hir apprehension

16  Mr Edward Sydnors boy William is Runaway  hw is about 18 years of age lived at Curtis Carters last year and is well acquainted about Richmond  his aunt lives on the lot of the Pineapple Church.

23  Mr Saml. S. Saunders man James or James Boot[?] Runaway about 3 week Since  he is dark complected and has a pass  appd by BH Redford

28  William A Browns woman Percilla is Runaway and is Supposed to be at the Catholic Church  appd

Aught 2nd  Mr Thomas Adams woman Amey is Runaway  She is dark complected about 35 or 40 years of age  She has a Sister at Doctor William R Mclows and hir husband belongs to Mr Rowlett named Soloman

2nd Joshua Good has a free boy runaway Seton Anderson who is bound.  he is black about 17 years of age and has a sister lives near Haxalls Mills and one near Rutherfords lumber House.

4  Thomas & Hardgroves man Henry is runaway  he is bowleged and walks lame

4  Mr Richard Andersons boy Ivison is Runaway  he is about 20 years of age & black

9  Mr Lakes mulatto Girl 14 years old runaway about seven or eight days Since  She is hired from Andrew Stevenson Esq  her hair is enclined to be red.

13  Mr Jas. Lyles man Billy or William Lithgow Runaway  he is a mulatto  quite Stout  he has a mark on one of his arms made with India Ink.

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Augt 13 Mr J Lyles man Jimmy or James Gillet is Runaway he is a Stout mulatto he had on a cotton Shirt and worsted pantaloons he will probably be about the Baison endeavouring to get passage up the country in a Boat

13 Also his man John or John Lanner is runaway he is a mulatto. Slim made young and likely

13 also his boy William Cambridge is Runaway he is tall and Slim. They all went of together a few days since and it is probable that Some of them may be found about Griffins rope walk at Rocketts

16 Mr Benjamin Wallers man Humphry runaway from Mr Thomas Mayberry of Rockbridge County whom he was hired to this year. he is Stout made black complected he is good coarse Shoe maker his wifes father lives in Richmond a free man of colour names Johnathan. Mr Waller resides in Spotsylvania, Va.

17 Mr A H Lambs boy John Runaway from his residence in Charles City County about fifteen days since. he is of rather Small Statute yellow complexion and Speaks quick he also has a very bushy head of hair and has a Sister at Betsey Boltons. he was hired of Mrs Judith Marable of Said County. if taken Mr Jas. R Ratcliffe to be informed.

18 Mr Wm C Allens boy Ezikel is Runaway also his boy William about 13 years old.

22 Mr John Dunkums man Lewis or Lewis Bias Runaway on the night of the 15th Inst from his residence in Charlottesville Albemarle County Va. he is 5 ft 10 Ins hight 24 years of age Spare made high forehead Speaks quick and has a feminine Voice. he had on a blue cloth coat and grey Pantaloons and watch in his pockett. Stephen Bias is his father and lives at the White Sulpher Springs $20 Reward

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Aught 24 Mr Thomas Ritchies overseer whose name is Grant or Grand (Swiss or Welchman) Stole last night from his farm a few miles above Richmond the following property 1 dark bay horse. 1 black horse, blind 1 dark bay mare. 1 Cart painted blue. 1 Old Saddle. 1 old Bridle. and 1 large Copper Kettle.

25 Mr Micheals man Amhearst is Runaway from the pits he was hired of Mrs Sale and is a Stout black fellow Mrs Sale lives near the Old Markett. Also his boys John and Joe whose mothers lives at John Stockers on 15th St.

27 Miss Susan Thomas Girl Elizabeth Runaway this day She is a mulatto Girl about 17 years of age and hir Mother lives at Doctor Chamberlaynes.

27 Omealy & Co Comor of Prat & Howard Street Baltimore will give one hundred Dollars reward for the arrest of a certain Charles Copland and the recovery of four hundred Dollars which he has belonging to the Said firm part of which the Said Copland abstracted from thir desk by means of a false key and the other he collected from bills which he obtained. Said Copland is about 25 or 30 years of age red complexion 5 feet 7 or 8 Inches hight he left Baltimore on the 19th Inst he has a large Black leather Trunk with his name on it with him

27 Mr Jesse G Yarbroughs Girl Adeline is Runaway She is about 20 or 22 years of age of usial hight Squair built has regular white teeth a Smooth black skin and turnes her toes a little outward when walking

29 Mr William Cullingsworths man Sam runaway on Wesday last. he is about 22 years old Stout and well made $5 reward.

30 Mr William C Allen man Devonshire is Runaway black tolerable Stout & 30 years old.
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Agt 30 Dr Abell Picots boy Henry runaway a few days Since. he is about 15 years of age and dark complected.

30 Mr John Hillards woman Milly is runaway She is about 22 years of age common Size complexion black and has lost one of her eyes. not certain which.

30 Mr Lewis B Pyles woman Jane runaway last night She is about 18 years of age dark complexion and Slim. appd on board a Vessel

30 Priddy & Timberlakes Man Patrick or Patrick Henry is Runaway he is a brown skin fellow middle ages and tolerable bald he is hired of Mr F R Price appd by Saunders & G W Merideth

30 Priddy & Timberlakes boy Daniel is runaway he is a Slick black fellow 15 years year old

Sept 5 Mr Mordacis Daughter had lost from the Petersburg Stage between Duvalls Boarding House and his residence on Church Hill this evening between 7 and 8 oclock One new leather travelling trunk with William S Simpson Petersburg Virginia engraved on a brass plate. also a travelling bag with the Same engravings on brass plate. $3 reward

6 Mr John W Tomblins Girl runaway from his residence near the Old Church in Hanover County She is a tolerable bright mulatto enclined to be freckled 17 or 18 years of age and has a Mother at Mr Samuel Myers late residence on Shockoe hill

7 Mr Cosby & Cos Dry Good Store on E Street South Side third doar from the corner (which had not been opened but was laying in a Stock) Was entered this night it being locked and no other fastning the bolt of which being Sliped out of place by means of a Small 3/4 Inch [?] Springing the doar. it not being boulted at bottom
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Sept 7 And the following goods Stolen and carried away  8 or 10 peices callico. 10 or 11 peices coloured Silks figured and plain. 2 long paper boxes ribbon  1 long paper box containing Sundries. 1/2 dozen muslin aprons. 10 peices Silk Handkerchiefs  1 peice black Silk.  1 peice fine Italien black Silk  3 peices Satinet  1 peice mulinet  1 box of infants caps &c  1 peice red flannel  1 peice white 40 @ 87.  1 peice white 46 @ 90.  1 peice white 29 @ 50  1 peice white 27 @ 62 1/2  1 peice black Challice 37 @ 87 1/2  1 peice plaid ditto  1 peice Parasaul & 3 peices dark french callico marked

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the amount which the Said goods was Said to be worth is 956. Dollars. and Charles Bow hired to Richard Anderson David Jackson hired to Horns and Pateson and William Freeman a free man of colour was arrested by Page & Quarles for the Burglary and Jacob Man belonging to James Branders Est and Moses Turner LL Myers’ was arrested as receivers withe about 850 . or nine hundred Dollars worth of the goods obtained and restored to the owners. GH Cosby

11 Mr Oren Williams Girl Laura is runaway

12 Mr Francis Pages man Frank Hoecake is runaway  he is a low Stout made fellow when Spoken to Stutters rather bowleged and is apt to Smile  he is a good Blacksmith  if taken apply to Mr Thomas Nelson.

14 Mr Thomas Crouch’s man Burkley runaway this morning.  he is quite likely of Small Stattte 5 feet 4 or 5 Inches in hight rather thin than otherwise brown complexion 25 or 26 years of age and is well acquainted at Doctor Nelsons

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Sept 19th Colo Peter F Smiths man Absolom is Runaway he is Small black and has a Scar on his head 25 years old. appd by S & G W Meridith

19 Mr BW Greens man whose named is believed to be Dabney is Runaway he is rather thin vissage common Size and goes to Mr R Dudleys

19 Mr Nelson Corys woman runaway two days Since She is about 23 years of age has a child living at Mr Hubbard and frequents the neighborhood of the Court House tavern and hir name is Rose

19 Mr Richard Andersons man Albert Carter is runaway he is about 28 years of age black and of low Statute.

19 Mr John Imrays woman Ellen runaway this evening She is about 40 years of age brown complexion and gray hair.

Octr 9th Mr Zackria McGruders boy George was Kidnaped from his farm in the upper part of Henrico a few days Since by his overseer. Said boy is about 15 years of age complexion black full face wide teeth and very large ears. One hundred Dollars will be Given for the detection of the theaf and recovery of the boy or fifty Dollars for the boy only.

12 R & F Anderson & Cos man William Cross who calls himself William Semple is runaway.

17 Parrish & Matthews Girl nancy is Runaway She is 10 years of age $10 Reward

17 Mr Anderson Fords Girl is Runaway She is a likely mulatto Girl about 21 or 22 years of age and has a Son with her 3 or 4 years old named Tom and has a Brother a Boatman named Royal & has relations at Mr Ford on Shockoe Hill.

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Octr 24  Mr Theodorick Furgusons coat was Stolen from a line in his garden this day about 10 or 11 Oclock  Siad coat was near the coatee fasion broad Skirts blue new and fine with Concave mettle buttons with a red Silk Handkerchief in the pocket  thare are two stripes of black bombazine near one of the cuffs  five dollars will be Given for the detection of the thief and five Dollars for the recovery of the Coat

24  Binford Brooks Gay & co had a roll of Cloath Such as table covers are made of containing about 30 yards Stole from ther Door the 22nd Inst  the color of the Cloath is a black and yellow figure on a Green Ground

Dec 17th  Mr Anckers Store on 15th and E Streets was robed last night of the following Goods  to wit
2 Drab over Coat Peter Sham
Several Blue Coats quantity unknown
Several Silk Velvet Vests quantity unknown
Several pair Panteloons  quantity unknown
1  Black over Coat Green checked lining (notable)
Several Pair Cassinett Panteloons quantity unkn
1 Silk Handkerchief yellow easily identified
Several Velvet Stocks  quantity unknown
1 fine fur Cap with a private mark inside
The door was ither left unfast by ancker or it was entered by a falce key by Some person it is who knew that thare was no person in the Store  it was only the Second night that no one Slept in the Store for Several months past. one leaf of the door was fast boulted and the other leaf pulled nearly too and the bolt of the lock Shot out as tho they tried to lock it but missed the ketch

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Decr 19th Mr Russel Dudley Jr had his watch taken out of his pocket on Fryday night last 16 Inst. Said Watch was a Gold Lepine with a Gold dial the makers name is on the case Lnoage & Son no. 3445 Value $150

23 $5000 Reward Was cut from behind the mail Stage for Lynchburg yesterday morning about 4 oclock between where the Petersburg Turnpike intersects with the coal pits turnpike and the tole Gate. Mr Holcombs Trunk containing $120,000 in notes of the Lynchburg Bank also a portion on the Farmers Bank of Virginia transmitted by the Richmond Bank to the Lynchburg Bank also a portion on the Farmers Bank of Virginia transmitted in the Same way: The above reward is offered for the apprehension of the perpetrators of the deed and the recovery of the money by Mr A. Robinson Jr. Cashier of the Bank of Virginia and Mr John G Blair Cashier of the Farmers Bank of Virginia For particulars See Whig of the above date.

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Jan 5th Mr Thomas Perkins who lives in Manchester waspassing through the woods yesterday morning betwene day light and Sun rise near the place where the above robery was committed and Says he Saw three men which he Supposed to be negroes Sitting down together and as he approached they all run and he found at the place where they were Sitting a package of Bank notes of the amount of $1200 which is Supposed to be part of the money Stolen as above Stated which money Perkins caused to be returned to the Banks.

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Jany 6th Mr B McTomlins woman Mary runaway a few days Since She is a Stout Black woman and has a husband at the Bell Tavern named Ellis. Twenty five Dollars is offered for hir apprehension and confinement in Jail.

22 Murder: On 10th January 1837 in York County Emanuel Alvis a free black murdered Lucy Ashby a free negro. Wm Hall Justice of the peace acting as coroner 16th above January found: that Lucy Ashby was murdered by E. Alvis who has fled from Justice-

Discription of Alvis - approaching tawney colour is tall and very Straight rather upwards of 6 feet high has lost one of his front teeth his voice is peculiar talks Somewhat through his nose as if the palate was down has a plat of hair on the crown of his head which he always Says is for the pulling up the palate (as he is well known by this plat of hair tis Suspected he has or will remove it) He has a thick growth of hair Strong beard and is from 30 to 35 years old Davenport a free mulatto who lived in S. Abrams house Sometime ago and Since in the old city Tavern is an acquaintance of Alvis. Alvis is an Oyster man from York to Richmond Thomas Foster can recognise him

The above is from a communication to the acting Jouros of the Comth dated York County 19th January 1837

26 Judeg William Brockenbarogh woman Judy is Runaway She is about 22 years old it is probable that She is harboded by Robin who works at S S Saunders Tobacco Factory and Sleeps at Billy Swans of Shockoe Hill

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Jan 27th Mr John R Meridiths over Coat was taken out of his front room this evening Said Coat is made of Camlett and lined with Something Similar cost 25 Dollars recovered

28 Mr Ed. B Crenshaws man Harry runaway on Wednesday last. he is a low well Set fellow with rather a bad countenance quite dark and Supposed to be upwards of 50 years of age he caried of a Good many cloaths nearly all of which ar much patched and home Spun Twelve dollars reward is offered for his appd and delivery or confinement in Jail

28 Mr James Carters woman Mary runaway a few days Since She is hired of Mr Hatcher of Hanover County and lived last year at Mr J Earleys She had on when She went of a black Stuff Coat She Sometimes wears Ear rings She is Stout & Black

Febry 2nd Mr David D Brytons man Nelson Duncan runaway this morning in Richmond. he is about 5 feet 4 Inches high complexion a mulatto bushy head of hair had a drab Suit of Clothes and a cap also a drab over coat. he is a thick Set fellow and rather chunkey and profession a Cariage driver and has drove his masters Cariage from Petersburg to Richmond the former place being the residence of Mr Bryton

4 Mr Chadwicks Woman Delphy has been runaway for Several years. She is about 27 years old dark brown colour quite likely common hight rather enclined to be fleshey. She has one child a probably two with hir and has been Seen on the Baison. She is intimit with Isaac who belongs to Robert Ellis Estate of Hanover County. $50 reward
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Feby 4th  Mr John Woodfins boy Lawson Runaway last Christmas.  he is about 17 or 18 years of age  Gingerbread Colour  his mother is named Effey and belonged to Musco L Day late of the city of Richmond  one of his hands has Some Scars on it having been caught in a Machinery

4  Mr Wm Barrets man Anderson runaway a few days Since  he is about 5 ft 5 Inches high

6  Mr William Barretts boy Abram is runaway  he is about 17 or 18 years of age

6  Mr Richard Andersons man Taylor Jackson Runaway last week  he is about 30 years of age  rather dark mulatto colour  large whiskers  quite Stout and likely and can read and write and has a pass to go on Church hill

8  Mr John Watkins man Dick runaway this day and is Suposed to be in Richmond

13  Saunders & Mosbeys boy Otway is Runaway  he is about 20 years of age  dark mulatto  not Very Stout  Short curley hair and Shows the marks of the Varioloid.  He has a brother at Henry & Kearns  was Seen in Richmond a few days a go and was hired last year at Mr Poes

13  Mr William Jones man Addison Runaway 30th Jan last from his residence in Fluvanna County.  He is a dark Gingerbread colour  26 or 27 years of age  common Size well Set  he has Some Scars on his legs  tolerable Short hair and little or no beard  he had on a white Knappy cotton coat  grey cassinet panteloons patch about the ancles with blue cloth and a black hat pretty much worn  he was Seen on the baison a few day Since  he is acquainted with Nat & Spencer at Bridges Factory

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Feby 13th Mr William Jones address is Union Post Office Fluvanna County Virginia if apprehended and confined in Jail One hundred Dollars reward will be given.

13 $100 Dollars reward is offered for Mr J H Hankins woman Luckey. for description See June 22nd 1836

March 1st Mr Corbin Warwicks man Dick Runaway a few days since he is a low chunky negro.

15 Stephen hired to Mr Michaels is Runaway a few days since he lived at B & Kents last year

15 Julia hired to James Supple of Daniel Ellitt of K. William County she is 22 or 23 years of age walks with her feet turned out

15 Mrs Dupuys boy Henry runaway yesterday he is about 12 or 13 years of age.

15 S S Myers man Orange runaway a few days since he is the same size he formally was.

16 Mr S McRaes boy John is Runaway he is about Sixteen years of age brown complexion had on a brown cap and a neat dark grey Suit of cassinet Clothes he has a Father in law named Ned or Ned Friend who works it is believed at GH Williams factory and he has a mother named Patience who lives with Mr William Gray in Manchester and he has some Acquaintances at Mr Warrells near the New Market on Shockoe Hill Ten Dollars will be given for his apprehension and delivery at Mr Goodwins Jail.

18 Mr H M Lapridges men William and Mandrid is Runaway. William Speaks quick complexion a light brown Shows his teeth when Speaking 20 years of age and 5 ft 9 Inches high. Mandred is 27 years of age light brown complexion and has a wife at Mr A. Branders

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March 19 Harry Runaway from Mr J B Williamsons Jail he is about 6 feet in hight tolerably well made is getting bald on the front of his head 25 or 26 years of age enclined to Smile when Spoken to and complexion black

April 7th Mr Peays passage was entered a few nights Since by Some person unknown who took Stoled and carried away One blue Pea Coat or Jackett of very heavy Stout cloth Said Jackett had two hooks on each side as fastnings.

7 Mr Reeds Poarch rear of his house on Mayos Street was entred last night. Supposed by Mr Portiaux Robinsons Daniel who broke open his Safe and Stole thefrom Some White and Brown Sugar and Sundry other articles to the amount of 40 or 50 Dollars. Daniel was arrested and convicted of the foregoing offence and received Thurdy Stripes

8th April 1837

12 Mr Charles P Goodalls man Simon is runaway he is about 19 or 20 years of age Colour mulatto five feet Six or Seven Inches high and his father lives at David Bakers Twenty Dollars will be given for his apprehension

14 Mr Chapmans woman Melvina Runaway from his residence on Shockoe Hill. She was hired from Mrs Cowles who lives at Mr E Andersons

20 Mr Portiaux Robinsons woman Ann or Ann Harriss Runaway evening before last She is nearly white hair Straight 24 years of age large mouth teethe defected Medium Size She is intimit with the Servants of Mrs Bootes and a Coloured man who lives at Thomas Hatcher She is also acquainted at Maxwills near Mr Clarkes on the Street leading to the Poor house and nex door to Mr John Hilliards. a reasonable reward is offered for hir apprehension

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April 21st  Mr John Askews man Toney  Sometimes calls himself Reynolds. Runaway from his residence in N. Carolina hardford County. he is about 6 feet high bright mulatto Spair made and Straight dress a drab frock coat quite Spotted as if dammaged. $100 Reward for his apprehension and delivery or confinement in any Jail so that his owner recovers him.

25 Mr James Supples woman Julia Runaway yesterday for particulars See 15th February 1837

25 Mr Wm H Kellys man Harry Runaway a few days Since he is about 5 feet 9 or 10 Inches high he had on a black coat panteloons and Vest a new pair of boots and about 35 or 40 years of age Twenty five dollars Reward if taken in Richmond and delivered to owners.

29th Mr Robert Notts man Evrett is Runaway he is a painter by trade five dollars reward

29 Mr William Smiths fellow Sydnor is Runaway

May 9th  Genl Philip Aywletts 2 men absconded from his residence near Ayletts Ware House King William County Washing went of 3 weeks Since he is 30 or 35 years of age Complexion light brown tall and Slim wide mouth Speaks quick and Very likely Frank a Cariage driver went of a few days after Washing he is middle aged light brown complected quite Slim not quite So tall as Washington has a Scar on his face (on what part not recollected) Stammers and very likely they are Supposed to be in Richmond $10 Dollars reward is offered for the apprehension of each and confinement in Jail. Or $20 for the delivery of each at the place from whence they fled. Mr Fitzhugh at S W & Quarles to be informed if they are appd

11 Mrs Shoors Girl Lucinda runaway a few days Since 17 years old little Iame & black *

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May 20 Mr Benjamin Sheppards man Primus Runaway a few days Since he is about 37 years of age tawney complexion and has a wife at Mr Van Lews on Richmond Hill.

20 Mr Reeds boy Charles is Runaway he is about 16 or 17 years of age and had on a black hat Pantaloons and Round Coat when he eloped

June 1st Mr Henry Gibsons Girl Sally is Runaway She is about 20 years of age Well formed and Very good looking brown Skin She took with hir a Black Silk frock a yellow Muslin frock and a dark Grown callico frock large flowers and a Straw Bonnet dressed with white ribbon Judy hir mother and Several of hir brothers and Sisters lives at John Allens (Irish) and hir father Bob Lives at Richard Minors. $10 Dollars Reward is offered for hir apprehension

2 Capt Wm Burks man Ben is Runaway he ha a wife at Mr Wm A Robinsons arested by PH Bowles

6 Mr Richard Andersons boy Frank is Runaway he is about 19 or 20 years of age light brown inclined to be knocked kneed toes turns out was hired at the Bell Tavern last year where he is Very intimit his face is Very bumpy and has a large Scar on the back of his Neck Richard or Richard Hill is also Runaway 19 or 20 years of age Colour black Visits the Union Hote and Shokoe Hill Tavern kept by Mr Wilson Brackett

7th Mr William Palmers house was entered last night and the following articles Stolen Viz - 1 pair linning panteloons white and thick 1 black Vest bumbazeen 1 White linin Roundabout 1 black Stock bunchd 1 red Silk Handkerchief 1 Callico Counterpaine a fob with a ten dollar bill and 5. or 6. in Specie
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June 2 Silver pencil cases one a little Split at the end 1 pen knife horn handle one blade broke 2 Small Keys with a ring.

15 Mr. John Early's man Armstead is Runaway

15 Mr. Charles P. Goodall's man Isaack is Runaway he is about 35 years of age Mulatto common height rather Stout acquainted in Richmond and may probably be found about the wagons

16 Mr. Fountons man Ranaway a few days since from his residence in Hanover County: for particulars See Enquirer of to day

17 Mr Henry Temples boy Runaway a few days since his name is Tom a Mulato tolerable likely and 15 years of age

20 Mr Royalls man Jesse Runaway from his residence in Goochland County: for particulars See Enquirer of to day

20 Mr William Dupriests man Daniel Runaway from his residence a little below Richmond

20 Mr William J. Clarkes Girl Percilla who is hired for the current year to the Manchester Cotton Factory is runaway: She is about 18 years of age light Gingerbread Colour bushy head of hair and rather fleshy than otherwise She lived last year at Mrs Robinson the Widdow of Capt Rs Appd by L.& W.

21 Richard Andersons boy Alfred Rootes is Runaway he is 18 or 19 years of age complexion black tall down look and red eyes his Sister lives near the Columbian Hotel and he is frequently at Mrs Fendal Griffins.

24 Mr Coleman's man Ned Fowler Runaway from his premises near Charlottesville he is a Stout black fellow $20 reward

24 Mr William Fosters man Jim Tunstal is runaway he is inclined to be bawld

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July 7 Mr James P Vaughns Girl Harriet Runaway and was braught from amelia County by Wm Brooks Aaron  a waggoner. Harriet was arrested in Richmond by Pierce and McGruder this night. Harriet States that She was enticed of by Jordan or Jordan Harriss who belongs to Major John Foster who resides on the ajoining Plantation in amelia County to hir masters She also States that Jordan was hired out for the present year by Major J Foster to Frederick Hobson at Farmville and that F Hobson hired him to Rubin Sedy of Powhaten who is engaged in blowing rock on the river

8 The Richmond Towing Cos man Tom Sheppard Runaway 2 or 3 weeks Since.

13 J M Botts man York is Runaway. he is a low black fellow a little lame and formely lived at Mr Andersons factory.

19 Devonshire Hired to the James River and Kanawa Co is runaway. also Nat and Dick Turner and Charles is Runaway all hired to the Said Works.

Mr Smiths man Lewis Runaway this evening he is quite black Slick Skin Very Mild Spoken 18 or 20 years of age common Size had on light Panteloons black Vest (with black back) has an Uncle at Mr Jessee Williams and Visits John Allens on Shokoe Hill.

28 Mr Thomas Tallioferros woman Judy is Runaway She is a dark Gingerbread Colour 22 years of age and one tooth out in frount. Mr Tallioferro lives in Caroline County at the Grove Tavern

28 Martha hired from Archer Blairs Est to the Cotton Factory is Runaway She has one finger off and is generally called Martha Ann Simms

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Aug 4th Mr Gustavus Jarvis man Peter is Runaway he is nearly black low well Set face Verry bumpy a little deaf inclined to Stammer when Spoken to wares a white Hat and about 20 or 25 yearsold.

4 Mr Corbin Warwicks Boy William Runaway from his farm a few days Since he is about 16 years of age Stout and well Set and complexion black

4 Mr Henry Gibsons man Tom or Thomas is Runaway he is Six feet two Inches in hight complexion black has Several Scars on his Breast and is well acquainted in Richmond. $20 Reward is offered for his emedeate apprehension

5 Mr A Woldridges man Madison is Runaway he is about 25 years of age rather low and fleshey nearly black and Worked Several years at Reeds Coal Pits.

11. Mr Cornelious Crow of Linchburg Va has a Girl Runaway named Judy. She is about 14 years of age a mulatto likely andintelligent has one of hir front upper teeth broken also hir little fingers Somewhat crooked bushy head of hair and when not combed up Shows a little baldness. Said Girl is Supposed to be in Richmond and if apprehended Bagwell Smith and Jones to be informed

22 Mr Richard Hunleys man Moses Runaway a few days Since he is a markett man and brings Watermellons to markett he Sometimes drives a Grey Horse and Sometimes he drives a mule

22 Mr Halls Mary is Runaway.

22 Mr Charles Tompkins Betsey or Betsey Brown is Runaway. She is a yellow woman not mulatto 27 years old big with Child Mr C T lives in King William County. $10 Reward

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August 26 Mr Joseph Allens woman Nelly is runaway. She is a darke Gingerbread coloured woman about 20 years of age of very low Stattue and considerable impediment in hir Speech.

27 Mr William F Wickhams Cook named Cyrus is Runaway. Wife at B Burwells Manchester Dec 1st [THIS NOTE IN DIFFERENT HAND MONTHS LATER!]

27 Crouch & Sneads three men is Runaway to wit. Richard, who is hired of Moody Tom Jones who is hired of Doctr Charles Morriss of Hanover and Ben Mines who is also hired of Doctr Chs. Morriss of Hanover.

29 Mr Howletts man Randal Run off this evening he is 30 or 35 years of age dark mulatto 5 feet 9 Inches in hight rather Stout than otherwise and was hired from J Stagg.

29 Mr William Anderson man Taylor Jackson Runaway yesterday.

Sept 4 Mr Watkins Betsey is runaway hir husband is named Peter Garlick hir brother lives at Joshua Halowells and for particulars See 30 October 1835 $10 Reward.

7 Mr Richard Andersons boy James is Runaway he is about 15 years old well made and lodges Sometimes at Benford & Poters and Sometimes at Maria Harrisses.

8 Doctor Tazewells boy Munro who is hired to Mr Poitiaux Robinson Stold a draw from Mr E Daws this night a few minutes past eight oclock containing about five dollars in Small change and Two deomiens. Said boy was chased up E. Street and arrested and the money obtained.

8 Mr Henry M Wades Store was robed last night of Several pair of Shoes Several Loafs Sugar Some Tobacco Soap &c The theafe must have been concealed in the store when it was closed as there was no impression on either door or window.

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Sept 9 Doctor A Woldridges man Stephen Runaway from the coal pits yesterday he is about thirty five years of age quite black large whiskers full head of hair commonSize well dressed and has relations at Mr Robert Stanard Esq. if taken to be lodged in Mr Bacon Taits Goal: Mr Noble Jordan the informant says that any reward will be paid for him apprehended in Manchester by L Blunt

11 Mr Joshua Goods apprentice boy named Seton Anderson is Runaway $10 Reward is offered for him

11 Mr John H Battes Man Dick Runaway yesterday. he is about 25 years of age 5 feet 10 or 11 Inches in hight good looking fellow had a pass to go to Mr Vanlews had on when he left a black fur Hat pritty well worn dark cassinett Coat and linning panteloons.

23 Mr McEntires Store on Main Street was entered Saturday night 16th last by a theaf or theafs who entered the back doar of the passage either by the assistance of the Servant or by means of a false Key after which he or they entered the Store room through a doar leading from the passage to the Store and Stole and carrid a way the following property

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Sepr 23
1 ps  Dahlia Cloth  4 1/4 yds  @3.75  $15.94
1  Doubled Mild do  20  575  115.00
1  fine blk Silk Serge  16 1/2 yds  180  29.70
1 ditto ditto  57 1/2  160  72.10

$1017.44

1 fine violet Col cloth coat figd metal buttons and Velvet  Collar  $36.00
1 fine Blue Habit vloth Coat figd metal buttons Velvet Collar  28.00
1 Black dress Coat  26.00
1 Blue do do (cloth) plain Mbs  25.00
4 Tenant Stocks  11.00
2 Silk Umbrellas  375  7.50
1 Cotton ditto  1.45
1 Lot fall Vesting  73.41
1 ps Black Buckskin Cassimer  6 yds  311  18.66
1 do do do  10 3/4  250  25.94
1 Small Checked do  6  350  21.00
1 Brown do do  7 1/8  365  26.01
1 Red Padding  20  65  13.00
2 pair fine Green Elastick Suspenders  200  4.00

$1334.61

Silk Handkerchiefs & Cravats
1 pair Buckskin Suspenders  1.50
4 " Elastic ditto  6.66
4 " Plaid Striped Panteloons
1 Pattent Lever Watch with Gold Chain.

William Freeman alias Wm Briggs a free man of Colour was arrested at Norfolk B. by Wm B P. and 2 or 3 pieces of Clothing recovered which was in his Trunk - he was proved guilty of the burglary and Sentenced to the Penetentiary 18 years
Charles Bowe belonging to Mrs Cross was arrested by Capt G R Myers and was adjudged guilty of Burglary and Sentenced to be hung. with out the Benefit of Clurgy (Amen.)

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Sept. The third person Guilty of the forgoing Burglary and theft in combination with Charles Bowe and William Freeman otherwise called William Briggs: was William Randolph a Slave the property of Doctor Tazewell and hired to Mr. Poitaux Robinsons Tobacco Factory. who was arrested and Capt. G. R. Myers and Mr. Wm. B. Page Made a Search at his wife's House and Succeeded in finding about $500.00 worth in dry Goods which was Identified as part and parcel of the foregoing Stolen Goods. and the Said William Randolph was adjudged Guilty of Burglary by the Hustings Court and condemned to be hanged.

Washington the property of Mr. Hector Davis who had a wife at Mr. McEntires was arrested under Strong Suspicion of being engaged in Committing the Burglary, but the evidence not being sufficient he was discharged.

Tamer Smith an elderly woman the property of Thomas White was arrested by Capt. G. R. Myers and Quarles for receiving a part of the Said Goods. and Two pieces of Superfine Cloth was recovered. and Tamer was adjudged Guilty of Secreting them and Sentenced to receive Twenty lashes.

Lucy Harlow a free woman the wife of William Randolph was arrested and convicted of receiving her husband's portion of the Goods and sentenced five years to the Penitentiary. Some three or four Others were arrested on Suspicion the particulars of which is not important and about Six or Seven hundred dollars worth of the Goods in all recovered.

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October 4 Mr Worsham Fosters Man John and wife eloped Sunday night or Monday Morning last. John is about 5 feet 11 Inches or 6 feet in hight thin visage good teeth 21 years of age quite black awkward in his manners and countenance Suspicious the woman is about 18 or 20 years of age quite Chunky and Complexion brown Mr Fosters address is Rodoplil[?] Amelia County Va

4th Mr Hill Carters Man is Runaway his name is Phil a Miller by profession he is a Stout likely Young fellow betwene 25 and 30 years old, dark complexion five feet Six or Seven Inches high and had on the Clothes when he went of that he useally wore in the Mill. $40 Reward id offered for his apprehension in Richmond.

12th Mr Richard Hill Jrs Man Joe Ross is runaway he is about 40 years of age 5 feet 11 Inches high Stout built round Shouldered bad teeth down look when Spoken to and has whiskers Also is man Armstead is Runaway who is about 27 years of age Very likely Stout built 5 feet 9 Inches high has whiskers fine Countanance and Very intelligent both black

12th Mr James Malones boy Daniel runaway yesterday Said boy is about 16 years of age complexion black and Cassinet Clothes and Cap. Also at the Same time his boy Beverly runaway who is about 14 years of age black complexion wares a Cap and his Mother lives at Mr C Warwicks

12 Mr Nelson Carys boy Charles Runaway this day he is about 15 years of age and was hired of Mr Royall Charles returned the same evening

20 Mr John H Jennings man Archer is runaway he is dark complected Stout made full round face thick lips Tolerable intelligent wiell acquainted in Richmond has been Senn on the basin & is a Boatman aged 50 yrs

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Oct 21st Mr James A. Olivers boy Billy Brook is Runaway he is a dark Mulatto bushy head of hair twenty years of age five feet one or two Inches high has a brother at Mr Allens Brick Yard and has been Seen twice about the Old Markett House lately betwene day brake and Sun rise

21 Mr Hector Davis man Washington is Runaway whose wife lives at Jas. Omehases

Nov 3 Mr William Mathews woman Nelly is Runaway She is hired of Mr James Bosher She has a Sore finger and about 40 years of age.

4th Mr William Wingfield Jrs Girl Charlotte is runaway She is tall fleshey dark complexion thick lips Small eyes long bushy hair and about fifty Years Old She is Supposed to be ether at Mrs Crouches near the New Markett Jasper Crouches Lot Higbeys Mr Beverly Dabneys or Mr Curtis Carters. $10 dollars Reward is offered.

7th Mr William Nelsons Woman Mary Gooseby Runaway from his residence in YorK Town about the first of August last. She is a tall Slick black woman about 24 or 25 years of age She speaks quick when Spoken to and quite insolent. She has a Sister named Peg belonging to Mr Vaughan. She has a Sister whose name is Charlotte who formerly belonged to Major Bank.

7 Mr Henry Davis of Petersburg had five negroes to abscond 21st October last as follows viz. Leroy 25 years old black 6 feet high and has Some knowledge of the black Smiths business: Levy about 24 years old dark brown 5 feet 10 Inches high his right cheek larger than the left: Crawfrod dark brown 30 years old 5 feet 11 Inches high a black mark under one eye: William black 5 feet 7 or 8 Inches high 22 years old: George yellow black whiskers 35 years old 5 feet 5 to 7 Inches high. Crawford & Levy has wore ear rings $100 each or $500 for all

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Nov 18th Mr Phillip Craxtons woman Morning is Runaway. She is over the common Size 30 years of age tall Slick likely and complexion darke. her mother lives at Capt Kennons.

30 Mr Oran Williams woman Rachel Runaway yesterday She is about 30 years of age quite black tall Slim and likely her husband is named Fordy White and works at David Barclays factory $15 reward is offered.

Decr 12th Mr John Buskirks woman Caroline runaway a few days Since Said woman is about 50 years of age Stout likely good countenance full eye and a gingerbread Colour hir Sons lives one at J A Weeds and one at HW. & J. J. Frys $10 reward

16th Doct Wm Gwathneys man is Runaway name unknown he is about 27 years of age Dark complected he had a white hat and yarn panteloons 5 ft 8 I. high $10 reward

19 Mr E Mohlens Over Coat was Stolen from Mrs Hayleys Boarding House Said coat is entirely new. Dark Green with pockets in frunt plaid facings black lining in the Sleves Small flat lasting Buttons and a large Silk Handkerchief in the pockett

26 Mr Robinsons Trunk was lost from behind a Hack to night between the Steam Boat Wharf and the Washington Tavern. The Driver Called himself William Cook or Coke. The Said Trunk was of black leather. Alfred Robinsons name was on it inscribed in brass. the contents of the Trunk Consisted of one full Suit of Black Cloath Clothes one black Silk Vest. One reddish Ground with white Spots on it Silk. five Cotton Shirts with linen basoms and Two entirely Cotton Two pair of Boots and a pair of pumps about one dozzen pair of Socks. Some of the Clothing is marked M. Robinson.

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On Friday morning 17th November 1837, the Bell Tavern Stable was consumed by fire about 4 Oclock 8 Horses and 4 Cows was burnt up, and the wall of the Stable fell on Two young firemen one whose name was Hugh A. Follard was instantly Crushed to death the other named Henry Gallager was Verry badly injured and after lingering a few days he expired

On Saturday night 29th of December 1838, a fire broke out at the Eagle Hotel commencing in the barbers Shop at the corner of E. Street and the arch which was the extreme lowest corner of the Eagle or in Mr Wm Booths Upholstery Store next door Supposed to be by accident the first alarm was at half past Eleven oclock and the entire Tavern was consumed together with nearly all the furniture also one Tenement above and two below the Eagle was consumed and two or three on 13th Street embracing all from E. Street to Exchange on the north west Side thare a greate many Goods destroyed altho the larger portion was Saved the amount of Stores of different kind embracing those under the Eagle was 8 or 9 the houses was covered with Snow the night calm and Very cold Icicles was Seen on the firemens Coats

1839 Saturday night 12 January between 7 & 8 oclock the cage Bell was rung for fire a few minutes the fire was above the Penitenitary and only a Small building was consumed

1839 Monday morning about 1/2 past 6 oclock January 21st a Carpenters Shop was partly burned on the locks and the cage Bell was rung for 3 or 4 minutes only
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Decr 26  Mr Jacob Lyons lost from his door this evening one Brown figured marino Cloake females, with a large cape trimmed with Velvet ribbin an Inch or upwards in width, the upper collar was trimmed with narrow Velvet ribbin both trimings black. Said Cloake was lined with purple or lead Coloured Caimbrick.

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8th  Mr William F Crows woman Nicey is Runaway. She is a common Size woman, dark brown, broad Shoulders, teeth wide apart, 21 or 22 years of age. lived last year with Mr Joseph Ragland and belongs to Mr Anderson Crump of New Kent County.

8  Mr J A Taylors man Norman Ran away from his residence in New Kent County a few days since. He is about 36 years of age, tolerable bright mulatto, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, a large knot on his throat and brother to Chs Z Abrahams Mary.

8  Mr David Dunlaps Girl Mary Runaway a few days since. She is about 18 years of age, about 5 feet high, Stout made, Straight hair and bright complexion. So bright that she would almost be considered white. $150 Reward will be given for her apprehension and delivery to him at Petersburg if she is taken application to be made to Mr A M Notting.

11  Mr W C Day of Manchester has two woman Runaway Named Catherine and Aggy. Catherine is rather under the common size, darke brown colour, large eyes and thick lips. Sometimes limps. 40 years old has on a plaid cloake, head tied up with a yellow handkerchief and her employment in carrying Milk to Richmond. Aggy is about 22 years old common size or a little under, darke brown colour, walks and talks quickly, head tied up with a yellow handkerchief, checked apron, has a child at [?] and her husband belongs to Mr Theodorick Furgussan in Richmond named Hary.
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Jany 13th  Mr John W Ritchies man Brister or Brister White Runaway from his residence at Farmville Prince Edward County a few days Since. Said man is about 40 years of age 6 feet high darke brown complexion white teeth thick lips a little bow leged wor of a blue Cloth Coat and Vest grey Panteloons black Hat and a plaid Cloake he is a rough Shoemaker and is acquainted with a negro in Richmond named Jeff Wingfield

13  Mr Benjamin Watsons man Wilson absconded from his residense in Charlotte County about three months Since He is about 24 years of age 5 feet 7 or 8 Inches high light brown complexion he is a Smart active likely keen fellow he has Some knowledge of figures and can read and wright. he is a rough carpenter pretty good Shoemaker and brick Moulder

17  Mr Francis Saunders Man Runaway from his residence at the New Store Buckingham County on Christmas day he Sometimes calls himself Frank Taylor but his correct name is Frank he is a tolerable bright mulatto and about 34 years of age. his mothers name is Judy Moody and lives on the Brook Road who it is believed to be free and it is Supposed that Mr John Robinson acts as hir nominal master he is also Suspected of having free papers. Mr Francis Saunders letter respecting this man was directed to Mr Jno. Lancaster to whom referance may be had and Mr W B Page Stated that 40 or 50 Dollars reward wold be paid for his apprehension

20  Mr Anker had stolen from his Store door this evening about darke 1 Camlet Cloake large velvet Collar and 1 over Coat (black) camblett lined or faced with black Silk Velvet Bowles & Pasley detected James hired to Mr H Harress with the Cloake (Same evening.
Jany 26  W & T. Lumpkins man Tom or Tom Chamberlayne is Runaway  he is rather low built tolerable Stout Tauney complexion lived at D. Bridges factory last year and kept a Barbour's Shop near the Court House Tavern on Sundays  $20 Reward

26th  Mr P M Tabbs woman Mary Ann is runaway  She is rather Stout  dark brown complexion  rather tall and likely

26th  Mr William Pemberton's Woman Mary Ann is runaway  $10 Reward is offered by Mr Thomas Pemberton for hir apprehension

26th  Mr Poindexter's Girl Margaret is Runaway  She is about 16 years of age  rather Small for her age  quite intelligent  was Seen on the Baison yesterday and has on a Green frock

Feb 2nd  Pemberton & Smith's man George hired from D L Maisley  20 or 22 years of age  Very black about the usual Size  had on a blue Cassinett Coat torne behind  a low Crown white wool hat  has relatives at Dabney M Miller's  J G Wades and the Mansion House and cotton factory  Runaway a few days Since  Also the man Tom about the same age and size of George.  Ginger bread colour  large red eyes  had on Grey cassinett coat and Pantaloons and hair caps black  has been frequently Seen about the foot of Mayos Bridge.  also his man Stephen a twin brother to Tom  the Same Size description dress and appearance and habits

2  Mr W M Robinson's man Cornelious is Runaway  he is about 18 years of age  darke brown complexion  hesitates when Speaking  well Grown for his age  $50 if taken out of the corporation and $25 if taken in  See Whig today
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Feb 9th Mr A. Dentons man Peter Runaway from his farm the 2nd day of October last. Peter Sometimes calll himself Peter Brooks is Very Straight Somewhat Spair made about 6 feet high Very light complected has a down look when Spoken to about 29 years of age it is Supposed that he has free papers and has been working on the Chesterfield Rail road. $50 dollars will be given for his apprehension and delivery to his master at Dentonsville Hanover County Va or Secured in Richmond Jail.

9th Doct William Gwaltney's man Thomas Runaway from his residence in King William County a few days Since he has a mother named Betty and a brother named Zachareah hired to B W Green

13th Mr William E. Elliotts man Bob Runaway from his residence in King William County. Bob is about Richmond it is Supposed and is a tall Slim black fellow and has an aunt living at Mrs Mary Turners Boarding House he has on an old brown Coat and a Striped Round coat under it.

24th Mr Thomas Garland Tinsley of Hanover county had a man named Tom to runaway a few days Since he is a Small fellow 26 years old not entirely black combs his hair in peaks above the temples polite when spoken to 5 feet 6 or 7 Inches hight he is acquainted at Mrs Hendries near Mr Worthams Mr Bowdins in Butchertown and Several other places in Richmond. Twenty Dollars Reward is offered for his apprehension

March 3 Mr Charles Ellis's man George is Runaway he is a carpenter by trade and has a wife at Mr Barne[?] below Mr Andersons. he is a Stout well Set man about 35 years of age his eyes are red and he has a Sleepy Sullen appearance from intemperance. he had on dark cassinet clothes and dark big coat with one cape. he lived last year

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March 3 with the Mr Thomases for the purpose of making Tobacco boxes for their factory the year before he lived with Capt. Dudley was learned the carpenters business by Capt Goddin he was born at Norfolk and it is probable that he has free papers - $50 Reward will be given for his apprehension

3 Mr Blair Burwells man Robin generally called Bob Runaway a few days Since he is over the common size thick well set & muscular

5 Mr James Y Jones man Davy is Runaway he is about 36 years of age tall and nearly black and a Carriage Driver by profession the day after his elopement Robert Bryson an apprentice to Mr Jones Run of who was a Small black eyed man he would have been free next December and it is Supposed that Davy is with Bryson and that they will make for Richmond it is also Supposed that they will Go to Andrew Atkinsons a cooper who lives in Manchester with whom they are well acquainted a hansom reward is offered for ther arrest especially Davy as it is unnesessary to arrest Bryson unless it is asserted that he was instrumental in Davys elopment. if they are taken information to be lodged with Mr John O Lay Mr Jones Resides at Lumbardy Grove, Va

6 Mr Field Saunders man Lewis or Lewis Robinson is Runaway he is from 36 to 40 years of age 5 feet 6 or 7 Inches hight nearly black his coat & pants are Very much patched thin Visage and has a pass to go to his wifes in Butchertown who lives in Stubbs house her name is Mary Forton

27 Mrs Alveys Girl Betsey is Runaway She is thick Chunkey thick lip and dark brown.
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March 28th Mr. Frances Smith's man John is Runaway he is a black fellow 25 or 26 years of age common Size likely and has a wife at Mr. Morgans in Manchester

28 Mr. Charles Ellits Girl is Runaway She calls herself Ann Ford is 22 years old middle Size rather full figure nearly white hair dark and Straight eyes grey featuers regular and Good and quite Genteel looking. She has trunks and considerable money Stolen with her $20 Reward is offered for her apprehension and delivery to her master Engineer on the JR&K Canal

30 Mr. William Roaches boy Hiram is Runaway he is about 18 or 19 years of age 5 feet 6 or 8 Inches in hight his clothing of brown domestic with Very Short Skirts to his Coat a black Seal Skin Cap he is brisk in his movements and rather Slow to Reply. he is an artful Chap it is likely that he will change his name and try to pass as free having persued that course on a former occasion. Mr. Roach lives in Culpeper County $25 reward.

31 Mr. Rubin Chaney's man Paul is Runaway he is about 22 years of age Complexion black nearly 6 feet and his Masters residence is in Charlotte County $25 Dollars reward is offered for particulars See Enquirer of to day

April 1st Isaac L Carys Girl Becky is runaway She is about 15 years old black Slim long nose round features & red Grounded Callico frock

3 Mr. John Travillians man is Runaway whose name is believed to be Billy he is about 5 ft 7 Inches in hight bright mulatto round face long hair his mother name is Milly and & lives at L L Myers

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April 4th Col. Smith of the Senate lost his Pocket book Somewhere in the Capitol with five hundred Dollars

4 Mr John Ratcliff's man William Graves is Runaway he is a black fellow 35 years of age 6 feet high walks erect has an impediment in his Speach has a sister Mary at Mr James M Ratcliff's has an acquaintance at Mr John Pearces (Sadler) named Judy and is acquainted with Stephen Gaines wife he left his masters residence in New Kent County about three weeks Since.

25 Mr William Brocknebrough Esqrs man Daniel is Runaway he is 18 or 19 years of age Stout and well grown nearly black he had on a black Hat dark coloured homespun Clothing his Sister Nancy lives at Mrs Elseys Jinny at Mr Boatwrights and a nother Sister at Mr Jellico he is well acquainted with Richard Mr Palmers blacksmith and with Hannah who lives in rear of Henry Wades. Ten Dollars reward is offered for his apprehension

25 Priddy & Jarvis man Sam is Runaway he is chunky fellow 30 years old dark complexion walks badly talks a little hoarse he belongs to B W Leigh

26 The Jail of Henrico was broken this morning about three oclock with a chizle through the South West wall Second Story neare a window by the prisoners and Six of the inmates made their escape all or nearly all of which had been found Guilty of Grand Larceny and Sent on to the Superior Court their names are as follows Viz Martin Blake white Loyde E Jimmison white William Truvale white Thomas Laugnhane white William Bolling nearly white and George Martin white

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May 2nd  Mr Samuel T Williamsons man Primus is Runaway  he lived last year with
John Tatman and with Mr John Blackwell the two years previous  his wife lives at the
Washington Tavern  his brother lives at Jas Boshens whose name is George  Primus is a
little bald and has whiskers

2nd  Mr Joseph L. Moors boy Billy is Runaway  he is about 20 years of age  6 feet high
black complexion  uncommonly likely and is Supposed to be in Richmond  Mr Moors
Residence is in Petersburg

21  Mr Charles P. Woods girl Runaway to night  She is hired from Mrs Royster  hir
mother lives at Mr James Evans  She is of a brown complexion  & 16 years old

22  Mr John Watkins man Martin is Runaway

22  Mr Richard Randolphins woman Cicily Page Runaway from him in Richmond on the
12th of March 1831.  She was then about 18 years old  her complexion rather blackish
her figure Very Good  Slender and Straight  fingers long and tapering  her eyes Shew
more of the Whites than usual  Very flat nose.  She has a Sister belonging to Mr Walter
F. Jones of Norfolk  one belonging to H. Gibson  a brother belonging to Mr Anderson
hir father and mother belongs to Irish John Allen  who owns a nother of her Sisters.  She
is a first rate Seamstress.  It is Supposed that She has 2 or more Children.  $100 Dollars
Reward is offered for hir and Children if she has any.  Mr Randolph resides in WmsBurg

26  Mr Zachariah McGruders man Runaway last night  from his residence in the upper
end of Henrico County  his name is Bob Lightfoot  very freckled yellow complexion  25
years old  Stout  has a Scar on one of his cheeks.  and had on when he left a white Hat &
cassinet frock coat

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May 26th Mrs Tatums Mary Ann is Runaway She is a neat looking woman dark complexion not tall inclined to be fat has a Very modest appearance down look and rather confused when spoken to Sharpely about 26 years old her husband is hired to Mr B W Green named Isham about whose premises She may be lurking or Mr Jno. M. Boyds kitchen

29 Mr J Barrs man William is Runaway he is nearly 6 feet high light complexion rather pleasant countenace a Small Scar back of his left eye heavy made woolen round Jackett black fur hat an under red flannel Shirt quick Spoken 25 years old if taken inform Bacon Tait Twenty five Dollars reward

June 29th Mrs Williams Anderson stold Mr Hockadays Horse and Runaway he is hired to Mr Roper of New Kent County for the present year and is Supposed to be at Mrs Mary Crutchfields on the Baison where his mistress is at present on a visit he is 24 or 25 years old rather tall & yellow

29 Mr Robert Stanard Jrs Office was entered this morning about 8 Oclock by a black fellow with his arm in a Sling with white linning round Jacket and Paneloons who took Stold and Carried away 1 Blue dress coat (of Cloath) Velvet Collar on cape brass buttons a little worn on the top 1 pair darke mixed Striped panteloons Stripes raised they are nearly black.

July 7th Mr Wm P Strothers Julia runaway from Manchester this morning She is 22 or 23 years old dark brown Speaks quick low fat & chunky near Sighted husband named Isaac at J. Enders who belongs to W D Blair $15 reward to be delivered to B. Tait.
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Aught 7th Mr Alexanders Grants woman Becky is Runaway She is about 19 years of age low Statue and tauney complected

Mr McConnalds Girl Raichel is Runaway She is about 16 years old She was hired of Mr Hill and Dabney had on a red Grownded Callico frock with black Spots.

Sepr 17 Capt Thomas Skiners Girl Polly is runaway

17 Mr John H Jinnings boy Beverly is Runaway he is a dark mulatto or Copper Coloured 15 years old well Set & likely Apprehended by Master

Also his man George Brown is Runaway who is the Father in Law to Beverly 45 years old black complexion and has a daughter on Shoekoe Hill

20 The night of the 20 of September being thursday night 7 prisoners confined in the Jail of Henrico County attempted ther escape and Succeeded in extricating themselves from ther Cells and broke Open the double rear door which enters into the back yard and than cut a hole Sufficient large enough for ther excape nearly through the Wall but they were detected and foiled a few minutes after 2 Oclock

Octr 4th Mr James Brown Jr has a woman Runaway by the name of Amey Said woman is quite likely mulatto forty years of age middle Size with dark eyes black hair has a Sweet Voice mild expression of countenance but frequently expressing dissatisfaction She wears a handkerchief on her head has Several acquaintance in Petersburg and Richmond and used to live with Jerman Baker. Ten Dollars in addition to the reasonable expenses is offered for hir apprehension.

4 JK& Kanawa Co has two negroes runaway one is named Randol the name of the other not reported

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Octr 21st Mr Jones Cellar Corner of E & 9th Streets was broken Open last Night and 2 Keggs or firkins of Butter Stolen which cost $50 Said butter is Supposed to have been carried on the Old Academy lot[?]

21st Mr Thomas Crouchs boy Nelson Runaway this morning Said boy is about 16 years of age complexion black remarkable ugley and uncommon wide mouth had on a black Hat and frock Coat and his brother lives at Doctr Kinnons last House right hand up E Street reported by Mr Cs Son

Nov 5th Mr John H. Jinnings man Frank is Runaway he is 5 ft one and a half Inches high Chunkey well Set broad shoulders dark Complexion Smoth round full face 21 or 22 years Old Shows the whites of his eyes rather more than usual 2 of his upper teeth is rotten out believed to be his eye teeth & Sound ones however interveines it is probable that Frank is in Company with Geore[?] Brown who runaway Sometime Since whose discription will be seen 17 August last

16 Anderson & Egestons man Stephen Bowler is Runaway he is about 20 years of age Slim and black and has a brother at Mr Mann S. Valentines whose name is James

16 Mr Henry Smiths woman Caroline is Runaway and if taken to be put in Mr. Jacksons Jail

16 Philip St.George Cockes man Alfred or Alfred Pleasants is Runaway he absconded from Surry County on the 10 of Septr last he is Small 5 feet 6 Inches high complexion rather light 24 years of age believed to have a Scar over one eye he steps quick weake Voice gentel appearance and in all appearance looks like a Gentlemans body Servant $150 Dollars reward is offered for his apprehension for particulars See Whig of 16 November 1838

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Novr 22nd Mr John N Shields man Jim Runaway last Sundy he is about 22 years of age 5 feet 8 Inches high Copper Colour rather a Sullen Countenance and manners when Spoken to Speaks quick & Short had on dark Coat and pantleoon of Cassinette and white Hat

28 Mr John V Wilcoxs boy Ebeneezar is Runaway he is Very light complected Straight hair 19 years of age flat face had on a blue frock coat with checkerd buttons and a Cap. Petersburg.

28 Doctr Tazewells Albert is Runaway he is about 20 years of age bright mulatto bushy head of hair well made and about 5 feet 6 Inches high he is well acquainted with Milly at Mr Henry Clarkes if taken to be deposited in Mr B. Taits Goal.

Decr 11 Seabrook Warehouse Jim hired to the aforesaid place is Runaway he is about 30 years old thin visage rather Slim brown complexion and whiskers.

24 Mr William Booths cellar in rear of his Store was broken open last night and one bag of Feathers Stolen therefrom Marked 61 1/2 and it is believed that two ot three other bags were Stolen.

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Jan 3rd Mr Thomas Jacksons girl Mary runaway this night She formerly belonged to Mr Elias Reed hir complexion black rather low Stattur bushy head 20 years of age and is acquainted with Mr Dills man Julius Brown appd by Woodfire & Nuckols at Ro. A Mayos Esqrs

27 Anderson & Mosbys man George Mosby broke in to Mr Samuel Haistingts Store at the foot of Mayoz Bridege about 3 or 4 Oclock this evening and Stole Some money & Bacon and at night McGruder & Pearce arrested him and when he was Searched Mr Wm Hannahs Store door key was found in his possession which was also Stolen this evening for which offences he receaved 50 lashes

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Jan 29th Mr Samuel C Norvell of Lynchburg informs us that Mr Penns negro man named Mondy Runaway from said Town a few days since he is common hight and black Appd by P. & McGruder

31 Mr Brooks Betsey is Runaway. She is tall black thick lips teeth out in frount hir dress resembles plad a Green Shall & black border & and has a Sister at Jacob Barnes

31 Mr Henry L Templemans Girl Mary is Runaway She is about 18 years of age rather taller than Customary nearly black hair bushy and rather longer than common for persons of her complexion She lived at Mr Francis Regnaults last year and has a Sister living thare now She also has a brother living at Doctr Chamberlaynes named Coleman A reward of $10 Dollars will be given for hir apprehension and Castigation and delivery

Febry 4 Mr Henry Coxs Carriage driver named James Ellis is Runaway. his Complexion is a light brown and if taken to be lodged in a private Jail

4 Mr Joseph Starks boy Ruben is runaway from Sneads Coal Pitts. he is about 18 years of age dark brown Complexion if taken to be taken to Missers Templemans Dickinsons Auction Store appd by a citizen and delivered

5 Mr Henry Coxs Girl Kesiah is runaway. She is 20 years of age common Size and black and is Supposed to have absconded with his man James Ellis

5 Ex Governor John Tyers large leather Trunk containing Sundry female clothing, a mong which was Several dresses new and made of the costliest materials Silk &etc with a full Supply of rich capes and a neat assortment of Jewelry among which is a Set of pearl necklace and breast pins &etc Some pairs of Shoes and all necessary apparial

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Febry 5 for ladies, together with Ten or Twenty Dollars in bank notes. a liberal reward is offered for the Trunk and Contents.

12 Doctr R E Robinsons man Jefferson is Runaway who is described in the Whig of September 1838. he is in the oyster trade is nearly white long hair and has an acquaintance at the Washington Tavern named George. Mr Robinsons residence is at Bacons Castle Surry County $100 Dollars Reward

12 Mr Conrad Peters who lives near Peters Town Monroe County Va has a negro man runaway named William he is a common coloured mulatto 23 years of age. 5 ft 9 or 10 Inches high rather heavy built, round Shoulders pleasant countenance beleived to have a Scarr on his thigh and one on his breast accasioned by a plaster of Tarter emettic $50 Dollars reward if taken in the State for particulars See Whig of January or February

15 Mr John H. Jinnings boy Beverly is runaway he is 15 or 16 years old. rather light brown well Sett likely intelligent and has a brother at Doctr Broekenboughs and a Sister in law at Beverly Blairs his brother is named Jefferson and has blue eyes

15 Mr Hudson M Wingfields man named Nelson Bowe is runaway he is about 35 years of age nearly black 5 ft 10 Inches hight has a Scarr on his face. his wife lives at John Clashes at Bacons Quarter Branch he worked at Andersons & Mosbys last year if apprehended to be lodged in Tates Jale an extra fee is offered appd by B.& Gardner

24 Mr Dabneys man Sam is Runaway he is about 45 years of age complexion rather under the common Size had on Kersey panteloons and over Coat of the Same he was purchased of Marks at the Falls plantation

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Feby 25th  Mr Rex Jordans Watch and Jewelry Store on E Street a few doors above Shockoe Creek was entered as is Supposed by Some person or persons with false keys there being no Violence or brakage about the premisis. the bar of the back door was off and Several draws unlocked and rifled and every thing relocked. it is not known exactly when it was committed. whether it was Saturday night 23rd Sunday 24 or Sunday night which was last night. and the amount of Watches and Jewelry Said to be Stolen was Valued at from 6 to 7 Thousand Dollars.

27  Mr F James boy Henry Runaway from G & Edmonds Factory to day. he is 19 or 20 years of age. dark brown complexion likely and intelligent visits Sophia Prices Sariah Valentines on Shockoe Hill and his mother lives in Shed Town named Lucinda Epps if taken to the factory before Saturday night five dollars exstra will be paid for him.

28  Eggleston & Andersons boy Hartwell is runaway he is about 5 ft. 5 inches in hight dark complexion Beverly is also Runaway he is 5 ft 4 inches high bright complexion both speaks very low when spoken to. and both belongs to Mr. John Bailey of New Kent County.

March 2nd  Crouch & Sneads boy Fitzland is Runaway. he is about five feet high Very black. extremely Sharp nose for a negro of his complexion about 25 years old Speakes Sharp and quick when Spoken to. he has a Sister living with J M & W Willis and is Acquainted at the different factorys in Richmond if any further information is wanted apply to Mr Thos Pemberton

March 26  Crouch & Sneads man Richard is Runaway he was hired from Mrs Royster. also his wife Barbara hired to Mrs Royster is Runaway.

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March 28 Mr. J. L. Carys girl is Runaway her name is Fanny about 20 years of age black complexian hir intended lives at Ja Boskers hir brother at the Powatan House She formaly lived at the Richmond House

April 3rd Mr. David Pelkentons man Jim is Runaway he is a low Stout built fellow Complexion black 50 or 60 years of age and he has a wife at Peter Everetts also his woman Betty is Runaway She is 45 or 50 years of age. Complexion a Mulatto. She has a Good Supply of Clothing and a black leg horn Bonnett. They took with them a Ham of Poark and a part of a middling ham of Bacon

4 Mr. Theodoric Carters boy Henry Runaway last Tuesday night he is a tolerable bright mulatto 15 or 16 years of age Some of his upper front teeth out Smiles when Spoken to and has a Scarr on one of his legs occasioned by a Burn.

6th Mr Walter D. Blairs Store on H & 7 Streets was entered this night by means of a crowbar through the front Doar between 1/2 past 3 oclock and 1/2 past 4 oclock and Sixty or Seventy Dollars worth of Groceries Stolen. the Doar was Shut nearly close too The Watchman perceived it about 1/2 past 4 oclock. and informed Mr W D Blair of the fact no person Slept in the Store

11 Mr James Boatwrights Store on H & 1st Streets was entered this night after 4 oclock in the morning. and a large Iron Chest Stolen thare from Containing between $1000 and $1100 Dollars the Watchman percieved it at daylight and informed Mr Boatwright and tract the theafe with a wheelbarrow out in the old field near Mrs Bullocks whare they found the wheelbarrow & Chest broken open and rifled of its contents. they entered with a (?) the doar was Ver thin & the night extreamely darke
Apl 13 Mr Corben Warwicks man Dick Runaway from his Plantation a few days Since
he is a darke brown fellow about 35 years old and about the Size of his Master he is
acquainted at Judge Cabbells and was Seen in his kitchen night before last Apprehended
by Nuckols

14 Mr John Robinsons man Jim Runaway to day about 12 o clock he is a darke mulatto
23 years of age 5 ft 7 inches in hight and Very likely rather Sullen countenance had
Strings in his ears he had on a white fur hat darke Cassinet Coat and Coarse blue
Panteloons A Suitable Reward will be paid for his apprehension he is acquainted with a
black lad at Mr Henry Johnsons Jim is hired from Mr John N Shields

17 Mr Robert Taylors Patty and Martha Ann Ranaway this morning from his residence
in Goochland County 18 miles above Richmond Patty is 25 or 30 years of age Very
black and Slovenly Martha Ann is about 13 years old and black it is Supposed that they
took passage in a Cannal Boat for Richmond as they were tracked to the River Shore
Patty ids hired from Jas Perkins and Martha Ann is hired from Margaret Johnson all of
Goochland County If apprehended to be lodged in B Taits Jail and Mr Robt Taylor to be
informed at Dover Mills G.C.

19 Mr Wilkersons man is Runaway he is a light brown fellow about 35 years of
age tall Stout and likely for particulars enquire of Mr James Wilkenson a relative of the
owner of the Said runaway.

22 Mr B W Greens man Sam Runaway from the Coal Pits a few days Since he is tall
Black and has Small eyes.

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Apl 22  Mr B W Greens man Jefferson Runaway a few days Since from the Coal pitts  If ether Sam or Jefferson is apperhended they are to be lodged in Taits Jail

22  Mr William O Goodes man William Henry Some times called by other names Singly he is about twenty two years of age. Spair made  five feet eight or ten inches in hight Smooth brown Skin or near the colour of Ginger bread. his hair usealy combed on the Side as the barbers boys wear theirs  he carried off a large Supply of Clothing. his father is owned by Doct william Tazewell of Richmond and he left Mecklinburg County on the 17t Inst a Libral reward is offered for his apprehension

"  Jumima is a black woman low & chunky smooth face thick lips large eyes & walks somewhat stiff as though walking on her heels. Her husband is in the imploy of the Richmond Towing Company and she is in all probability is trying indeavouring to get of with him

Crouch and Snead Lilytand  I suppose is about 5 foot high very black very sharp nose for a negroe extremly so. about 25 years of age Speaks sharp & quick when spoken to. he has a sister living with J M & W Williams and I beleave he has acquaintances working at almost every Tobacco factory in the place If any other information is wanting apply tp Thos. Pemberton

June 9  James or John Williams about 30 or 35 years of age dark Skin Black hair and eyes a scar on the end of the nose made his escape from the county Jail of Henrico  $20 reward will be paid for his apprehension by P. B. Jones

12  Daniel B Phippens man Jordan runaway a few days Since  he is 24 years old  he is straight and likely and has a remarkable Scar on his hand product by a cut of a machine $20 will be paid for his aperorhension

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June 18  C.P. Goodall  man Simon runaway  he is about 22 or 23 years of age  about 5 feet high  he is a mulatto remarkable well made  I will give $20 for his apprehension

22 J.M. Boyds  man John Furguson  Blacksmith  I will give a reward for his apprehension

David Pelkinton  man is runaway  he is an old fellow  low and stout  he has a wife at Peter Everitts in the upper part of Town.  If he is caught i wish him delivered to Mr James M. Perdues of the place (Manchester)  I will reward of $7.50 for his apprehension

Was stolen from my carriage house on Saturday night the 15 Inst a set of harness for our horse.  brass mounted being a match set for a double Barrouch.  The harness are made like carriage harness with [?] buckled on to support shafts when workt with one horse trimmed with brass plats on each blinker and a brass band across the forehead with roses on each side  also a bridle belonging to a set of carriage harness full trimd with Silver mounting.  I will give a reward of $10 for the recovery of the harness  $ 10 for the conviction of the thief if a negro and 40 dollars if a white man.  J. A Goddin June 17th 1839

July 10  William Johnson  20 years old  dark complexion  5 feet 10 inches high  Stout made  wore of Blew cloth coat with a velvet colour  dark striped pants  he formily belongd to William Mayo.  lived for the last 18 months with Mrs Mayo  has a uncle at Robt Mayos  he now belongs to the estate of George E Harrison  a reasonable reward will be paid for his apprehension

11th  my Woman Pheby runaway  She is a bright mulatto  She has a husband by the name of Burrell Banks belonging to John R. Triplett  I will give $25 for her apprehension  A Pitcolar

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July 14 Rachel 14 years old very likely hyerd by Capt Barden her mother Cooks for the Mr Warricks factory hands Aprended by W Peace & Meanly on July 14, 1839

" C L Cattells man Jim ranaway he is a rusty black with very white eyes full mouth pouted chin bad countenance about 5 feet 10 In high I under Stand he is in Town and has been Sean on the bason he has a wife on guly nation the first brick house back of Mrs Herrens I will give $10 for his apprehension

" Doct Moslys woman Hanah runaway on the 6th of July with a child named Loney she is a ginger bread coular had on when left a black callico frock She may be found at L Andersons and Moslys factory or Alfred Kings kitchen

" 17 Martin Drury of King William has 3 men Ranaway William 23 or 24 years of age dark complexion tall Strait and well made Sprightly in appearance Speaks quick when Spoken to and quite intelligent was bought of Mr. William Page whose Brother lives a little above Town and may probably be thare

" Thomson is a likely mulatto boy about 18 years old well grown and well formd with a bushy head of hair very talkative and almost impertinant

" John a Dark complected boy about 18 years old low in Stature and tolerable thick his mother lives with Mr Epps on Shocko hill and in all probabilty he can be found thare otherwise at Mr Robert Howletts as he has relations thare

21st The store of Hill Dabney &Co was entered by Some person on Sunday the desk broken open and $800 Taken out the most of it was the James R & Kanaughway Scrips a small portion on the north carrolina bank

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21 July a Small portion to the amt of 75 dollars on the bank of Virginia. I will give a very liberal reward for the apprehension of the thief Hill Dabney & Augst 10 A lever watch Liverpool Johnson maker No 6016 stolen from Austin Gentry

“ My man Lewis who is Mrs Richardsons cook is a dark brown. Sullen countenance 5 feet 4 inches high he is runaway & i wish him caught if posible

“ On Monday the 29 July the following male servants absconded from there employers in this city viz Peter a likely mulatto about 5 F 2 or 3 inches high well formed and intelligent and a first rate dining room servant about 22 or 23 years of age at home he wore mustachios. He was at the time of his elopement and has been since the 1st day of January last one of the principle dining room servants at the Powatan house in this City

“ Henry other wised cald Henry Harris or Harrison a likely black about 6 feet high a first rate dining room servant about 30 years of age He stutard sometimes Very badly but is Very intelligent He was also at the time of his elopement and had been for many years a servant in the Powatan House Very generally known

Sam otherwise cald Sam Jackson a very likely black of very intelligent countenance and a very intelligent servant, he was the dining room servant of the late Robert Douthat of Westover and also a first rate dining room servant he is of rather low stature and well set he was als a servant in the Powatan house for the year 1836 & 37. Since the first of January he has been attending at the Richmond house he is supposed to be about 35 years of age.

These servants absconded in company with Wellington a likely mulatto with straight black hair The dining room servant of corbin Warwick, Esq of this city

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August 10 We have reason to beleave they did not leave this city untill last tuesday night and that they then went to Peters Burg with a view it is supposed to get to the James River by the city point raleroad and thus proceed to the north We have reason also to beleave that a woman of browm complexion named Betsey Jones accompaned them from Petersburg. A reward of one hundresd dollars and all proper expences will be paid for each of the above Servants if caught within the commonwealth of Virginia and delivered to his owners if he is caught beyond the limits of the state and restored to the owner or so commited that he can be recoverd a reward of $200 will be paid for each one with all proper expences, James Lyons, Phillip Duvall, Wm B. Archer

13 B W Green man runaway from the Pits Frederick is about 21 years of age Black stout made John is about 19 years old nearly black

" Absconded from the subscriber about the last of May a negro man named Bob We hired him from the estate of Zachariah McGruder deceased at the Short pump about 12 miles above Richmond. Said negro is about 25 or 26 years old about 5 feet 6 or 9 inches high stout made dark brown complexion with a scare on his face slow spoken when spoken to. He has a brother belonging to William Mann of King William Co. he has been working as striker at the blacks smith trade for 2 years. A Reward of $50 will be given if taken out of the state and $20 if taken in the state

G & N Green

22 Mr Lewis’ man Hinry is runaway he is black and well made he was purchesed of Chapman Johnson he is 16 years old His mother lives with M Johnson Mr Mathrs is authorized to pay $20 when delivered

25 Mr Thos. B. Bigges Flemin is runaway he is a bright mulatto 19 years old
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Aug 25 A discription of too negroes belonging to William Fisher Tom half White black hair & beard with Whiskers. about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high with a scar on one of his wrist and one of his little fingers shortned by a mash when small about 30 years old Billy about 20 years old about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high yellow complected very likely with a small hole Just above one of his ears similar to a shot hole in the Skin no other marks recollected supposed to be lurking about Robt Perkins on Shockoe Hill

Septr 24 Captain Skinners Girl Jane left him in Richmond on Sunday the 22nd She is nearly white 15 years old well grown and very likely neat head of hair Shiny black She has an acquaintance in town by the name of Margaret Rush, She took several peaces of clothing with her tied up in a check handkerchef among them is a white dress & a musland She had on when left a callico frock She had an acquaintance while at the White Sulpher Springs the name of William I will give $100 for her delivery to Mr Saunders

cought by Thos Blunt in chesterfield

" Isham Pucketts man Jasper is runaway he is a dark complexion about 30 or 35 years old he has a wif living a Fanny Wilsons he speaks slow when spoken to

" Mr George Roaches Girl Fanny is ranaway She is dark ginger bread has large brest I will give $100 if taken out of the state $50 if taken in the State

Oct 2 Ranaway from the subscriber on the night of the 9th of Sptr a negro man named Dary he is a brick layor by trade and is in Richmond at work I will give $10 for his delivery Ch: Tompkins

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Oct 3 Peter Runaway he is a black fellow about 5 feet 11 inches high he is very large weighs about 190 lbs 30 or 35 years old absconded from Mr Locket 180 miles from Richmond in this state, had on a pair of Linin pants and a white yarn coat & an old white hat he has a very high foward and large heavy beard I will give $50 for his delivery

Robert Lumpkin

7th Eliza belonging to Col John P Burton Runaway this morning She is of low stature and black 18 years old has an impediment in her speach was suppposed to at Mr Saml House on 12th

10th Sidnor belonging to Mrs Francis McGruder is Runaway he is a low well set mulato about 25 Years old he has an impediment in his speach by his mouth being twisted has a brown coat with him also a black frock coat and a white hat I will give 25$ if he is caught and lodged in Jail so that i can get him

11 Ranaway from the subscriber in petersburg a man named Homer he is the property of Agness Ellis near Hanover I will give $5 for his delivery he is near sighted and Stutters had on a blue Jacket light pants and a black hat Anthony Nelson

31 $50 Reward
Henry or Harry Ross 6 feet high yellow complexion Murderd a white man on the lower farm cald the little bird By the name of (Cheatham) and Runaway he took a parcel of clothing with him James Galt

Novr 7 Mr Barkers man Eppy Trent, runaway Last Friday he is a dark thick lip fellow thin visage He took with him his best clothing he is about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high he has a father living at Mr George Savages near Boars Swamp I will give $100 for his apprehension

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Novr 2nd Ranaway from the Subscriber on Saturday last my negro man William, about 35 years old 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high Stout made and not very dark complexion he went off with out any provication having been Sent to town that to collect money for ice tickets it is presumed he eloped with a considerable amount in his possession and has or will no dout make for a free State The reward of $200 will be given if he is taken out of this state and $50 if taken up in the limits of this state and placed in any goal So that i get him John B Young

Novr 8 Ranaway from the Subscriber on last Sunday week a negro girl name Mary belonging to Louis Cary She is about 18 or 19 years of age and has a Slight Scar across her face I will give $5 for her delivery Henry Solloman

18 William Whites man Absolam is runaway he has a pass given by me it will be of no avail from this date he is a black stout made man he had on a white hat blew Round about black pants if caught i wish him delivered to P K White

Mr William Sniders woman Katy is ranaway She is a ginger bread colour a good common size woman

Doctor Tazewell came in the watch house about the 11th of September to give information about a boy of his name Albert who ran away last fall he is a bright mulatto about 20 years of age bushy head of hair 5 or 6 feet high he also states he would give $20 for his Delivery

29 Robert Johnson 27 years old black tall he ust to live with Mr Obrians on the turnpike runaway from his master William D Taylor

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APPENDIX A continued

side 1 [begins a ‘gathering’ of 10 pages - 20 sides - Nov 10, 1839 to July 30, 1840]

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Nov 10th There was an attempt made to break in Biggers lottery office But did not succeed

" The store of Mr Richies was entered on the Bason on the night of 14th of the present month by some person or persons and carried of a parcel of Shoes a rool of casinett & Some pots

21st A pair of new Saddle bags with the name of Wm W.Buckner marked on them filled with clothes also a new Handsome Carpet bag with a lock and coverd with and old Carpet bag. String at the top also filled with Cloths Delivered to Frank Mills which he has no doubt absconded with all belonging to Mrs D Briggs

23rd The front Door of Saml. Cranes leather Stoor on 14th Street was found open the 23rd of the present Inst about 12 oclock at night by W. W. Pearce & L. McGruder

24th The Store of Isaac Solloman was entered this day by some persons and took away the following goods
11 painted Velvet Vests
6 black cotton " Ditto
7 Silk " Ditto
8 cassinet " Ditto of various kinds I will give $20 for the delivery of the Thief

26th Stolen from Board of the boat Patrick Henry $600 in gold $75 Virginia money $5 on the north carrolina bank $3 on cape fear I will give $200 for the detection of the Theif William H Bucker captin of the Said boat

Nov 30 Mr Thos. Barrows of Shockoe hill had his Smoke house Broken open by Some persons who took artckel to the amt of $20. The said artickles was 1 keg of Butter and a parcel of corn beef

Decr 3 Mr Evans cellar Door was found open on main St 3 1/4 oclock by Pearce and McGruder. they notifidy the young man and informed him of the facts

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Decr 4  Mrs Pearson's kitchen in rockets was entred last night by a theif who carried away a half a hogg  7 hams & a [?] 

5th Richard about 50 years of age ran of this morning he is a stout black man had on black cassinett coat and pantaloons broad brim black hat he had also a nother hat and some clothing with him he was purchast of Mrs Haxall and has a wife in about 3 miles of Petersburg belonging to some member of the ledgislator $100 dollars reward has been offered for him he belongs to a Mr Navin who lives at William Andersons place near Richmond  This fellow was caught in Petersburg

7 Mary Sometimes cald Polly is runaway She is a yellow woman 35 or 40 years of age She has a wen on one of her rist also a scar on the side of her face and neck I will give 10 dollars for her delivery Mr Dickinson

Decr 11th Mr Parrishes cellar door on H St. was found open last night by Findal & Blankenship about 11 Oclock they noct up the young man and informed him of the Same Also Mr Jones cellar on H St about 1 Oclock

Decr 26th Luther Nelson a brown skin spare made fellow Lewis Hewit Joseph Tardy low thick well made fellow light skin with whiskers all round his throat these persons broke out of the county Jail I will give $10 a piece for there apprehension Phillip Jones

“ Mr Jones cellar was found unloct about 4 oclock by Henry Stevens who cald him up and informed him of the Same

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Deer 31  John Stockers Grocery Door was found open on 15 th St about half after 11 o'clock by Pearce and McGruder  they noot him up and informed him of the Same

Benjamin Watsons man Paschal ranaway from his farm in Charlott county on the 19th Dec  he is 22 years old  light complexion with a Bushy head  The end of his four fingers is off on the left hand a little below the first Joint  he had on a home spun over coat with a large cape  I will Give $10 for his Detection and all reasonable expences paid if delivered to me on the farm

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Jany 6  Richard A Hundleys man Moses is ranaway its beleaved he is in Richmond  if caught he can be delivered Oneal & Hagan & or D Syles &c

15  Robert Pickels boy Dixon is runaway he is about 17 or 18 Years old  he is black and had on Gray Cassinet pants & Roundabout  if taken up i wish him Delivered to Mr Tabb

20th  John Watkins man Emanuell ran off this morning & will no doubt make for Richmond  If You can apprehend him confine him in Jail and the reward will be forthcoming  he has crooked finger I think on the left hand

22nd  Ben  A brown Collard man belonging to J.Jarvis a tall bilt fellow has a wife in the rear of James Grays  25 years old  likely Good looking fellow  Gray Cassinst clothes black hat  I will give $10 for his apprehension

“ Mr Richard Hadings man George ranaway today he is about 6 feet high  dressed in a Suit of white Yarn cloths & black fur hat  he is a black man  no Scars recollected  he has a Slight impediment in his Speach  the necessary charge will be paid & if more that what is usial it shall be forth coming

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1839 January Thursday night 24th a fire broke out in the upper part of the House used by Mr. Anthony Sedgewick as a Grocery Store. The Cage Bell rung when there was no fire to be seen at any distance and the roof was partly burned and the stock of Goods somewhat injured by moving and the water together. The fire commenced at 1/4 past 11 O'clock.

February Thursday between 1 & 2 o'clock P.M. a fire broke out in Mr. Archer Blair's Smoke House which was consumed.

February 22nd A fire broke out in Mr. Poitau's Robinson's Coopers Shop at 35 minutes past 12 A.M. which consumed the Coopers Shop and Stable and the kitchen sustained some damage but the night was calm and the fire was arrested without any further damage.

February Monday night 25th 1839 7 3/4 P.M. a fire broke out in Mr. A. Hughes kitchen. The Bells in the 2nd & 3rd Wards rang a few minutes and the fire was extinguished doing very little damage.

1840 Brig Orleans started for Baltimore to be Coppered at 2 O'clock. Master Capt. Whorton August 26th 1840
Mr Locknanes Cellar door was found unfast by L McGruder on the night of the 17th April 1839

Mr William Kings window on F Street a grocery Store was found unfast 10 1/2 oclock PM 18th April 1839 by J Burnett

Mr Woltings Store door was found open 1 1/4 oclock 22 April AM 1839 by Robert Saunders

Mr H W Tylers Store window was found unfast about 1 oclock A. M 2nd May 1839 by S W Pearce

Mr Gaberdeanes Grocery Store door on South Side of the Basin was found open this morning a few minutes before 4 oclock by Bowles May 10th 1839

Richard Hawkins window was found open this morning about 4 oclock South Side of the Basin by Bowles May 11th 1839

H Harreses Factory door was found unfast this night at 10 3/4 oclock on S Side of Baseon Supposed to have been forced but nothing Stolen and no violence on the door was apparant reported by Bowles May 11th 1839

John Pearce was house keeper at the time this record was made but since appointed police off of the day by Mr Tate Mayo of said city

William Marsh was clerk of the night watch at the same tim But since has been cald hence by the all wise providence

William A Woodson appointed house keeper in Pearces place

John W [?]ander appointed clerk in Marshes place Jun 8th 1840

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Jany 22nd  Richard Ranes man Edmond hird of Alexander West of King William Co. he
has been working on the Canal near the city for 3 Years. He is about 21 Years old low
and thick built & cant look you in the face when spoken to has on Kentucky Jeans pants
& coat. and a pass from West to pass to me dated about the 10th of this month. I will
give $10 for his apprehension  Feby 8th Caught by a man of King William

23rd  Nelson a man 4 & 1/2 feet high belonging to Mr Frilville of Albemarle round face
& broad nose and walks with his feet very much turned out. his family belongs to Mr
Henry M Burnly of Louisa

"  Edward belonging to Hiram Harris’ mother is runaway he is about 17 years old  Tauny
complexion lived Last Year at the Columbian Tavern he stays at nights at Genl. J.B.
Harveys where his cloths are and where he may be found

24th  James Belonging to Anderson Barrett is runaway he is a mulatto fellow about 19
Years old. he has a scar on the Side of the neck and has a pass to go to Hannah Barretts.
his has a delicate appearance and Speaks Short when Spoken to. he has a father by the
name of Rial and a relation by the name of Winny all of which lives on Guly nation  He
had on a Blew coat  drab pants and a black hat I will give a libral reward for his
aprehension

31st  Hyram W Tylers cellar door was found open on 18th St. by A Goff about 11 oclock.
they nockt him up and informed him of the Same

Feby 1st  Mr William Beal woman Mariah is Runaway She is a Bright Mulatto about 25
years old. She has a relation Belonging to Mr Nowlan by the name of George I will give
$20 for hir apprehension

Stolen from the house of R W Jinkins on friday night the 31st of January 1840  A Drab
Surtout & a Bleu Camblet Cloak a suitable reward will be paid for there delivery

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Fby 5  Richard Adams Servant named Diana with her child left the imploymant of her mistress boading at the Virginia house. She took her bed and bed cloths her child aged 18 months  A reasonable reward will be paid to any person who will deliver to Mrs Adams at the Virginia house

7th  The boy of G.W.B Hall namd Peter 13 14 or 15 years old yellow complexion quite so Very Sprightly and intelligent countenance long dark hair little inclined to be curly - Small of his age - Domestick Yellow coat & Kentucky pants nearly worn out I will pay a reasonable reward for his apprehension and delivery to me  Caught by a man on church hill

8th  George Washington a boy of Mr Deveroux is Runaway he is a boy about 10 years old a dark Ginger bread with a scar under the eye. Too large teeth in front open between he had on an old hair cap a pair of Large brogan Shoes a roundabout and a Check Shirt Caught by J. Burnett

10th  Beverly belonging to P.B. Jones has stolen about $250 from him and ran of he is about 21 years old has projection foward has had one of his nees hurt So that it projects in very much he is black and has on coarse cassinet clothes on It is highly probable that he may be found at Vanleurs as i understand he goes thare every night I will give $15 for the negro and $20 for the money

12th  William Singleton belonging to Mary Slaytor of new kent county is runaway he is tall and slim large whiskers he is a bright mulatto about 30 Years old dresses very genteel I am willing to pay a reasonable reward for his apprehension

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Fby 15th Mrs C M Pages man is ranaway His name is Lawrence he is 22 or 23 years of age black and likely about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high

18th Joe Jim & George known as George Clark 3 Slaves the property of The Creek Company of Colliers eloped from their mines in chesterfield during the last summer Joe is a dark negro 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high and belived to have a Scar on one of his cheeks he was purchased of R.E. Combs of falmouth but Said he was originally from fauquir county
Jim is a tall stout mulatto with one defective eye and is supposed to have gone off in company with George
George is a likely negro of brown complexion a blacksmith by trade about 30 Years of age and has a wife at Mr Hills near Winterpock in Chesterfield He is said to write with considerable facility and has probably forged papers for himself and Jim
I will give a reward of $80 each for their commitment to any Jail in the State so that they may be reclaimed by the company or $100 each for their delivery at the creek coal mines in chesterfield county J.J.Werth

19th Amy a stout mulatto girl very likely purchased by B.W. Green last fall left him last Saturday

23rd Mr Granors man Billy Cross resisted his overSaor on the 22nd and ran off from the factory he has a pass that permits him Some where on Schocko hill he is a dark fellow I wish the watchman to use there best indeavours to apprehend him
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Fby 26th Mr Edmond M Estis man Joe is runaway he is a black fellow Very tall had on a black Short Tail coat white hat and a raged pair of pantiloons looks very dull and sluggish and a drone in his speach If taken up i wish him delivered To Mr Clark this side of the bell Tavern

March 1st Benjamin F Dabneys man Jim Fox is ran away from King William County Formily the property of Thos. Cary Nelson Decd Jim is a black fellow about 36 years old rather below the middle Size Speaks briskily & arrily. Holds himself Straight throws his head back Supposed to be bably Dressed And is probably lurking around the bason worked last year on the James River canal near Richmond I will give $10 for his apprehension Enfield king Wm Co.

4th The front door of Wilks and Stewart was found open by Burnett & Boatwright about 5 oclock the Said house borders on the corner of Govener & F Street

5th Mr Saml. L Osborn of Mariland, Baltimore County has a boy named Sirius Thompson who left him today at the Swan Tavern. he is a yellow fellow about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high about 26 or 27 Years old had on a blew cloth round about with a velvet collar blew cloth pants and a Striped Shirt & a black fir hat he has long hare

8 John D Glass man Henry is a runaway he is a copperd colerd fellow 19 or 20 years old full face with a dropsicul appearance with a gaw tooth out Short hare and high foward had on white drab pants and round about pants rather Short Slick black hat good Strong Shoulders well made I will give $25 Delivered to Mr Robt Lumpkin

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March 8th An attempt was made to fire the Virginia house but was stopt

9th An attempt was made to bum up Mrs Blackgroves house but was apprehended and stopt

12th An attempt was made to bum up Baldwin & Kent by putting fire in the back cellar but was found out in time and stopt before the fire took hold

13th An attempt was made to bum up Thos P Williams Tonight about 8 o'clock but was found out in time and the fire was stopt

14th Saml. W Masons Boy Henry is Runaway he is a bright mulatto about 10 or 12 years old reather bulky strate hair gray eyes full face had on pantaloons 7 round Jacket made of Glasgow Jeans reather wors for war a black hair cap & a pair of Strong new Shoes no Scars recollected

17th Mr John Currays man Dandridge Patterson is runaway he is about 25 or 30 years of age Dark Ginger bread colour about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high bushy head of hair had on a blew plain coat black fir hat he has at this time a [?] on one of his hands

“ Tom who is herd to Mr Charles Howard is runaway he is a yellow fellow about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high he has a wife at Mrs Tuckers up the Valley If caught i wish him Delivered to Hill and Dabnies or put in Jail

18th Shealds & Summervilles Cellar door on D Street between 12th 13th Sts was found open about 8 o'clock by Pearce & McGruder being the 2nd time they informed him of the Same

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March 19 Cesely who is hired by John Allen is runaway. She is a very dark Ginger bread very tall large eyes I will give $10 for her delivery.

Judy is all So runaway. She is a ginger bread colour below the usual height.

24 Dandridge & Gipsons cellar door was found open this morning about 3 o'clock by J R Blankinship on H St between 8 & 9. He was waket up and upon inquiry he had neglected to lock it.

26 A Fire broke out in Peter Vial cellar where the bear pump works between 11 & 12 o'clock which is thought by Said Vial to of been set on fire by Some malicious person it was discovered by the watchman and put out before it did any mischief.

28th Some person entered Mrs Abrams house and took 6 or 7 pair of pants of different colours also a morenor round about a frock coat made of Bombazeen. She lives below the union in a house owned by Segar Stubbs. The pants has a cross mark on the inside of the apron.

April 1st James Warwic has 2 fellows Runaway. James Martin Sleeps at Rebecca Panniles is very likely dark complexion about five feet 5 or 8 inches high and very polite when spoken to.

Godfrey Jones about five feet 9 or 10 inches high dark complexion and speaks very abrupt when Spoken to Sleeps at Nacy Wrights in one of the new buildings next to Yarringtons boarding house near the post office.

"Agness belonging to Mr Branch is Runaway. She is dark Brown. Short thick Set girl about 15 years old $20 reward if delivered to me or secured so that I get her again (come in) Brought in by own Servant.

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April 1st $25 Reward Ranaway from the subscriber Jas. T Settles in the county of Hanover on the 20th day of March a negro man named Joe he has an uncommonly black Skin is of low statue But Stout about 5 feet 5 ins high when spoken to answers rather abruptly Joe has been seen lurking about the old market and is no doubt in Richd at present I will give the above reward to anyone who will apprehend said negro and deliver to me in Richd or for his delivery to the county Jail of Henrico William W. Sutton he was found drowned in the Permunca river

4th Some person entrd the bar of the Bell Tavern and took out 25 dollars in a Small Book C.A. Hodges

6th C. Furgusons Grocery window was found open by Saunders in rockets about 20 minutes to 4 by Saunders

“Edward W Tompkins cellar was broken open on Sunday night by Some person or persons and carried of 6 or 8 Boxes of Superm candles

13th The kee was found in the door of Mitchell lumber house door by Pearce & McGruder between 12 and 1 oclock he nockt them up and informed them of the Same

14 Edward is runaway from the Manchester cotton factory he is Yellow fellow 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high very Slim and a dandy appearance

“Mary is also from the Same place She is very black & low

“Billy is runaway from Richard Hedding he is a yellow fellow. well drest with a Slick black Silk hat $5 for his delivery

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April 18 Lucy is Runaway from Edward W Estis of Henrico. She is black woman very tall & slim. She has a Sister living at J.N. Shold near the Penitentiary

Apl 23rd Sanfield is runaway. He is about 18 years old, a small man. His left arm has been broke and bends unusually. A frowning countenance. He was hired of David Branch as administrator of Saml Cosly Deed by Josiah Man[?] for Wm H Roan at tree hill. Carried home.

"Edward Gathwrights man Tom is runaway. He is a yellow fellow. 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high and about 20 years of age. When left home had on a hair cap & home spun cloths.

27 David Andersons cellar door was found open on 13 & D Street. Thought neglect of the young mans not locking of it. The said cellar was found by Pearce & McGruder at 8 o'clock.

"The Bell Tavern Stable was consumed by fire on the night of the 17th of the present Inst. & 17 horses burnt up. Also the lumber house kept by Jaynor and Royster and Godwins Jail. It took place a few minutes before 9 o'clock. No doubt was Set on fire.

29th Dinah is Runaway. She is 50 or 60 years of age. Black has moles on the breast. She is related to Moses, Joe & Tom Davis. 3 brothers in Town. Tom is now sick and more than probable. She may be found there. $20 reward is offered for her delivery. Jessey Win of Hoaover county.

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April 29th  N H Raglands window was found open about 1 o'clock on Cary Street between 12 & 13th by Lewis McGruder It was left open by the [?]  

30  Reaves & Harris Lumber house Door was found partly open on the ally leading from Chevally Mill to Cary St by McGruder between 8 & 9 o'clock they informed them of the Same

" James a black Boy about 20 years of age about 5 feet 6 inches high he has a mother living at the cotton factory on the canal named hannah it is probable he can be found there He has acquaintances at Henry Moncures Robt Nicholas Mrs Ambler Maurice Smith at Mrs Bullocks on the land office $10 Reward Caught by Woodfine May 14

May 1st $10 Reward Ranaway from Henry Gibson on monday last a negro man namd Thomas he is rather over 6 feet high and is a very muscular fellow and quite Black when he ran off he had on a broad brim black wool hat trowsers and waistcoat & a green baze Jacket but no coat Thomas is rather over 40 Years old

" An attempt was made to bum up the house of Doctr Marshall on F Street near Trinity church about 1 Oclock by putting fire to the window it was discovered and put out Supposed to be set on fire

2nd An attempt was made to burn up Pemont[?] by putting fire to his house but was found out & stopt near the corner mane and 14 St Supposed to be Set on fire

3rd William Boshers Stable was intirely consumed by fire about 10 oclock in the day also the old osspittle at the foot of Church Hill about 15 minutes to 8
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May 3rd the Stable occupied by B W Green was intirely consumed by fire and several other houses Also the offices of Dr Briggs and kitchen and other houses on Shockoe hill between G & F Street about 1.2 after 11 oclock Supposed to be set on fire

6th Jones & Allens Stable on Valley Street was intirely consumed by fire today about half after 2 oclock Supposed to be set on fire

An attempt was made to burn up Armstrongs Tavern on 17 Street between E & D St but was found out and stopt Supposed to be set on fire

7 Ceasor belonging to Mrs Tatum and hired to James Boyd is Runaway he is quite low and chucky brown complexion has been seen about Greens Stable on Shockoe hill and was hired by B W Green last year

8th Yarringtons Carpenter shop was consumed by fire to night 15 minutes to 10 Oclock and all his tools & timber between E & F Street on 12th Street Supposed to be set on fire

9 An attempt was made to Burn the Bell Tavern this evening But was found out and stopt

Sam a black boy about 15 or 16 years old Will be about John Valentines or Nash M[?]'s negroe woman who lives near Capt Printiss Brought home

9 Fire was put to a hay stack belonging to Jack Printiss near Bacon Branch and intirely consumed

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May 10  Barton Haxalls man Charles Mincer is Runaway and is Supposed to be making his way to some of the northern States. From the best information that can be derived he has taken about $75 with him. Said negro is nearly black thick lips about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high about 26 or 27 Years of age a liberal reward will be paid for his apprehension & Delivery Come home him self

15th a fire Broke out on the South Side of Basin and consumed 3 or 4 buildings

" A fire Broke out in the stable of the Washington Tavern and intirely consumed it which is thought to be the work of incendiaries

16 An attempt was made to burn up Sandeys Book Store on main Street to day but was discovered and stopt before any damage was done

" 2 Fellows Runaway from Woldridge & Pitts Jacob & Warren They are supposed to be at fanny Christians near the Armory one of them has a Wife at Davisses near the old market over Turners Grocery Store on F St

19th Ann belonging to Thos Gardner of hanover is Runaway She has a scar on one of her wrist She is very black large and likely She went of well drest She was purchased in Richmond by me and no dout is gone thare with the intention of making her way to Norfolk where she was raised I will give $20 for her delivery Thos Gardner

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May 20 Antony Pizzinni cellar door was found open on H Street last night by J R Blankenship about 3 oclock They informed him of the Same

21st David Andersons cellar door was found open on D Street by Lewis McGruder between 8 & 9 oclock They Gave the information and the door was fastend

25th A fire was found out in Beverly Bairs kitchen opposite the Prespeterion church on F & 8 Street by John R Blankenship & H Stivery But was put out before it done any mischief

30 Alx Archers Girl Sally left my house today I think it likely She is at her aunts under Doct Cabbells office I suppose The Virginia house, Mr Je[?], or wherever, Doct Dearn Board having bought her of him She is about 17 years old well grown with bushy hair Tuct up. Rather inclined to be round Shouldered. dont usuealy drest genteel. If caught send her to me She has an uncle living at Payton Dean & Edward but I dont now whare he sleeps

June 8th $25 Reward Jas L. Leavilles man Robier is ranaway from his farm in Gloucester. he is about 5 feet 6 inches high flat nose thick lips and black complexion he has a wen about the size of a marble on the top of one of his wrists (I think the right) It is thought he is in or about the city of Richmond and that he is attempting to pass himself as a free man thare and about the canal and in the county og Goochland as he has parents on Mr Stanards farm above Goochland C.H. The above reward will be given if lodged in the Jail of the city or delivered to me

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June 10. Gathwrights factory on church Hill now in use by Mr Hale was entirely consumed by fire this night about 3 o'clock. No alarm was given by the bells owing to its being out of the Corporation.

11th. Mr Douglass' man Lee is runaway from King William County. He is a bright mulatto and very sprightly. He was seen in Richmond a few days ago.

17th. Mr Patons man Dick is runaway and no doubt is now in Richmond. He is a dark gingerbread. Very stout made. He has a wife living near Mangims Shop in the Valley by the name of Jane Baton. He formerly belonged to B W Green. I will give $10 for his apprehension. Found dead near the pine apple Church.

18th. Thos Steelinson's cellar was found unloct by W Goff on 13th St about 1 o'clock. They informed him of the same and he lockd it.

19th. C Crow's girl Judy and I have reasons to believe she was taken of by a Boatman & if so no doubt she is in Richmond. She is a mulatto rather freckled & chunkey made and about 17 years old. Bushy head and very smart. If apprehended please put her in Jail Linchburg, (Va.)

"Davy Ralph & Harrison went of today from F W Andersons factory.

"John McKinsies man Warren ran of to day he is a bright mulatto very tall about 19 years old. Gone home.

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June 22 Runaway from James Warwick factory Sam Wortham five feet 8 inches high very black and Sulky looking Stutters a good deal Sleeps at Mr Wickhams on Shockoe hill

24th Lewis is about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high brown complexion has a scar on one of his cheeks had on when he left a brown broad cloth frock coat and a black fir hat. The reward of $5 will be paid and all reasonable expences paid for his delivery to me in henrico W. Lad

25th A fire broke out on Main Street at Yekiels & Hinemans about 9 Oclock and burnt several Shelves but did no other damage than Smoking Some of the goads It is thought the fire took place on account of carelessness of some of the inmates of the house It was soon arrested and put out

27 L.L. Lannous man Frederick is Runaway he is a yellow fellow very Stout about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high he has a wife at Col. Gooches

28th William & Haxalls cellar door was found unlockt about 9 or 10 oclock at the corner of D & 13th St. by McGruder & Goff They gave the proper information and the door was fastn

29th Mrs. Ayletts has a woman Runaway by the name of Dolly She is about 40 Years of age usual Sise & black has a little girl with her by the name of Mary She has Several relations living in Rockets whare She is Supsd to be, She has a brother beleaved to be namd Simon living Some whare on Main Street

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July 3 The following is a description of a coat Stolen
A blue dress coat  Gilt Buttons  nearly plain  With a narrow Gold edge on band. cuffs turned in at the extreme ends. inside faced with Bombazine  Coat half worn out. large enough for a man weighing one hundred and fifty Stoutly built. On the padding back of the neck is No 2221 with white cotton thread  $5 Reward is offered for the coat John W Hines

7th George Parker hired by the Virginia Towing Co Runaway this morning  he is tolerable black Slim made thin Visage  five feet 8 Inches high  Ready wired had on a black fur hat half worn and a red flannel Shirt  Took off with him a Bundle of clothing Blanket &c

8th Charles M Mitchels Cellar door was found unlockt by McGruder & Goff on Cary Street about 1/4 to 10 oclock. They informed him of the Same

9th Runaway from Mr Alvis on Sunday last a Bright mulatto fellow  about 19 years old one of his upper front teeth grows farther out than the Rest  a kind of double tooth. His wife lives at a Widow womans on the Brook Turnpike where John Hipkins formerly lived where it is Supposed that he may be found  he was raised in Carroline and is the Same fellow that stole a horse and sold him to Spence & Co  Mr Alvis wiill give 25 dollars for his apprehension and Delivery

10 Richard Ranes boy Simeon is Runaway  he has a wife at Wilks & Stwarts

" Hill who formally belonged to B W Green transferred to Dunlop Muncure & Co is Runaway

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July 10th A fire Broke out between 17 & 18 St. in a house belonging to A B Lipscomb & Rented to Biazly & Quals who had a good deal of lime stoard away in it Supposed to of taken fire from the lime & was intirely consumed it took place about 15 minutes to 2 Oclock

12th Robert Mywicks man Lee Ran of in company with his mother who lives with Mrs Newman in Richmond Said Lee is about 6 feet high a bright mulatto about 18. 19 Years old Very likely & looks very Young Said Lee belongs to Thos Evans No dout but what he is harbourd by his mother I will give $20 for his delivery or aprehension

18th Mr Mangum has woman who went of to day and carried a young child about 6 weeks old She is very homely Short chuckey made has the appearance of being deformed about the Shoulders She is very black and is about 22 or 23 Years of age

19th George Taylor of Horn Quarter in King William County has a man Runaway by the name of Carter he is a dark Ginger bread 6 feet high & about 40 years old raw boney & Slim I will give $25 for his aprehension

20th Absented herself last night a Negroe woman named Charlotte aged about 37 years She is under the middle Size & what is cald a gingerbread colour her teeth is large and wide apart & she drawls out her words. She has a mother living in new kent She has husband living at Haxall & Mill the above described woman wars a handkerchef on her head. I will give $10 if Delivered to me on church Hill Joseph Brownly

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July 21st Ranaway from Wm Shelton a Negroe man named Davy a Dark mulatto man he is a good Black Smith he is 27 years old about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high strong and well Set he had no mark Recollected If taken in Richmond $25 If taken out of the State $50 If taken I wish him confined in Jail and a letter addressed through the Richmond whig to the Gum Spring post office L[?] County If delivered to me the whole of the above Reward will be paid if confined in Jail only half will be paid

22nd James Hamiltons cellar door was found open last night about 1/2 after 10 Oclock by Goff & McGruder on D & 12 St they informed him of it But he would not Get up to lock it

23rd Shealds & Sumervills cellar door was found open by William Goff on D St between 12 & 13 St They could not find the owner to lock it But they carried a lock from the Watch house and lockt It was found open a quarter to 9 o'clock

25 Crenshaw & Mitchells Door was found open on South Side of D Street by McGruder & Goff between 12 & 1 o'clock they was informed by the same

Ceazor belonging to Mr Sta[?] is Runaway he is low and black and walks lame

31st Jn Hinton has Several girls Ranaway from the Richmond Cotton factory Sophia hired of Mr Tabb She is Norfolk a very Short thick set Il favor about 18 years of age been away two months
Rose hired of Mr Tabb She is from Norfolk Gone 2 weeks a tolerable Stout Girl no Very dark Skin about the Same age Fanny belongs to Doctr Parrish in Cumberland Small about 18 years old Gone 2 weeks

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July 31 Nancy Belongs to Mrs Willar Low and thick Set & Black about 20 yrs old went away yesterday
Lucy belongs to Mr Sydner in the country Black and well proprotuned about 20 years of age went away this week
I now not the place they secret them Selves I Suppose in Butchertown or on Church Hill and in all probability Some of them may change their names

August 4th George the Servant of Thos White is Ranaway he is very black about 5 feet 5 inches high I have no dout he may be caught at Mr Furgusons on Church Hill or on the [?] near Doct Worneys (?) Corner If Caught I wish him carried to the Cage and Give 10 lashes

$10 Reward Joseph Coats Jr who lives in the naborhood of Cuckoo Ville has a boy Ranaway by the name of Sam. he is about 18 years of age 5 feet 3 or 4 Inches high Complexion Dark though not very black he has a sleepy look he is slow & low of speech If caught I wish him put in Jail and a letter addrest to me in Lousia Co

6th Mr George Walker had a Silver English Watch Stolen out of his Roundabout pocket Yesterday morning it has a mark on the back casiond by the bite of a Child The watch opens on the back by a spring on the back It has German Silver chain & a Strap key

" Mr Joseph Ty[?] has a man Runaway by the name of Peter. he is a thick Stout made fellow black & about 50 years of age he has a high foward & Slow spoken has been in the habit of driving a meal cart for Several years

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Augt 8th Mr David Maben of Amelia County has a woman Runaway by the name of Mariah She has quite a bushy head of hair is a pretty bright mulatto with Coloured or Gray eyes has a kind of Stammer or Stutter in her Speach is probably 25 years of age very good looking rather stout and dresses well I have no dout she is Gone to Richmond with a wagoner If caught I wish her put in jail and a letter addrst to Finny Mills, Amelia County Va and I will reward the apprehender

10 Mr Ashbury has a woman Ranaway by the name of Mary She is a tall black Woman about 22 years of age She has a black child with her

[here the previous entry repeated]

20 Mr Read has a girl Runaway by the name of Isebellar She is a yellow girl about 25 years old very likely and very Genteel She had on when left a callico dress when left She belongs to Mrs Williams on the hill She has a husband named Johnson living Saml S Myers

25th John Crutchfield is Runaway from Joshua Goode he has a pass to go to Fries & Lawyer Stannards he is a dark Ginger bread tall and Slim he has large eyes a bushy head about 25 years of age

31st Ned belonging to Phillip & Jarvis is Runaway he is light complected 18 or 20 years of age his mother is hired by Mrs Pepper in Butcher Town he has a pass wrote by Phillips If caught I wish him put in Tates Jail

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A Coloured Man by the name of Richard Vaden[?] once the property of Davy Bridges and sold to B W Green and purchased of late by Mr Eaton of Ronioak [North Carolina] Expired on the night of the 24th of August 1840 a little before 9 Oclock he found while in the act of Expiring by a Coloured man by the name of Hillford He gave the information and Capt Burrell Jenkins and William A Woods in amedeatly repaired to the spot

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Sept 1st  Davy & Ralph belonging to Wm Shepard & Hired to F & W Anderson & Co is Runaway  Both Black  Davy may be known by his Stinking  - Both 21 or 22 years old

1  N. H. Raglands front door was found open on D Street between 11th & 12th St. between 8 & 9 oclock by McGruder & Goff  They went up on the hill and informed him of it & to came down and fastend it

3rd  A fire Broke out this evening about 7 oclock on Shokoe Hill on 6 & K Street  Which entirely Consumed the Building occupied by Mr Pearce and another Building adgoing with the kitchens attatcht to them  the fire took place from Pearces kitchen

9  The Smoke house at the poor house was broken open last night and 13 large middlings of bacon taken out

11  Sam Tensly & Harrison Meridith is both ranaway from William Smith  Sam is a Slim black fellow about 24 years of age  he has a pass to go to John Cosbys or Jno Greens when Spoken to if alarmed he Stutters a little  Harrison Meridith is a Ginger bread fellow  low with Square Shoulders  Very large mouth  about 24 years of age & has a pass to go to Charlott Browns on Shokoe hill

13th  James Warwicks Desk was broken open and 30 or 40 dollars taken thare from  One of his hands is Suspected by the name of Wilson Tazewell has a pass to go to Mr Lees in Manchester  If caught I wish him brought in
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Sept 14 Henry belonging to W. B. Chamberlain and hired To Myers Factory is Runaway. Sleepd near the Methodist Church on Shockoe hill with and old woman named (I think) Rachel He is 20 years of age Chockolate colourd & a frowning countanance ran of last Saturday Morning

21 Ellis & Ellits Cellar door was found open by McGruder & Goff about 1/2 past 8 oclock between D & E St on 12th St. they informed Elliot of it and he came and Lockd it

22 Betsy belonging to John H. Jennings is runaway She is acquainted at Doct Brockenbrough, Beverly Blairs, John Valentines, Polly Halys on Shokcco and a free woman on Church Hill at Mrs Haleys place by the name of Sally. Betsy is about 22 years Old Brown copper colour full round face thick lips the under lip Sticks out One of her upper teeth in front is out She is low chunky well set and likely quite intelligent She carried various clothing Seven dollars will be paid on her delivery to her master at Westham Henrico County, V.A.

23 Adolphas Rodgers window was found open this morning by J R Blankenship on the corner of 8 & H street he waked them up and informed them of it

24th $5 Reward is offered for the apprehension of a Slave man Bailor at my Brick Yard who Ranaway this morning about 10 oclock he has a months pass is about 29 or 30 years old in height Say 5 feet 8 or 9 inches Sturdy made He possesses much self confidence and has a Slight Scratch on his left arm which he got in a fight with one of the hands Just before his elopment Nathe Thompson

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Sept 26 Wilhems cellar Door was found open last night on H street by Gardner & J R B about 12 Oclock. They informed him of it and he did not Lock it

"Richard & Bakers door was found open on H Street about 10 oclock by Williams and F & B. They informed him of it and they lockt it

William Graves cellar door was found open last night by Goff & McGruder about 1/2 after 11. They informed him of it & he lockt it on the corner of 12 & D Street

28 B & S Jones door was found open this morning at about 3 oclock at the corner of 9 & E Street left open by himself They informed him of it And he fastned it It was found so by J.R.B

"Graves Cellar door was found open by McGruder & Goff about 1/2 after 11 they informed him of it and hr fastind it on the corner of 12 & D Streets

Oct 1st J.M. Subletts living at the Callumbian has a girl Runaway by the name Marthy She is a Yellow girl with Short curly hair her foward is Some what Sunk She is about 16 ys of age Rather below the common Size She has a Sister living at Baldwins and kents & Relations living back of Jacksons Garden I will give $25 if caught by the 2nd Inst & $15 after that time

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Octr 1 Copeland and Randolphs store door was found open by McGruder few minutes after 3 o'clock on the night of the first Octr Carelessly left open with the key in the outside of the door.

Octr 2nd  Scott is a small man about 25 years of age Black & Blind in one eye the blind eye is not Sunk but fuller than the other is a little bow legged it is possible he is harboured by his father Ebed who belongs to Miss Rebecca Christion and has been hired by Mr Stean the Butcher for Some Years past He ran away in the night of the 16th Inst Sept any person Should take him will please Secure him and let me know. A.H. Lamb

Richard Johnson a Yellow boy 12 years old in the imploy of Joshua Goode is Runaway $10 Reward for his delivery at the Tobacco factory

Octr 5 Lost today a Sarge calf Skin pocket Book about half wornout The straps broken of
A memorandum of the contents
Say from $250 to $255 North carrolina notes $4 each. Henry A Taylor & William H Taylors obligations for $6000 dated December 1833 -
Capt W Purkins bond $181 & Some Cents
Drury Foxes bond - $81
Thos N. Clarks Bonds dated 3rd Octr $77
Mary Turner wood Receats
John Staelors wood Ditto a plat of my land and many other acts. & Receats that i cannot Recollect at this time H. Lumpkin

Ephraim Wilson lost a Small red Morocco pocket book Containing 4 fifty dollar nots  3 Ten Ditto Some 20 Ditto Some 15 Ditto & Some north Carrolina nots

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Oct 5th Naths. L Robinson lost a Small Bundle of Papers Bonds Nots & etc

“ Shealds & Sumervilles window was found open last night by McGruder and Meany on D Street about 11 o'clock they could not find no person to fasten it They Shoved it too

7 A Hair Trunk coverd over and marked on the Top M W King of Wainsbourough was stolen from Kents & Atwalus door The Trunk is 2 feet in length packt with dry Goods

9th Ranaway from Henry T Druwry of Amelia a Negro man named Walker he is a mulatto man about about 25 years old he has a decayd Tooth in front Stout built is about 5 feet 7 inch high he wears a white hat a blew cloth frock coat, & Blw pants and vest I will give a reward of $20 if caught and Secured So that i get him I wish if caught he may be carried to Mr Charles Ellis and his nephew will attend to it

& Reward of $50 is now offered - Nov 12.1840

9 A negro man names James is Runaway he is rather light black colour rather low & very knockkneed I think has rather a confused appearance when spoken to his fathers name is Solloman Taylor & belongs to Mr Rowlett at Rockets has been runaway for about 3 months had on when he left I think an old blew cloth coat & a black fird hat He was hired this year by Peter J Deverux of Essex county

11th Saml L. Myers has a man Ranaway by the name of Henry Chamberlain he is a dark Ginger bread about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high I will give $10 for his apprehension and delivery
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Octr 18th  Cyrus belonging to Lewis B. Taylor is Suspected of Being Runaway he is Suspected of having Robed his master of $660 $300 on the Exchange Bank mostly in 15$ notes The Ballance on the Virginia & Farmers bank he is about 22 years old 5 feet high Ginger bread colour had on a old blew cloth frock coat Gray pants Cloth Cap he has all his cloths with him and probable may change a Reward of $100 will Given for him and all the money and $50 for him and a portion of the money there was Some 2 or 3 $30 notes and one $5 note on the north Carolina notes Stolen this day he works this year at Grays factory and has a pass from them

19 Cyrus an 3 other Slaves was taken today on bord of a vessle at Rockets where they was concead by 3 of the Saylor for the purpose of convaying them to the north Cyrus belongs to Lewis B Taylor 1 Slave the property of C[?] Carrington 1 Do the Property of J Dean 1 Do the property of Doct Cabbel

19 Doct Clarks Richard is Runaway he is a Dark Ginger bread had on a black cloth coat I will give a reasonable reward for apprehension

$200 Reward for Kialo the property of Adderson Carring of Augusta is Runaway he is a yellow fellow about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high and Very Slim he is about 22 or 23 years of age he was seen last friday by Jno A Pick in the Richmond Stage this side of Charlottes Ville no dout on his way to Richmond where he has acquaintances he had on a blew cloth coat he has a mole Some where on his chin If caught i wish him confined in jail & a letter directed to Staunton Augusta

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Octr 20th Hill & Dabneys Cellar door was found open by McGruder & Meany about 8 o'clock at the corner of H & 13th St. they was informed of the facts and the cellar was lockt

22 It was also found open tonight by the Same

26th Barney Clark is Runaway from Mr. Manders in Henrico. He is about 45 years old and black he has a parcel of lumps under the throat he has a Daughter in Rockets & a wife in Manchester He lived with Robt Mays last year

24th Abnor Robinsons woman Mariah is run away with a child She is a dark brown rather below the usual Size She is the wife of Clabourn who drives a bread Cart for Dill I think she may be found in the naborhood of the Jews Sinegogue I will give $10 for her delivery to me

28th Richard is Runaway from the F.& P. R.R Co he belongs to Capt Rid of Carroline he is a tall negro and you will see on his back that he was whipt about 6 weeks back he has also Some Scars on his but where I paddled him he is quite bumpy under the chin I will pay $10 for his apprehension I under Stand that he may be found in the naborhood of the old market Saml P Bibb

28th I have lost at the Powhatan House my pocket Wallet containing the following checks and notes
1 check of Alexr. Thompkins Cashd of Farmers Bank of Virginia at Richmond dated 25th Octr 1840 $4100 1 ditto

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Nov 1st Briants cellar was found open last night on Virginia Street between 6 & 7 Occlowk

3 C C Woods cellar door was found open by McGruder about 9 oclock on the comer of 15 & E street by McGruder and his partner they informed him of it & he fasten it

8th Mr Nealsons boy Henry is Runaway he is about 8 or 9 Years old he is a black boy and Very intelligent he is in the habbit of Visiting Mr Dudleys Otis Mansons and a free womans by the name of Matilda who has moved on Church hill near Mrs Duprees [?] home

12 John H Mackenzee man Armstead is Ran away he stays about the Cotton factory I will give $5 for his delivery

12 Mary belonging to Henry Gibson is Runaway She is between 20 & 30 years of age a dark mulatto rather under the middle Size I think it likely she may try to get of in the Charlottesville Cars I think it likely She is harbourd in Ser[Ville] the house is occupied by Edmond Drew Archibald Blairs woman who marred a Sister of my woman Eds wife I will give $50 for her apprehension She is been carred home

13th Davy Bridger has a man Ran of to day by the name of Larkin who is a dark Ginger bread Colour about 19 or 20 Years of age about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high. He ran of after stabing one of our the overseaors in the factory I will pay a libral reward for his apprehension and Delivery.
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Decr 9th Mr Templeman has a woman Ranaway by the name of Leanah. She is a black Slick woman with a fine head of hair. She also has a scar over the Eye She is caught and carried home.

9  William Beals Cellar door was found open on 15th St. between D & E street by McGruder between 7 & 8 Oclock they informed him of Circumstances

10th  My man Peter left me on Friday last & I think he is in Richmond I Should be glad if you will inform the night watch of it I will give a reward of $10 for his apprehension Thos Tyrer

12  Thos H Drews Front door on D Street was found open 1/4 to 1 Oclock by McGruder and Meanly they informed him of it and it was fastend

13th  Williams Graves front door on D street at the Corner of 12 St was found open by Meanly & McGruder between 12 and 1 oclock they informed him of it

D 18th  $20 Reward for Tom Braxton He left my plantation on the 12th Inst Tom is a tall black man Six feet high or upwards; he has an enlargement of a vein on one of his legs. He took away with him a brown domestic cloth frock coat an old wool hat and some other Common Cotton clothing. I will give the reward of $20 if delivered to me or Thos B Jackson of Richmond or $10 if confined in any Jail so that i get him again Thos B Jackson of Richmond or $10 if confined in any Jail so that i get him again

J.L.Moss. Mecklanburg, Va

21st  George the Cook at the City Jail ranaway this morning he is a black boy about 5 feet high and has had the Small Pox I think he is in the naborhood of Rockets W.D. [?]

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Decr 21 C. J. Fox front store door found open by McGruder on D Street between 12 & 13 streets left open through neglect 3 4 oclock

23 John Allens door was found open by McGruder and Meanly on the corner 14th & D Street between the hours of 11 & 12 they informed Mr Allen of it and he came and fastend it left open by carelessness

Decr 27 John belonging to Henry Talman of Charles City about 16 or 18 years old very black low thick set teeth very short and wide apart A very Shabby old hat, an old Country dyed Coat & white Yarn pantaloons

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Jany 2 Jack Short is runaway 26 years old under the common height & Size dark complected large nose thick lips Given to an Occasional frown when Speaking, he is a Genteel likely fellow Black furd hat with Broad brim if Caught I wish him put in Goodwins Jail a reward of ten dollars will be given for his delivery to Jail, address Watkinsvill Goochland Agustus K. Bowles Hanover County

5 Phil belonging to John H Smith of Dinwiddy about 25 years old 5 feet 8 or 9 Inches high stout made his mother lives at the Richmond Cotton Factory She is nurse there her name is Hannah he has relation at Wm Moncures & Robt C Nicholas if found to be carried to the Capital at the land office to his young Master

5 Harry Wyatt, belonging to C.W. Dabney is runaway he is about 5 feet 6 or 7 Inches high round body full Chest dark Brown Colour long face pouched out Mouth Shews the red on the bottom of the eye bed easy spoken mild affable in his manners rather shabby dressed lived last year at Mansfield address Mount Felix[?] post office Hanover *
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Sept 16th $50 Reward is offered for the discovery of the persons who has made frequent attempts on my life by shooting at me. Those attempts has been made of nights. I offer this reward for the discovery of the malignant miscreant and the production of evidence sufficient to convict him. Anderson Ramsey

David Andersons house Servant Wilson Ran of the 2nd day of Nov 1840 [this entry is out of chronological order seemingly because they forgot to enter it and the page was full up through Dec 6th by the time they noticed it. The writer squeezed it into the space left after the previous entry]

20 Windham Robinson has a boy Ranaway by the name of Richard Sometimes called Dick he is a Dark Ginger bread: he lived last year at the post Office

23 Ranaway from Jas. Grays factory a negro man named Major. dark brown or black. 28 years old tolerable likely. It is quite likely that he may may be found at Col. Claud Crozetts Chief Engineer in Tan Bark Row

27th A. W Wimbish man John Gum Ranaway on the 3rd of this month he was loyting in the naborhood untill 6th at which time he crost Bent Creek on James River - no dout he is in Some boat on James River or loyting about Richmond trying make a passage to the north John, is about 26 or 7 years of age a bright mahogany Colour from 5 to 6 feet high If apprehended a liberal reward will paid

Decr 1st $10 Reward for William Barrets man Richard Booker he is about 6 feet high Slender made of a ginger bread Colour If apprehended I wish him delivered at the factory

Decr 6th Thos Barretts boy John absconded today from my house up the Alley he is a mulatto boy with a Bushy head of hair he is about 17 or 18 years of age

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Ira Hill
Rittenhouse
Lethan Allen

Mr Vale who lives on 13 St Request or forbids the watchman from Examining his locks
or doors in future - Decr 17th 1840
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William Ferrell the property of James Malone is runaway he is of light Complexion 18 or 19 years old Stoops in his Carriage Spare made and very small legs and large feet if Caught put him in Tates Jail and I will satisfy the apprehender for the same

13th Shields & Somervilles store door found open by ward 3 about 6 1/2 Oclock on cary street between 12 and 13 streets the left open carelessly

14 Nicholas belonging to Simeon Louther is Runaway he is about 22-23 years old low Square built rather cross eyed quite black wore away Glassgo gines pants black hat a reward of Fifteen dollars will be paid for his apprehension he has some acquaintance about the Branch and Some at Mr Jones on Skokoe Hill

14th Reaves & Harris Cellar door was found open by Meanly & McGruder between 4 & 5 oclock on E and 12th St. left open carelessly they informed him of it and he compensated them

15 Robt Moreheads store door found open by Thos Wherly about 1/4 to 1 oclock and reported to Ward 3 left open accidently

18th John who is hired to William H Roans is runaway he is a Ginger bread Colour about 19 years old he has on a brown cloth Coat or a brown Virginia cloth coat he has a mother living near Clarks Grocery in the naborhood of the poor house If Caught i wish him carred to the county Jail to P.B. Jones who will pay the fee

Ellen A Bright mulatto Girl Belonging to Sal. Bowers is runaway she has on a old Linsy Woolsey dress She has worn a hole on one of the hips with the bucket and has mended it with a peace of the Same which looks much fresher than the rest

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1841 Jany 19th  A Girl by the name of Mary who is in the employment of Henry Brooks is Runaway  She is a Short thick Girl with thick lips  Very heavy Countanance  any one finding her will Very much oblige me by Sending her to my Store on 12 Street  The Girl Mary has lived with Mr C[?] Chandlers close to Drinkers Bakery the last Year

20th  Mr Nellers has a Girl Ranaway by the name of Judy  She is black  about 19 or 20 years of age  Stout built rather above the usial height  wore away a linsay dress & had on 3 Shifts  a scar on the throat occasiond by a burn  talks hoarse as though She had a bad cold  If Caught i wish her delivered to me on Church hill

24th  Frances hired to Mr Jarvis is Runaway  She is a dark ginger bread  low and thick has her hair cut of very Short and roughf  She has a round face and thick and pouted lips She has a Small [?] chain fastened around the neck  She has a sister living at Allens boarding house below the union over Jabez Parkers work shop She lived last year at Mrs Baldwins next door to the Stone house in union row  The watch will please keep a look out for her and if apprehended I wish her delivered to me on Shokoe hill near the poor house

26th  Martin, who is hired by William Richardson Ranaway today  the negroe was hired of Mr Quin in the naborhood of the new market  he is a light Ginger bread  Slim and Spare made  he has on a tarpoleon hat with rings in the ears

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January 27th Dunlap & Moncures Store door was found open on 12th Street between 2 and 3 o'clock by McGruder and Meanly left open through carelessness they informed them of it and it was fastened

30th Two or three days since one of my men ran away and is probable about Richmond. His name is Fortune. He is about 24 years of age about middle age probable about six feet high Very smooth skin and small beard a full head of hair and is very likely he is very knock kneed one of his ankles I think the right is enlarged from a strain he had when he left a plain suit of domestic negro clothing dyed something of an olive colour I will give $20 for his apprehension or confinement in Jail he is a dark brown colour

S.M. Sandridge E.M. Anderson

[?] home Fby 11th

Fby 2 R. H. Dickinson has 2 negroes runaway which he has for sale - Gus is a mulatto man 25 years of age - a bushy head of hair tolerable stout speaks slow small eyes rinkly foward has holes in the ears for rings Mars is a black fellow 35 years of age has a few pock marks on the nose has on a blew cloth coat with large brass buttons on it If caught I wish them delivered to me 2 doors below the hill tavern 3rd he come home today

3rd Arpatia Jones has a girl runaway She is black and has a large mouth She wore away a striped linsey woolen dress - She visits up the valley and lived last year at Harriet Jacobs

" H. C John has a girl runaway named Charlotte about 15 years of age She is about 4 feet high a dark mulatto colour and the fingers of the left hand are slightly

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Fby 3rd drawn from a burn She had on a dark blue and black linsey woolsey rapper rather scant patun and a pair of high quartered leather Shoes one indian Rubber over shoe a black net Shall with blue border a black and brownish Sun bonnet $5 for her apprehension

4th A man of mine ran of last evening and i expect he is in Richmond his wife lives in Butcher town he is a tall man about 25 or 30 years of age walks very straight with his head inclined back to use a common expression he is as straight as an Indian and namd Jacob. I shall be much obliged to you to have him arrested & I will pay Liberally for his apprehension Thomas G. Tinsley

A fire broke out in the mansion house kitchen on the night of the 4th of February but didn’t burn much before it was stopt

6th A fire broke out in the Hines house about 15 minutes after 6 oclock which consumed 7 or 8 wooden buildings the house was between 17 & 18 streets on main street

10 Lias hired to John England on the Basin is Runaway (he is black) 30 or 35 years of age about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high Square built he stammers very much when spoken to If caught i wish him delivered to me on the bason his wife lives near the toll house on Mayos Bridge

11th Pitman Ran away from me last night had on when he left a pair of brown pants and coat of the same the man is known well in this place he has been driving a waggon here for the last 10 years the one who will deliver the man to me in Hanover or where I can get him shall be Satisfactory Rewarded Lewis. L. King

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Feby 11th Andersons & Mosbys door of factory was left open on the Basin by the overseaor. It was found open by JR Merideth.

14 Mary Belonging to John Adams is Runaway. She is 35 or 40 Years of age, very large, has a large belly and rump and wobbles very much when she walks. She is a dark Ginger bread. She has a full face and a full head of hair and has a Good appearance. She has Scars about the neck. If Caught I wish her put in Tate’s Jail.

16 A fire broke out on F Street in Mr Poors Stable which intirely consumed it. It took place 1/2 a bfr[?] 11 o’clock - which is thought to be an accident.

19th Moses belonging to Wm H Macon of New Kent Co. ran away on Tuesday (16). He has some relations in Richmond. He is about 5 feet 9 or 11 inches high and has a large form. He has on a light drab nap cotton Single button dress Coat a pair of home made pair of pants a pair of thick Shoes he has a bold countenance he has a large face and flat nose he has a dark complexion he has a Scar on the leg $20 will be offered for him.

19th Mary hired by Mathew Tober is Runaway. She is a Ginger bread colour about 17 years old bushey head of hair. She had on a Stripe Cotton Coat. She has a down look. If Caught I wish her delivered to me near the white hall Tavern.

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Feby 23rd Edward H Bakers woman Liza ran away Last Winsday She is about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high 30 or 35 years of age She is a mulatto She lived last year with Blain the Gardner

25 Copeland and Brown has a fellow Ranaway Yesterday morning by the name of John he is a black Smooth Skin fellow 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high has a down look black low in crown hat black frock coat 25 or 26 years old has a pass to go the Archer Thomas on Shoko hill I think he lived last year at See Brooks ware house

27 Archer Thomas kitchen was broken open an entered and a Skillet taken out about 20 minutes after 11 Oclock the kitchen is on Virginia Street It was found open by McGruder and Meanly

March 3rd Mr. Wyatt Brightwell has a negro ranaway from his farm Pigeon in Spottsai by the name of Harry no dout he is lurking in Town he is a tall brown complected negro unsual thick lips has a course voice and speaks with confidence he has been a waggoner for Several years If caught i wish put in Jail So that i can Get him again and i will Give $25 If caught you can direct your letter to Beverdam Depot in hanover county

4th A fire broke out in a small stable in the naborhood of Sadlers stable on the corner of F & 17th street but was put out supposed to of been set on fire
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March 8th  Mr Goesby of Shokoe Hill has a woman and child Ranaway  The womans name is Rose  She is a tall woman and black  she lives in the naborhood of the 3rd Baptist Church

9  Mr Heath has a boy Ranaway  he is 12 or 14 years old  nearly white  he has been about Mr Rutherfords on Shokoe Hill  his hair nearly white

12  James Hicks is Ranaway From Tates Jail  he is a free man Sold for Jail fees  he was from Peters Burg  he is a bright mulatto about 28 or 30 years of age  about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high and badly drest  he is quite an artful fellow and has no papers  If caught i wish him Brought round to the Jail and i will pay the fee  Edmond Taylor, Jailor

15th  Stolen from the house lately occupied by Dr. Tazewell by Some negroe men a Double Case Capt & Jewelled white dial old fashioned Gold watch runing on a large diamond  any person apprehending the thief and restoring the watch will be Suitable rewarded on application to Mr Tazewell at Mrs. Beals Boarding house  Should any such individuals be taken up Mr Jinkins will please inform Mr Edward Gray at the Armory

17th  Shepards printing office door was left open to night through Carlessness  and found So by McGruder & meanly between 1 & 2 oclock  it is Situated on 13 St between D & E Street  they informed the inmates of the house of the facts

20th  Too fellows Ranaway from S.C Anderson  Hillyard is a black fellow with a wen on his neck  28 years old  Joe Lewis a brite fellow 26 years old with a scar on his foward black coat with pockets out side & blew yarn pants  a reward of $25 is offered
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March 20th Three negroes ranaway from Egliston and Ward Abram Turman he is 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high he is Very slim he is dark complected termed a dark Ginger bread Isaac is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high has a pass to stay at the County Jail he is a mulatto and crosseyed Lamar is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high he is perfectly black he had on a course Cassinet Suit of Cloths

27 Albert Carter is runaway from Clarks & Graces Factory

" S[?] Some times Cald Cotral[?] is Ranaway from Wm B Archer he is a dark mulatto much pock whitten and has a down Cast look he has been seen in the nbourhood of the Bason he has a mother hired out by P.M Tabb

28 Wm L Wickham man Cyrus had leave to go to Town about a month ago and has not returned his wife lives in Manchester at Blair Burrells and is probable about their I will give $20 for his apprehension

30th Nelson Red who lives at Warwicks and Brothers & Co is runaway he is 5 feet 6 or 8 inches in hight not very dark speaks very low has been in the habit of sleeping at Settlebury[?] over the Creek has been seen about the medcal Colledge & to day on Shockoe hill

Aprl 3 W. C Lindsay had 3 men who was detected in Stealing oats on the discovery York & Lewis ran of and it is probable thay are in Richmond York had on a blew geans coat & dark Gray pants and fir skin cap Lewis had on a dark Gray short coat and pants and a wool hat & has an impediment in his speach

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April 3rd W H. Roan has a man ranaway by the name of Harrod Stout black fellow 25 or 30 years of age has a lump on the throat occasioned by shaving he has a father living in rockets

11th P.H. Bilko has a man Ranay from Northampton. I think he is in Richmond as he says he has a wife by the name of Mariah at the factory the overseaor is named Hinton If he is taken up before my Overseaor Mr Higgins leaves Town I will give a reward of $50. If not untill he leaves I will Give a reward of $25

12 William hired to C.W. McMurdo is Runaway he is a light Ginger bread has a very bushey head of hair thin whiskers & about 4 feet 6 inches high has a mother by the name of Susan Price living on 18th St between E & F St

12 Rives & Harris back cellar door was found open by McGruder and meanly between 9 & 10 Oclock near Cheevallys Mill

13th Wm D Dandridges Cellar door was left open through neglect and was found so by meanly and mcGruder between 8 and 9 oclock the house is situated on Cary street at the corner of the Collumbian Tavern

19th Brackington & Scattergoods low door was found open between 2 & 3 by McGruder & Meanly on Main Street Just above the Corner of 14th St

" Egliston & Ward has a man Ranaway by the name of Spencer Ross about 33 years age Brown Complexion low and Stout It is probable he may be found about the Branch

" John Belonging to Doct Trent is Runaway he is a about 5 feet high very Black quite polite but easily confounded when telling an untruth

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1841  A Memorandum of Runaways & Robberies

April 22nd  Henry Sometimes cald Henry Smith run of from his master Yesterday morning he belongs to John C. Hobson he was in Town this Evening and may probable be found to night at his wifes house his wife is name Susan and lives in the kitchen in rear of Doct Cabbells office on 14th St They are anxious for him to be caught

Jessy belonging to Elijah Bayley of powhatan county is runaway he is a ginger bread Colour Very tall and well made About 23 Years old A reward of $20 will be given for his apprehension

May 3rd  Patrick Hamilton of Granville county North Carrolina is runaway Walker is a mulatto complected fellow about 25 years of age with a very full face and spotted from the measles or some such disease about 5 1/2 feet high and speakes with more than common intelligence his form is remarkable Stout and powerful when he went of he had on blw casinet pants a dark mixt roundabout with a narrow brimd hat I will Give a liberal reward for his apprehension

" Elias Watson a dark mulatto 19 years old 5 feet 5 Inches high marks on both arms with India Ink Ranaway from Brig Demascus Capt Chase

6 Wortham belonging to Saml. Robinson of King William is runaway he is 17 years Old brown complection stout made and has a scar or bald place on the back part of his head he has an uncle living with Beasley & Quarles if taken inform Hill & Dabney

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May 6  Walker belonging to Patrick Hamilton of granville County North Carrolina  
Runaway on the 28th April  he has a Molatto appearance  about 25 years Old  Avery full  
face & Spoted with the effects of Measles  5 1/2 feet high  Speaks with more than  
common Intelligence  very Stout Made  had on Blue cassinet pants dark dark mixed  
roundabout Narrow Brimed Hat  he can read large print and perhaps can write  he was  
raised by a Mr Tolivar near the Bowling green Carroline County  A liberral reward will  
be paid for his apprehension by Messors Will Booker & Hammilton

6” Harrod hired this year to Wm H Roan is runaway  he is a short black fellow  from 23  
to 26 years Old  had on dark clothes and a common black wool Hat  
Josiaah Marshall Tree Hill

7” Daniel belonging to Mrs Walsh and hired to the James River and Kanawa Co. is  
Runaway

4th [?]  A fire Broke out in a building ocupied by Robert W. Saunders which intirely  
consumed the whole building  the fire consumed the whole of the cloths and most of the  
furniture  Jones Allens house caught on fire but was put out wit out any damage being  
done or but very little.  The fire broke out about half hours Sun in the morning

10th  To Servants belonging to [?] Smith is runaway  Peter is a black man  about 35 or 40  
years of age  he is quite likely and Stammers a little in Speaking and is about 5 feet Six or  
7 inches high  his wife lives at Henry Moncures  
William is a bright Mulatto about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high  he has a scar on his nose  
produced by its having been once broke  he had when

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he left home very long straight black hair and large bushy whiskers entirely incircling
his face he has acquaintances at Tates Jail who perhaps has seen him Possible he is in
manchester as he well acquainted there If caught they are to be confined in Jail and Mr
Smith informed of it who can be found at the law office at the Capitol or at Mrs.
Bullocks

May 11 Moses Belonging to E. Gathwright of Henrico is Runaway Very Black with
white eyes & Teeth down look when spoken to about 16 years of age Very tall and stout
made Blew coat and country made pants and has many acquaintances in Town

" Davy Terril belonging to S. Saunders is runaway he has a pass to Go to Lucy Homes
on the Bason he has but 1 Leg he is dark complected and Low built I wish him Caught
and brought to me

" James a tall mulatto man hired from the estate of Doct Tazewell is runaway he is
about 25 or 30 years of age and Stammers a little when spoken to Henry Ludlam

Lucinda Belonging to George M Savage is runaway She is a bright mulatto about 30
years of age She has a pleasant countenance She is from the Low end of Henrico If
cought She is to be put in the county Jail

12 Moses a black man 60 years old runaway from Tucker Coles of Albemarle he has
several children in Richmond and one named Carter at the Cotton Factory

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May 13th Silvey hired to John Gary is runaway. She is a dark Ginger bread about 16 Years of age and well Grown & stout built. I think it is likely she is at Goudkops as she has a sister living there. She has a large mouth and thick lips & a thin head of hair.

14th John Belonging to Mrs Walsh and hired to the James River & Kanawa Co. is runaway.

15th Thos. Drews Store door was found open by McGruder & Meanly 50 minutes after 8 o'clock they gave the information and the door was fastened.

22nd Stolen from the passage of Phillip Harrisons.
2 coats one a dark brown overcoat nearly new worth $40 belong to himself and one dress coat rather lighter brown than the over coat & Small size belonging to his son the coat is nearly new and has been torn under the arm and a small piece put in either of the coats can be easily identified by the owner taken a few nights since.

26th Norborn belonging to Shaw of Norfolk who broke Williamsburg Jail he is 5 feet high with the Scar of the Scroffule on the right side of the neck he is Supposed to be in Richmond as he has a Sister living at Mrs Richardson's boarding house by the name of Lucy Dell[?] he is a light Ginger bread a reward of $20 will be offered for his apprehension by William Jackson Jailor of Williamsburg.

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1841  A Memorandum of Robberies & Runaways

May 26th  Daniel Flippen has a man ran off from Cumberland County  He is about 21 years of age  Black complexion  5 feet 8 inches high  he has on the back of his right wrist a wen about the Size of a patridge egg  he has a foot about 13 inches long and long black face  $10 is offered for his apprehension

27th  John Martin has a boy ran of by the name of Bob.  he is a Ginger bread  about 20 or 21 years of age  Well Grown and very likely  he has a very high foward.  he has father by the name of Frank James who is a free man  he has a sister living in Town by the name of Dolly James  If Caught i wish him confind in Jail and a letter Directed to Gochland Cout house

28th  John Currey has a man runaway by the name of John  he had on a nit cap.  he has a wife living near near Mr Blairs the apothecaries on H st Shokoe Hill

30th  A Gold Watch figured back with the initials of the owners name ingraved on the back J.B.W.  was stolen from Mrs Richardsons Boarding house last night

June 3rd  Fogs Store door was found open tonight by McGruder & Meanly on D Street about 11 oclock

"  Moses belonging to Capt Kinnen is Runaway  he 50 years of age  has a daughter living at Sheppards the printers  if taken to be put in Jail and John Wren to be informd

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Jun 5th Ellen the property of John Chandler is runaway. She is a light coloured Girl about 18 Years old, rather delicate frame, lived with A[?] last year hired to S.S. Saumner this year. She has a sister (Martha) who lives with McGovern who lives with Saml Sublett. 3 brothers who lives with Colquit and Gentry. Lewis Hill

8th W Harvel Cellar door was left open & found So by Williams both on the 8 & 9 on H St Shokoe Hill between 4 & 5 St.

11th Robert R James Window shutters was left open and found so by Williams on H St Shokoe Hill - between 3 & 6.

15th Doctr Haxals boy George is Runaway. He is a Bright mulatto, Bushy head of hair gets confused when Spoken to Sharply has a mother by the name of Sally who lives near Mr Anthony Robinsons Snr. He was seen Mrs Charles Ellis on Sunday night he was last night and yesterday at Adaline Lightfoots in Theatre Alley where it is Expected he may be found.

" Jupiter belonging to Peter Winstons is runaway has a wife at Joseph Markes Small weakly negro about 40 years of age.

15 James Syzers Store door was left open on 15st between D & E. and found So by McGruder & Meanly between 10 & 11 o'clock they gave the information and the door was fastind.

Sheldon & Sumervills Cellar door was found open by McGruder between 11 & 12 o'clock on D St.

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1841 A Memorandum of Robberies & Runaways

June 16th  Henry Gibsons man Tom is runaway he is a black man about 6 feet 2 inches high $25 dollars reward for his apprehension

20 Robert P James Window was left open and remained So all night  Found So and reported by F Williams  H St  Shokoe hill

" Memorandum of articles Stolen from the Virginia house  1 Black cloth coat one of the buttons on the back Slightly frayed  1 white cambrick handkerchief with my name on it  1 Yellow Marsiels Vest checked with brown and one of the button holes nearly broken out  1 Gold pencil with a blew stone in the head  1 box of points of yellow wood. $2 note and 2 or 3 [?] or half dollar in Silver  1 pocket book with receipts bills and &etc and probable a little or too in the same pocket  one pair of pants of Something like net work - a little brown a Sham with my name on it and a pair of miles boots

22 Dick belonging to Richard Hadur is runaway he is very black over 6 feet high and very stout he has been accustomed to coming into town every morning with milk and carrying out a load of manure he has on an old dark Cassinet coat old white pants and black hat - and beard all round the chin

22 Logan Waller cellar was found open on H St Shokoe hill by Francis Williams the informed the man of the fact and the door was fastend

22 Mr. James window on H. St Shokoe hill was found open by F. Williams he apprised him of the fact and the window was closed

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1841 A memorandum of Robberies & Runaways

June 24th Thos. M. Randolph's man Jim Lewis is Runaway he is a brown Skin 23 years of age has a down look when spoken to has a Scar on the side of the nose he has been runaway for four weeks - he got home last Sunday night and has left home again I understand he has been in Richmond most of his time - and Staid in Rockets - where he was Seen by a man who knows him well and believe he may Still be found there now Ten dollars is offered for his apprehension

27 J.G. Blair's woman Fanny is runaway from Mr Deane to whom She was hired She is about 25 years old 5 feet from 4 to 6 inches high dark mulatto has one of the front Teeth broken which is conspicuous She is the wife of Sam Yancey a free dark mulatto man who is in Mr Drinkus employ as a baker She took with her her oldest child a boy about 4 or 5 years old & I have not Yet learned whether She has taken her other child a girl who was Staying with Polly Straw the Grandmother

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July 2 Jack Kent is runaway from Lynchburg he is of the usual size black Intelligent countenance has a small mouth with the under lip projecting out farther than the upper one if taken and delivered to L Ludlam & son they will pay all reasonable expences

6 James Barbour has a woman by the name of Fanny runaway about 50 years of age also a boy named Robin about 15 or 18 yrs old She is mother to 2 more at Warwicks factory Major and Sam Wm H Johnson to be informed

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APPENDIX A continued

side 1 [begins a gathering of connected sheets that runs from July 6, 1841 through May 6th 1842]

1841 A memorandum of Robberies & Runaways &etc

July 6 John Curries woman Patcy is runaway She is a gingerbread colour about 35 years old She has a sister or daughter now living at A.M. Nottings and where she may probably be found She has a daughter living at Wm Beear next door to the old Baptist Church Billy Stark who lives at Mgs factory ust to stay with Patcy and threatind to get her of She has a sister living at Cooleys next door to Sydnor Baxters where it is most likely she may be found

13th Mr Crouches Girl Elvy is runaway She is very black and slim and has Gentill appearance She a very nappy head of hair She is about 18 years of age she has a mother living at Mrs Mayos who keeps a boarding house on 15th St. There is a Girl who lives at Mr Allens who keeps a boarding house over Jabez Parkers a little below the union and with whom she is well acquainted and it is more than probable she may be found their A reward of $10 is offered for her detection Caught and Carried Home

14th Major Frazier belonging to Snead and Bridges ran away yesterday morning he is very black and spare made and about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high he has a pass to go to Mr Milley on union hill

15 Cicily who ranaway from Mr White is carried home by B. Jenkins

17th Tho. Massie had a Double Bottom Hard Dial Second hand Silver Liver. watch Stolen from him in the Virginia House Markd M.J. Tobias &Co of Liverpool No. 10875

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1841 A memorandum of Robberies and Runaways, & etc

July 16th John Marshal is runaway has a wife at Anderson Barretts he is about 45 years old dark complected and walks bowlegged was purchased from B.W. Green Daniel is also runaway he has a wife near Bacon branch by the name of Eveland he is about 45 years old dark mulatto or brown complected walks lame in the right leg - If Caught deliver to Dunlop Moncure & Co

17th Robert Picket has a woman runaway by the name of Judy She is about the usual Size dark complected and a Great many bumps on the face She may most probable be found below rockets at the house that Tylers Bacon was found and about F A Mays where she has relations

17th Thos Howlett Senr has a man runaway by the name of Bill Chirstmus he is rather above the common hight black complected and large course features Somewhat of a carpenter he hews and saws well also weather boads and shingles a reward of $15 is offered for his apprehension

21st Mingo Wooldridge or [?] or Jackson is a large well Set fellow very dirty and ragged and shows the marks of dissipation very plainly in his face lived the first part of the year at halls factory on church hill

22nd Nelson belonging to Wooldridge & Catlett is runaway he is about the common Size and a light Ginger bread he had on white pants white palm leaf hat and a speckel shirt may probable be found at Polly Osbournes on Shokoe hill

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1841 A mimorandum of Robberies and Runaways & etc

July 23rd $500 Reward

The following bank notes have been taken on Saturday 17th Inst at half past 12 oclock by
the Young man in our imploy named Edward Murdan aged about 17 years of rather
Short Stature Sallow complexion round features dark hazel hair naturally curly dark
eyes whiskers very thin Just growing out dressed all in black and Genteel in
appearance.

3 Notes of $1000 each. Merchants Bank
2 do 500 do do do
do
2 do 500 do American Exchange Bank
4 do 500 do Phinix Bank
2 do 500 do Commercial Bank
10 do 100 do Lafayette Bank

In all $9000 The above reward will be paid by the subscribers for the recovery of the
money and the detection of the Young man

Marie & Decoppet
59 Mall Street N York

23rd Major Page Runaway from A.B. Shelton is a tall Slim fellow about 25 years of
age he is black and drest in black fellow

" Miles Carys man William is Runaway he has a great many fine cloths with him Stout
built and dark complexion and vissits in hardScramble and Scrimers ville

25 John Bridgewater has a Small boy ranaway by the name of Washington he is black
and has a father living in Rockets by the name of Ned Page he has been Seen in Town
and has on a Linnin shirt and brown Linnin pants

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July 27  Mr John G[?] has a woman runaway  her husbands name is Robert & hired to J Fisher Junr.  & her sister lives at Robert Gwaltneys  10$ reward will be paid for her apprehension and delivery  She is intimately acquainted at Wm Graves's Kitchen

“ Robert Baker belonging to Abrahan Baker of north Carrolina made his escape from Thos Smith at the R & F Depot  Said negro is 19 or 20 years Old  5 feet 6 or 8 Inches high Black complexion big bushy head, no shirt with a pair of Handcuffs on one hand Carried with him a basket of clothes A liberal reward will be give his Apprehension

28 $10 reward will be given for the delivery in Jail A Negro woman named Janesy who runaway on the 12 Inst. and supposed to have made her way to Richmond as her mother lives there, She is about 5 feet 3 Inches high dark her Mothers name is Rose [?] Carroline County V.A. Saml. Coleman

Aug 2nd  Lawson, runaway from Black Heath pits said negro is about 5 ft 5 In high very dark complected marked with a large burn on the side of his face Wm Burns called and gave the above discription

On Saturday night about one oclock one new saddle made by Otey of the value of $40 the property of Frederick Hobson

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Aug 3rd  Lydia a bright mulatto girl  speckled face  long hair, low in stature, her sister named Nancy lives at Sally Dabney's near Bacon Quarter Branch.

Aug 5  A boy named New Royster has been absent from Geo. E Mills' pits some six weeks makes his head quarters at a little grocery or pop shop kept by a woman just below Hardings Stables. New is a short, thick set negro about 20 or 22 years old complexion black

“ 5  Left Thos. J.M Nances in Manchester his boy Jno. Floyd  Said boy is of midling stature, stoops a good deal, and is very slow motioned, said boy has been in the habit of staying at Archer Thomas', it is likely said boy will make his way to King Wm Co where he was hired of Mr Toliaferro, he has or had in his possession a parcel of coal tickets when he ran off

7  $2000 Jas River & Kanawha scrip sent to Lewis & Crenshaw & Co from Lynchburg in Boyd & Edmonds boat Jas. C Cabell  $500 of said scrip missing on examination of Crenshaw  thinks it likely Lewis or Jas: on board of said boat knows something about it $100 reward for the recovery of the money lost payable by Boyd & Edmonds

“  Found Saml. Pearce's front door corner of 14th street open at 20 2 by ward 3

9  Ranaway from Matthews jail a negro man named Peter  said negro about 22 or 23 years of age  5 feet 7 In high slender built, thin forward, purchased from a Wm Wichelow in Hanover or Louisa  $30 reward offered his recovery

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Aug 9  Jno Cardwell’s boy Robin 21 years of age, low stature, very black, short hair, very low forehead, has an [?] named Harry Thomas, formerly a driver of Bingm Green’s 11th Davy Shelton belonging I S Saunders is Runaway, he is a middle aged man and attends to Wm Saunders’ Garden at Broad Rock and sell vegetables in the old market where it is likely he will be lurking

" Janetta belonging to Dr. Curtis and hired by Henry M Wade, to John A. Belvin, he is 20 years old black and tall

J Pearce

" James Ritchie’s cellar door was broken into last night and 2 pots of butter containing 15 lbs each, and 20 quart bottles of honey taken therefrom 3 of the bottles were found broke in the street this morning by Hitchcocks stables a little this side of my house

J Pearce

" A reward of ten dollars will be paid for the apprehension of my man Spottswood, he is a mulatto with long bushy hair about six feet high and well made rather a pleasing countenance when spoken to he is well acquainted in Richmond and I have reason to believe has gone gone there he has an uncle living there named Lot Higby a free man and lives on the edge of the town in the direction of Mr Curtis Carters

Wm Wingfield Jr

PS If he should be caught have him lodged in Goodwins Jail and direct to me at Goodalls

WmW Jr

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Aug 28th Edmond Young, belonging to Jas H. Grant Ginger bread colour about 30 years of age low well set about 5 feet 6 In high, full eyes, his aunt Letty lives in the neighborhood of Capt Prentise at Maud Ropers

29 James Griffin’s Sam runaway about 35 or 40 years old dark complected, has a pass dated about the 15th inst

Sepr 3rd Alexander is runaway Sterling J Crump’s farm is 17 or 18 years old, black and quite likely

3 Col. Edwin Sheltons (of Hanover) boy frank is runaway 18 years old dark ginger bread colour, stout & likely

3 Thos Gardner (of Hanover) Ann is runaway 20 years old, yellow, very likely

3 Mr Goosbeys woman Rose is runaway she is a tall black woman

“ Reeves & Harris store found open by McGruder and Meanly between 8 and nine Oclock left open through neglect.

M Howells window unbarred on the nights of Augt 31st & Sepr 3rd

5 Jacob hired to Wm Sharpe at Rich R[?] place is runaway is black, little bowlegged 40 years old thin visage, small whiskers and can run very fast

“ Julius generally called Bug. belonging to Tho Howlett Senr of Chesterfield is runaway, he is 20 years old small for his age tolerable dark pretty much bowlegged scars on both sides of his neck caused by the Kings evil $20 reward if taken in Richmond [?] in my possession J Pearce

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APPENDIX A continued

side 2 [1841, cont]

^ Sept 8th Cyrus Crenshaw, belonging to Wm Kerr is runaway 25 years old about 5 ft 7 or 8 inches high, is black & supposed to be near the Draw bridge

8 Slave Maria belonging to Robt Stanard left his house this morning (the 8th Septr) said slave is black complected rather below the common height but very stoutly built, her front teeth projects somewhat making her lips also to project. She wore a Calico dress, look from you when speaks, she has a brother named Robert living with a man at Rocketts, who is a Ship Carpenter. She was purchased last winter from a man living near Portsmouth and has a husband down there and is no doubt lurking somewhere about Rocketts probably with her brother. Her brother resembles her a good deal in appearance and rather blacker

9 Edward belonging to Doctr George is runaway is a smart Dandy looking fellow had on a frock coat when he left

" Warren, belonging to Wm Jarvis about 22 years old

" Pinky belonging to Dr. Meridiths’ Est is runaway said slave is a mulatto, about 18 or 19 years old rather a bushy head of hair, A little below the usual stature has but few acquaintances in town 10 Dollars reward

15 Albert, yellow, runaway from Nolting his mother lives at Wm Johnsons a little above Archer Thomas’, he has a sore leg

16 Cain, belonging to Randolph Harrison, is runaway said boy is about 16 years old, black, slender made stutters and had on when he left nothing but his shirt & pantaloons

16 Jno Dornings window found unbarred to night

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Sept 19 Broken out of B Tates Jail
Armstead, black & Daniel, brown
Beverly very black & David rather brown
Wm yellow with long hair & Hanson brown
Lewis, yellow
Thadeus, old, yellow, & stout, grey hair
William very black young & tall
Pleasant Hunt, tall rather brown
Va Touring Co
Jno T Lloyd
W H Richards
W. W Hall
[?] Malone
Jno [?]
Boyd Edmond & Co

21 I will give Fifty dollars reward for the apprehension and delivery to me, or to secure
in Jail so that I can get him again my negro boy Moses, who ranaway on the 3rd inst. He
is about eighteen years of age about five feet eight or ten inches high and of a dark
complexion. He took with him a small gold watch belonging to me; had on when he left
light drab pantaloons & several articles of clothing. I think that his intention is to get to
the North. All masters of vessles and others are forewarned against harboring,
employing, or carrying away said negro under the severest penalty of the law
Wm D. Dunbar (Norfolk)

24 Robt Harris belonging to A Judson Crane Said boy is colored and lodges at David
Barclays at night Wm Crane wishes him arrested & brought to the Watch House

" Frank and Jim belonging to A Cary Chesterfield is runaway. Frank is a chunkey negro
very broad teeth dark complexion he sometimes calls himself Charles
Jim is more tall and spare with some knots on his neck caused by the Kings evil, and is
very short spoken

26 Clara, belonging to Edward Baker is runaway said negro is about fifty years old,
black & of low stature

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APPENDIX A continued

side 2 [1841, cont]

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Sept 29 Joe Atkinsons factory door left open McGruder

Oct 1 Louisa five feet high thick set gingerbread colour about twenty eight years old supposed to be with Reshman’s man Moses belonging to WM Taylor of York County & if caught to be delivered to Jas M Ford Richmond

4 Jasper Woodson, Runaway from Sami S Myers & Co, said negro was brought to Watch House some time ago with 27 lbs stolen tobacco, he is large, stout, & brown complected

6 Jim, belonging to WM Price Farmville, is runaway Said Negro boy is about 20 or 21 years old, slender bright mulatto sold in Richmond at auction on last January

7 Mr Stebbins front dood of his Chany store at the coronor of 14th and E street found open by Mcgruder and Haynes left open through carelessness

9 Cain belonging to Randolph Harrison of Goochland County Elk Hill is runaway, he is 17 years old very black one of his front teeth is out, stutters very much, usual size, straight and well made is easy to be confused and when so can scarcely utter a word

Affiar is runaway, she is about 20 years of age tall likely, with child and complexion yellow belonging to John M Williams of Lynchburg a reward of Five or Ten dollars, is offered for her apprehension Octr 9th 1841

12 Amanda belonging to [?] Sizer is runaway said girl is a bright mulatto girl about 20 years of age 5 feet 5 inches in height, large eyes, grayish blue, bushy hair, teeth regular but decayed round face, lips large a small scar under her left eye, and a burn on her arm, when spoken to is timid changes color dressed well, “pleasant”
side 1 [1841, cont]

12 A negro the property of my sister Mrs L C Smith of Louisa, left home on Friday 1st of the present month. As he is a man of better capacity than is common, with his colour, and can moreover read and write, there is good cause to apprehend he will attempt to leave the state. To accomplish that purpose, he will most likely make his way to Richmond. The negro’s name is Edmond Thompson. He is very tall as well as likely. His skin is smooth and dark, but not black, the cast of his countenance is not open, but rather sly, a peculiar softness in his [word inked over]

Oct 12th 1841

C.M Callis Louisa

15 Two negroes belonging to John H. Jennings are runaway. Archer his boatman is one of the fellows. He is about 55 years old, tolerably tall and stout. Is of dark complexion, very thick lips and is a little grey. Beverly the other is about 17 years old, brown copper complexion, grey blue eyes. Has a scar on the lower end of the right ear.

15 The following articles were stolen from Robt Morehead. Viz A blue beaver frock coat very stout with pockets on each side, A pair of blue military pantaloons with a stripe down each side of them, A blue black satin vest a good deal worn on the back side of the collar, two or three shirts with the name of Robert Morehead on the tail of them, also a light hankerchief and a pair of cotton socks

16. Ann Smith belonging to Isaac White is runaway. Said girl is black, fat & greasy looking, has acquaintances at Mr Alveys boarding house.

18 Tyler & Taylors side store door found open by McGruder & Haynes

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Oct 27th John Tabb, belonging to John Currie is runaway said negro is black, very thick fingers Whiskers, about 6 feet high, speaks as if he was scared, supposed to be at Wm Lurveys near the Theatre

31 Beverly belonging to W. Howland is runaway he is a stout black fellow has the appearance of dissipation he is about 40 years old he probably may be found at Belvidary where he has a wife

Nov 1st Fleming Jordan is runaway belongs to Edward H, Jordan of Scottsville formerly a boatman if caught secure him in Jail in Richmond

Nov 1st Woodley is runaway belongs to the Tredeger iron company eighteen years old dark mulato

Nov 10th William Barnett runaway belongs to Eggleston & Ward from 20 to 22 years of age a Mulato man tolerably short hair in the habit of staying with a relation Lewis Barnett in rear the soap factory

Nov 15th Archey Runaway belongs to John Brown slender built about thirty years of age

Nov 15th Cupid runaway belongs to G.F. & W.W Guy &Co thin visage dark complexion 5 feet and near six inches in height about thirty years of age

Nov 17th Dandridge front door of store on Cary street left open through neglect Wm Haynes

Nov 26th Carter Harris belonging to Bartlett Crump of New Kent middle size about thirty five or forty years of age
City of Richmond to [?]
To all whom it may concern

In pursuance and by Virtue of the authority Vested in me by an ordnanace of Said City passed the 10th day of May 1830 - I do hereby appoint and constitute 2d officer of the City Watch to act as Such on the nights prescribed in Said ordnanance and to do and perform all duties therein required to be done and performed by the Said 2d officer. This appointment is made in consequence of the [unfinished sentence]

The Said is therefore hereby to continue and be respected as the 2d officer of the Night Watch until Some further order Shall be made in that Case

Given under my hand

this day of

1840

On Thursday night Feb 27 a fire broke out on Schock hill between I. and J. Street in Richard Colemans carpenters Shop supposed to be set on fire which consumed the shop and dwelling which Said Coleman lived in a Stable also took fire which was standing near but was stopt by nocking of the roof the loss is estimated at $3000 or $4000 The fire broke out between 7 & 8 Oclock. The Cage bell was rung nearly an hour and a half It was a wet damp night and a Smart Shower fell at the time of the fire

1841

Jany 1 Reaves & Harris lumber house found open between 3 and four oclock on the Night of

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A memorandam of Robbery

Jan 1  Traver & Harris lumber house was found open by Mcgruder between 3&4 Oclock left open through neglect

Wooten D. Blairs Cellar door found open by J R Blankenship on the Night of the 1st Jan 1841 about 3 Oclock A. M.

3. Davenport & Allens lumber house found open by W. H. Meanly on the night of the 3 Jany about 6 Oclock left open accidently.

Linnys butcher Box Broke open on the Night of the 2nd Jany.

M. Howels cellar door found open by F Williams on the night of 4 Jan left open through neglect

5 Reeves & Harris lumberhouse door found open by ward 3 about 7 oclock left open through neglect

11 Edward Walls office door found open by Meanly between 12 & one oclock left open between 12 & 13 Streets

This was Enterd upside down and the rong Side of the book
Don by W. A. Woodson

April 4th James King stole from boad of the schoner Mobial Capt Saml Barnes - money to the amt. of 35 or 40 dollars - the Said king had on when left a blew coat - coarse negro pants and a (?) hat he is about 5 ft. 6 or 7 Inches high thick Set - and about 20 years of age - tolerable long hair - round face - no whiskers - he was in company with Bill Mack today. he has changed his clothes, i think and has on a light coat and fir hat - and I will give $10 for his apprehension

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May 2d  Robert Duvals Lumber House broken open and segars stolen  One negro chased by the watchmen and Two Boxes segars recovered  his hat was also lost in the chase  he escaped

May 5th  Davenports & Allens Cellar door broken open  Three boxes of Sperm Candles and Two Boxes of Soap stolen  Thieves discovered by the watchman - persued and goods recovered  their instruments for breaking was found and secured

10th  Wm. Chicks Cellar door was found open at 10.20 oclock by ward 9  carelessly left open

10th  P. Augusts window found unkeyd at 10 oclock by ward 9  left unkeyed through Neglect

June  15 Peter Elmores window found open by ward two between 11 & 12 oclock  left open by neglect

(followed by 7 lines of penmanship exercise in hand not that of the above entries)

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Dec 11th  Ludlum & Mcrea’s store door found open by ward three between 8 & 9 oclock through carelessness

Dec 17th  McColgin & Co Store door found open by Ward three at the corner of exchange alley and fourteenth street between the hours of 8 and nine oclock

19th Suspicious Circumstance about 11 oclock Messrs Lancaster and Denby’s Store on Main or E street was discovered to have some person inside and upon examination the door over and above the Creek was discovered by the watchman to have one of the pannels broken out, On entering the house with Young Mr Denby and after some search were found stowed away between some hogshead Mr Thos. Poe one of the clerks who gave no satisfactory statement why he was there Nuckles & Green

19  Messrs Taylor & Taylors Cellar door was found by Ward 3 to be broken open between 4 and 5 oclock A.M. and some two or three kegs of Butter were Missing

22nd  Landon Wellingham & Drewers Lumber house door was found open opposite the Exchange nothing appears to be missing by Nuckles and Green

25  Calvin Greens office found open by the watch about 10 oclock  Broken open and about 10 bushels Meal Missing

28th  James Craftons Cellar door found by the watch about 11 oclock left open through neglect

4th Jan 1842  James R Craftons Cellar door found open by ward 9 twelve oclock

20th Jan  Barney Wickers Cellar door left open by ward seven

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1842
January 22nd George Washington Runaway Belongs to A.W. Nowland hired to John Caskie black complexion one front tooth out

22nd Barney 14 years old with a scar on the head by a Burn Girl Martha from Mecklinburg late the property of C Hudson and sold by H Hudson

25th N Deveraux Leather store on Cary street left open found by Ward 3

Feb 4th J. & A Goodes Lumber house broken open and Loaf Sugar & Champaine wine and & taken to the amount of 75 to 80 dollars worth taken

Feb 5th Mansfield Sutters front door found open by ward 5 about five oclock

Feb 7th John Carters Man is Runaway he is about thirty years of age broad flat lips has a wife at Joseph R Crouches polite when not abrutly spoken to he is nearly black had on home made Virginia cloth clothes that had been coloured white Virginia Cloth over Coat if caught to be put in the county Jail

March 1st Fisher & Quinns Granary Store door left open on the Corner of D and 14th streets Reported by Ward 3

March 4th Wm B Gaines Cellar door found open H street by Ward 9

March 5th Wm B Gaines Cellar door found open 12.15 past by Ward 9

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March 5th George Wildhem front store window found open on first & H street by Ward nine

March 5th Philip August Store Window found open at 1 oclock on H and first street by Ward nine

March 5th E Finneys Cellar door found unlocked after 1 oclock on H street by Ward 9

March 7th George Wildhem’s Store Window found open at 10 oclock by Ward nine

March 8th Daniel H Valentines front Cellar door found open by Ward eight 10 oclock

March 8th George Nichilsons front Window of store found open by Ward eight at 10 oclock

March 17th Tyler & Taylors Cellar door on E Street found open by Ward 4 ten oclock

April 1st Adkinsons Factory door found open by Ward 3 between eight and nine oclock on the night of the 1st of April 1842

April 4th A Negro man Williams known in Richmond by the name Bil Allen absconded about twelve or fifteen days since from Robert West Billy is a black man about twenty eight years of age five feet about ten inches high a scar on the side of his face has a wife named Nancy Harris on Cary Street below the Columbian Hotel she is a free mulato woman he is supposed to be lurking about the City
April 4th  A young fellow named Albert about the height of Mr. Lewis Hill rather more bulky ran away from me day before yesterday and I think he has gone to Richmond & if so he will certainly go to B Valentines being well acquainted there if the Night Watch will catch him I will pay them well for their trouble he is of dark brown Colour with a good deal of hair on his upper lip

April 4th Stephen Bowles is Runaway belongs to Archer Anderson about 23 or 24 years of age black complexion about five feet 8 or ten inches high tolerable stout fifteen dollars reward will be given for his apprehension

April 7th Kesiah an old Woman black colour with one eye White and the other the usual colour extraordinary appearance walks one sided Similar to a crab has a cousin in Butchertown named Peter lived last year with Jonathan Justice runaway last night from George W Smith firm of Smith Bray and Harwood

April 7th Peter belonging to Aaron Burton and hired to Mr Ayers. 18 Miles above Richmond a Canal agent Runaway a few days ago he is a slick black fellow short hair 15 years old and his mother lives on D Street

April James Jones hired to the J.R. Canal Co is Runaway he has a wife at James Lions

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APPENDIX A continued

side 1 [1842 cont]

April 7th Moses belonging to Elizabeth Wingfield and hired to the James River & Kanawa Co is Runaway he is six feet high

April 7th Alexander Garrets cellar door found open on H & eight street between eleven and twelve o'clock by Ward 6

April 9th Frederick Belonging to William Turner of King William County is Runaway he is about 5 feet seven or eight in height about 30 years of age large eyes inclined to be Red quick spoken very black had on when he left a wollen Great Coat homespun a blue close bodiced coat of the same material dark pantiloons he generally wears a long beard

April 10th Alexander Garretts Cellar door found open on H and eight street between nine and ten o'clock by Ward 6

April 10th M. Howels Cellar door found open on H Street between 4th & 5th at 12 o'clock at night by Ward 8

14th Alexander H Dabneys window found open on first and H Street by Ward 9 at 11 o'clock

12th Mathews & Timberlakes window found open on H street by ward nine between 3 and 4 o'clock

19th George Wildhams front Window found unbared by Ward 9 about 1 o'clock at night

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APPENDIX A continued

1842

April 21st  E. Fineys front window found open by ward 9 at 1 o'clock at night

21st  Joseph Middener's front window found open by Ward 9 about 9 o'clock

May 3rd  Mr John A Snell's front windows found open by Ward 4 at two o'clock

May 3rd  Donald & Dunns Cellar door found open by Ward 3 between 1 and 2 o'clock

3rd  A & R Sedwicks Cellar door broken open  thinks some Candles gone  found open between 3 & 4 o'clock

May 5th  Julia Ann Belonging to Joshua Goode is runaway  between 16 & 17 years of age  tall likely Girl  brown Skin  bushy hair  Judge Standards James Grays & Mrs Amblers is places that she Visits  Rachel opposite Barckleys factory is her aunt  her brother has a wife at W Quarles opposite the Odd Fellows hall

May 5th  Alexander Dabners Window unbared and left so all night on first and 8 streets

May 6th  Joe is from 35 to 40 years of age  dark complected  5 feet 10 inches high  has a scar on one of his arms also one on his feet  has a down look when spoken to  Black Smith by trade  belongs to the estate of Thomas Talfarro

John B Tod  address Hanover C.H

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May 7th George Wildhams window found open between twelve and one o'clock by Ward 9

May 7th Samuel B. Woodards window left open about Twelve o'clock found by Ward 9

May 8th Lyons Levy window left unkeyed found by ward 8 about Nine Oclock

May 10th Ginney Belongs to Leroy Roper about 16 years of age bright reddish hair may be lurking about Richmond has been pursuaded off by a yellow man from Petersburg Called Robert Cary who lives with Doct Mills this man is avery sly artful fellow it would be well to watch at the Fredericksburg Depot for both of them I will give a very liberal reward

May 10th Joe is from 35 to 40 years of age Dark complexion 5 feet 10 inches high has a scar on one of his arms also one on one of his feet has a down look when spoken to Blacksmith by trade belongs to the estate of Thos Talliferro

John B Tod Address Hanover C.H.

May 12th A young man about 20 years of age black stout made name James the property of William Ritts Westmoreland County Virginia looks rather dull out of his eyes not witty

May 12th Bob, a black man about 25 years old about 5 feet 9 inches high rather high Cheek bones and somewhat a pleasant expression of face when not in a bad humour He was brought from Lynchburg about 12 or 18 months age belongs to Doct Wm H Howard

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May 14th James Craftons front window lift undbared quarter before 11 oclock by ward 9

May 14th Joseph Myers both front windows left open Eleven oclock By ward Nine

May 16th James H. Grants Factory Door found open by ward Three

May 16th Lyells Johnsons & Lyells Cellar Door left unlocked by Ward Three

May 25th Richard Lockwood window found by ward Two between one and two oclock

June 6th Saul Angles front Window left unbared by Ward Nine between Ten and Eleven oclock

June 21st Martha is a Mulato Woman about 25 or 27 years of age thick lips full eyes And turns very red when quick excited and is about half gone with child or was when she left and one of her front teeth is broken off and I think it is an upper tooth decayed and she has a scar I think it is on the right side of her forehead and she walks with her toes very much out she is a thick chunky woman of common height and very likely she has a tremendous thick hand and very fleshy and most persons would think that they were very much swolen I expect Martha has altered her name She started once before for Richmond and was caught in Goochland and put in Jail she is a very cunning villian please attend to the matter and let me hear from you

Davis C Thomas
June 24 Dickerson Hunters Cellar Door found open by Ward Tin by the carelessness of his Negro between Nine and Ten o'clock

June 25th Joseph Midendosh Cellar door found open by ward nine

July 13th A fire broke out to night about Two Oclock on main Street between 12th and 13th street which consumed the contents of everything in the room Occupied by by C.A. Shwagerle doing no further damage thought to be the work of an incendiary

July 22 A Segwicks window unbareed on 1st and H Street about 12 oclock by Ward Nine

26 Elliot & Elliot Cellar door found open by Ward 3 between 9 and 10 oclock left open through neglect

27th Joseph Heirholzer Cellars door found unlocked nine oclock by Ward Three

29th William W Dickinson Factory Window found open about two oclock by ward Three

Sept 10th Peter Elmore's front window found unbareed by Ward One 11 oclock

12 Jane belonging to Joshua Alvis she is Black Slim and about 40 years old thought to be about Jno Jacksons

12 Fire broke out between 6 & 7 oclock in a wood house belonging to Jno Enders and destroyed it with two Others

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July 3rd  A List of Runaways
Peter aged 22 years  quite Black large thick lips and walks badly  holds his head down when speaking
Ellis a bright Boy  almost a mulato  rather short  walks badly  John not quite as black as Peter and walks a little better than the other two  ages 21 years  they have been accustomed to work in a tobacco factory and their motin is like all Negroes who work in a factory for years  none of them large

Thomas Shore
Postmaster Petersburg

July 13th  Major belonging A.B. Shelton is runaway  quite black  very low forehead exceeding white teeth  very small teeth  invariably smiles when spoken to  walks quick with his toes very much out  One of his arms Crooked which he Carries considerably in front of him when walking

A B Shelton

July 18th  Lucy about thirty years of age  Black  Purchased of Mr Moses White  her husband lives in Richmond  Brown Complexion with a wooden leg  Lucy runaway on the night of the 17th of July 1842 from N. Matthews

July 20th  Mary or Cary is Runaway  she lived last year with Mr Cox near the Poor house  She has some relation I believe who lives at Mr McGruders on Shokoe Hill

July 24th  $20 Reward  Ran off from half Link  Two Negro men one by the name of Brister and the other Peter  belonging to Jno. C Dickinson of Richmond and recently of Caroline where they probably be lurking at this time in the neighbourhood Yoland Ville but more probably in Richmond as they were last seen Carried over

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July 24th  Brister is of dark complexion of Medium size Quick spoken & very polite no marks Visible recollected he is about 22 or 23 years of age Peter is Very Black Stout but very low with thick lips & and about 18 or 20 years old When spoken to has a downward look a reward of Ten dollars each and all reasonable expences paid if delivered at half Link

July 24th 1842
Miles B Locknane
Manger for Jno.M. Botts

July 25th  Patrick Johnson belongs to Jacob T Altee is Runaway he is well known as a driver in the City Is a red Mulatto about 5 feet 6 inches high Square built Has a very broad mouth nose somewhat flat. Had on when he left a white hat much worn took with him Two new cotton Ozenburgs shirts and a pair of Monroe shoes about half worn he is said to have two wives one near Henry Johnsons Smith Shop. The other near the Bell Tavern Jacob T Altee

July 4th  The Boys name is Ben though he is passing himself off for Jno Smith a free man he is about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high with one tooth out before He is spare made Had on a white fur hat about half worn he had also a very sore toe as I was told by my negroes he is Black and speaks very quick when spoken to. P.L. Leigh

Augt 8th  Absconded from the Virginia House on the fourth instant my man Jack, Commonly Known about town as Jack Gwathnay. He is about 5 feet 10 inches in height of Brown Complexion

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approaching a Mulato, square Built walks and talks quick and most remarkable thing about him is his teeth which are long and not close together and standing outward which makes his mouth as ugly as can be well considered & it is more remarkable that they cannot be hid when his mouth is closed by possibility it is feared he may try to leave the state by the way of Petersburg & City Point or he may have gone up the James River Canel but this is all conjecture. I will give Ten Dollars reward for his apprehension if taken in the state and Fifty if Taken out with all reasonable expences in all probability this yet may be lurking about Richmond or Rocketts.

Thomas Crouch

August 10th Henry belonging to Wm E Martin of Chesterfield is Runaway he is a black fellow a little lame formerly belonged to Beverly Blair and worked in a factory

Sept 11th Jack is Runaway from the subscriber, living at Yanceville Caswell County N.C. on the night of the 26th of March Last. my negro man Jack, alias John, about 5 foot 7 inches high, well made strong built, and weighs 175 lbs, about 26 years of age, complexion not very dark, and at times has a stoppage in his speech when spoken to, but not often, of a tolerable good countenance, although a desperate scoundrel. He has, well as I recollect a scar in his forehead, occasioned by an axe, He has also a very remarkable scar on the finger next to the little finger on one of his hands, perhaps the left hand, occasioned by a rising or felon, some of the bones of the finger have been taken out, and he has very little or no use of it which is crooked and shows very plain when his hand is open. He was purchased of Mr. Elisha Flack, of Guilford County, some five or

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six years ago, from whom he ran away before I bought him, and passed as a free man, by
the name of John Flack, when then runaway. He was much about Lynchburg, Va, and in
several counties above Lynchburg on James River and Staunton. He also hired himself
as a free man, to work at the Iron Works in Alleghany County, as I have been informed; it
is thought he may have gone into that direction again.
A liberal reward will be given for his apprehension and delivery to me at Yanceville, or
his confinement in Jail so that I get him again
Paul A. Haralson
Yanceville, Caswell County N.C. June. 1842

Augt 12th  Clabern is Runaway  Belongs to Mrs Effy Nelson of Charles City  he is
between 25 and 30 years of age  very black  about 6 feet high  thick lips  bad teeth in
front  he was hired in the early part of this year to Berry Irby  if taken deliver him to Mr.
Dickinson Auctioneers near the Bell Tavern  all reasonable expences paid

Augt 15th  Samuel T Jones Man Frank is Runaway  he is between 28 and 30 years of age
Bright mulato  a little inclined to be freckled  stout, good looking fellow  shows
somewhat the marks of dissipation  supposed to watching an opportunity to make himself
off

Augt 19th  Thederick left Mrs McB[?] a little before dark yesterday  had on when he left
as well as recollected a dark bule domestic Cotton Roundabout and Pantiloons of the
same material  hired of Hiram Harris  about 17 or 18 years of age  supposed to be about 5
feet 6 inches tall  Colour Black
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Augt 21st Fanny hired to George W Smith is Runaway she has a full round face and quite likely. She has a sister at Simon Cullins and was hired to the Richmond Cotton Factory last year.

Sept 6th Lewis belonging to Alexander Branden is runaway. Black small thin Visage little inclined to bow legged.

Sept 6th Kesiah about forty years of age belongs Portiaun & hired to German Delance.

Sept 6 Julius belonging to Mrs Doctor Richardson is Runaway. He is a low brown thin fellow and formerly lived at the Washington Hotel with Mr Talman. His wife lives at Thomas W Wests on Cary Street.

Sept 6th Major Snead has two Negroes Runaway both of which is hired from Mr Joseph Allen. One is named Lewis the others name I do not recollect.

Sept 6th Sophia Belonging to Wm Cook of Norfolk and hired to the Cotton Factory and rehired to John M Quinn is a Runaway. She is a thick chunky Black woman and has a husband at Wm C Allens Brick Yard if caught inform P M Tabb Jr.

Sept 9th Robin belonging to Archer Thomas is Runaway. Middling size yellow fellow he lurks about the Old Market and sometimes about H. M. Wades.

12th Jane Belonging to Joshua Alvis she is Black slim and about 40 years of age thought to be about John Jacksons.

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Sept 14th  Stephen Belonging to Patrick Nowland is runaway he is Brown Complexion stout made and between 35 and 40 years of age wore away a black silk hat casinet Roundabout and brown linen Pantiloons

14th $20  Henry Graves Belonging to Mr Harris of Powatan is Runaway he is a bright mulato

October 11th  My man Walker Johnson is Runaway he is a short chunky black fellow who used to live with Grubbs he has a wife somewhere on shokoe hill if taken send him to Tates Jail

Oct 25th  Tom Belonging to B. W. Green is Runaway fourteen Years old black complexion his mother is named Nelly lives at Mr Dabneys on church Hill firm of Dabney and Cauthorn

Nov 16th  Ann between 16 or 17 years of age bright Mulato Long black thick hair dark brown Calico dress red shawl has acquaintances at Mrs Thompkins boarding house

Nov 23rd  Coleman or Collin is runaway about the first of Nov He is about 23 years of age between black black and mulato about five feet six or seven inches high long straight scar four or five inches long on one side of the neck and cheek past below the ear He is acquainted here and I have no doubt is now in the City He will probably endeavour to make his escape out of the state is a smat fellow and will hire himself to work The above reward will be paid for his apprehension and committal P. P. E. Cooke

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Sept 14 Steven belonging to Patrick Knowland is run away he is of Brown Complexion Stout made 35 or 40 years of age Wore away a black silk hat casinet Roundabout & Brown linnen pantaloons

14th $20 Reward Henry Graves belonging to Mr Harris of Powhatan he is a bright molatto

19th A fire Broke out in the lower part of Mr Moucks Tavern on seventeenth street and destroyed the inside of the Building and a good part of his furniture believed to have origionated in the cellar by an incindiary it happened about five oclock in the morning

19th A fire broke out quarter before eleven oclock in the stable of Royster & Turpin and burnt two mules with the stable

19th Thomas Norris front door found open between Two & Three oclock by Ward Three

October 10th A fire broke out in the Carpenters shop of Crow Baker & others and entirely consumed the the shop and contents an old factory in the rear of the shop called Harris factory Mr Hamptons house adjoining the shop it happened between the hours of 12 and 1 oclock Supposed to be the work of an incendiary

Octr 22nd A fire broke out in the carpenter shop of Ligon and McMinn on Cary street half past 3 in thes morning consumed the shop and contents also several other houses on the opposite side of the street with Davenports& Allens lumber house filled with Plaster

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Octr 28th A fire broke out in the Tobacco Factory of Archer Thomas on Virginia street a quarter before three o'clock and consumed the building and the contents also the Warehouse adjoining with a large quantity of Tobacco and several building besides on both sides of Virginia street.

Nov 7th William B. Dabney's front window on 1st and H street by ward 9 at 10 o'clock.

Nov 7th Mr Redhead's front and back doors found open on 3rd and 4th streets by Ward 9 at 10 o'clock.

8th Mr David Baker's front window unbarred on 2 [?] & H street between 4 or 5 o'clock by ward 9.

8th Dickerson & Hunter's Cellar door found open by ward 6.

10th Peter DeForest front window on E street found open between 10 and 11 o'clock by ward 3.

10th Peter Deveraux Cellar door found open between 11 and 12 o'clock by ward 3 on E street.

15th James R. Crafton's on 3rd street Cellar door found by ward 9 between 12 and 1 o'clock.

20th Barney Wickers front window found open by Ward 7 between 1 and Two o'clock.

Dec 6th Jacob Lyons Cellar door found open between 11 and 12 o'clock by Snead and A. Goff.
Dec 21st  Dickinson Hunters Cellar door left unlocked about nine oclock found by Ward 6

Dec 22nd  A fire Broke out in the store of John R. Triplett & Son inside of the house and entirely consumed the Building and Contents it occured about 20 minutes after 4 oclock in the morning.

31st  A fire broke out in the clothing shop of Moses Pike on main street it commenced in the Cellar and entirely consumed the building and contents it occured about 15 minutes after One oclock in the morning.

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Jan 6th  A fire Broke out in a large Brick Stable occupied by Snell & Rileagh on Church Hill and entirely consumed the building nothing burnt except the house it occured about three quarters past twelve oclock.

10th  Robinson & Portiaux front door found unlocked about a quarter before 10 oclock discovered by Ward 3

24th  David Hookers front window found open at 12 oclock by Ward 9

26th  Dickerson Hunters Cellar door found unlocked about 11 oclock by 6.

27th  William Fobbs  Both front windows found open by Ward Six at one oclock at night

28th  Samuel Putneys front door to store found open by Ward 3 at 11 oclock

Feb 8th  S.S. Saunders Tobacco factory was discovered to be on fire between 10 and 11 oclock supposed to accident
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1842 A List of Robberies

Stole out of William Manders shop 1 piece Black cloth White & Blue [?] on the edge about 10 yards 1 Piece Green about 6 yards 1 Piece Blue 6 yards 1 Piece Coarse Blue 10 yards 1 do Summer Cloth 32 yards A few Summer Vest Patterns

24th June Stolen from H.M. Smith 5 shirts marked D.D. Smith and some collars 2 shirts marked B Whitlock one pair of Pantiloons & Some Collars

Sept 10th Bigelows Lumber house was entered supposed by false keys store door also attempted Pad lock was taken off but did not succeed in getting in

Sept 26th Stolen from Mr John S Copeland one blue cloth Cloak lined on the inside with bombazine One new black Hat a number of shirts marked John S Copland One silk Vest One new black satin Vest several pair Pantiloons

Sept 29th Samuel Putneys shoe Store on Main Street was entered in the back way through the sky light and a number of boots and shoes taken from the house

October 9th Mr M. Alois & R. W. Gregorys carpenters shop broken into and a number of tols taken from it 6 hand saws marked W. C. Abens on one M. A. on the handle of the other one with the point broken off and 2 tenant saws 3 hand axes one with eye broken off 2 shingling hatchets 3 face planes one new one & one with a half inch bit bowed in at each end 3 Jack planes 2 smoothing planes 1 inch plane of apple tree 1 quarter inch beed 2 augers inch & half inch and quarter 3 hammers 1 Nail and 2 brad hammers

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Chissels, firmers and gougers from 12 to 15 some of them with new handles and some of them marked with a bit on the handles.

Octr 9th, Henry Erdmans shop on Cary street broken into and several articles of Clothing stolen: pantaloons, vests, and coat.

Octr 9th, Samuel Putneys store was entered between the hours of eight and ten o'clock on last Sunday morning by breaking in at the upper door and a quantity of shoes and boots stolen.

Octr 18th, Articles stolen from my store: 2 dress coats, one blue with black buttons, the other black with silk velvet collar both in good order, 2 pieces of calico prints, 4 pair of fine boots with high heels, 2 pair of summer pants, 2 gambrooms, [?] waistcoats of a lilack colour, mostly of black tea in 1/2 pound papers, large tumblers, glasses, decanters, ticklers, not known how many, 8 or ten pair of shoes, large size women's shoes, fine quality, not known how many, combs, misses soap, cotton thread, scissors, pins, needles, and a considerable quantity of such ware. Drawer and contents about $1.75 in small change with some receipts and due bills with many other things not mentioned.

I will give five dollars for the finder.

James Mills

Octr 15th, In searching Henry Follar's house for goods supposed to be there stolen from Samuel Putney, a quantity of good in the hardware line was found in his possession and proved to be the goods of Richards & Gardner of Shoko Hill.

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Nov 4th  Mr Abraham Levys store door was forcibly entered by boring and cutting a hole through the door and succeeded in getting in but was discovered by Mr McGruder & Snead and nothing taken  it occured a few minutes after two o'clock

8th  Mr Harris store window was bored into in the Valey up Butchtown and a quantity of Clothing stolen to wit, 16 assorted Coloured frock Coats Cloth,  4 pair of black pants second hand  4 pair of Glasgow Jeans Pants  2 pieces Cotton Edging

Nov 26  Articles stolen from the store of Wm Gordon on Cary street  Four pair linen sheets fine large size  Two pair belived to be marked Esmont and Two pieces marked C.C.  Two Large Marsailles Counterpanes. One knotted Counterpaine [S?] fine linen pillow Cases Yard square  One small silk Quilt. One Black satin Cloak  One Table cover purple and white  One piece figured dimity  Four dimity curtains one piece fringe. Fifty dollars reward for the discovery of the property and the detection of the thief

Nov 29th  One hundred dollars reward
My store near the bridge was entered last night and robbed of sundry articles of Goods and Clothing also a common pine box containing about one hundred and sixty dollars mostly small change  2 large silver watches having the makers name James Studer London, Engraved on the inside  1 dozen silver tea spoons, not marked  2 gold necklace & 1 coral necklace  several books & valuable papers among which was 2 policies of insurance from the Aetna Co  I will give the above reward for the recovery of the property and the conviction of the thief

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Nov 1st  Madam Mancoats store was broken into the window in front and the following articles stolen 8 or Ten Dozen shirt Collars 18 Linen shirts Silk Hankercheifs 4 or 5 Dozen 8 Dozen silk stocks fine quality 6 dozen heavy silk Gloves suspenders 5 dozen Cravats 10 dozen

Nov 2nd  Lucine Paroneth store in front of the Exchange Hotel was broken into last night and the following articles stolen 17 Pair French Boots $102 lined with red and white sheep skin to Wit. the back either red or white and the front either white or red. it is not known whether the red is in the front or back some of the Boots is red Morocco leggings with green binding at or around the tops Some of the feet is glazed leather and Some partly pemella a part of the bottoms are black and a part white Nailed with Large Nails of an extraordinary quality none such in this Country 1 Pair fine shoes lined with spotted sheep skin resembling Calico with the name Morrison written thereon $3.50 5 Pair small stele spurs $7.50 1 Umbrella small white Nob on the handle or staff with a gold ring therein. new. none such in this country Was Burglariously and Feloniously - Stolen last night from the store of Lucine Paroneth opposite the Exchange Hotel.

Nov 8th  Silver Lever Watch Honley Liverpool No 556
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January 3rd  Beverly is runaway  Belongs to N. Sizer  is of ordinary size  quite black  is about twenty years of age  is awkward and slow of speech  has a small mouth and large eyes  his teeth is rather defective  He had on when he left a pair of old boots quite course and was badly dressed

6th  Tom Henry  Thirty years of age  Ginger bread Colour  Belongs to David Lacy worked last Year with Beasley & Quarles

6th  Tom is Runaway  belongs to Benjamin Gatewood  about five feet 2 inches high  slick black looking fellow  has a smiling countanance when spoken to  about 21 or 22 years of age  he had on a pair of Pantiloons of a litish colour  roundabout rather lighter than the Pantiloons  for any information enquire of F.B. Hart  whenever taken lodge him in Jail and give information to Beaver Dam  Vest of Brown Casimere striped straight in front

C.R. Mason

Jan 11th  Eliza belongs to Samuel Hatcher near the half way house Chesterfield  her husband is named Charles  belongs to Mrs. Tazewell

Jan 16th  Charles Belonging to to Edwin Robinson is runaway  he is about 18 years old 5 feet 5 inches  Brown Complexion  may be lurking about my Alley or the residence of John C Hobson whose house servant he is most intimate acquainted with

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Jan 18th Mary Dabney who belongs to Doct Austin is runaway. She lived at Mr James I.
Binford's last year. She was last seen at Mr Egglestons and Bakers near the Poor House
she is rather low stature and with child if taken to be delivered to Mr Robert Gilliams at
Barretts factory who says he will pay all reasonable expenses Doct Austin married Mrs
Pankey to whom Mary formerly belonged.

Jan 19th Toney Belonging to Hiram Harris and hired to Stanford & Co Coal Pits is
Runaway he is a black fellow and his wife lives near Seymore P. Veals.

Jan 20th John N. Blair belonging to James C. Deaton is Runaway Tall yellow fellow.
Forty years old.

Jan 23rd Elijah Taylor hired to Doct Johnson is runaway he has been a cart driver for
many years.

Feb 4th Agnes Belonging to Mr Sinton is runaway 30 years old black and formerly
belonged to Mr Glazebrook Carpenter on Shokoe Hill.

6th Frank 22 years of age Tall yellow fellow straight head of hair hired to Woldridges
Pits Tom a small black fellow about 21 years of age Burrell a little yellow, thin visage
same age all hired to Woldridges Pits the property of Mr E Martin.

6th Zack Belonging to Mr John Allen is runaway Brown complected about 16 years of
age hired last year to George Wellhal[?]
George is runaway a man of about twenty two or twenty three years old of a bright
complexion apt to look down when spoken to a reward of ten dollars has been offered
for him

Belonging to James S Salton of Hanover

March 11th Lewis belonging to Alexander Brander is runaway he is a small black
fellow 25 years old blue roundabout and pantiloons of Kentucky Jeans and a cap that
fits him rather tight has a wife at Alfred T Harris $10 Reward

14th A Negro man named Robert belonging to Mrs Ann Stetson has absconded himself
for several days and now is or usually is about the tobacco factory of Jas B. Cowles he
was seen several times last week lurking about the factory I am authorized to sell him
and would be obliged if you would have him apprehended I will cheerfully pay five
dollars for his apprehension W Goddin

21st Ned is runaway Belongs to Col. B.F. Dabney of King William he is about 25 years
of age Black complexion near about five feet high small thin looking fellow

21st Pheaby is runaway tall black woman about 24 years of age a fine set of teeth
belonging to Mr Lacy has a husband at S.S. Myers factory named Bingham

April 5th Absconded from my house on Tuesday night my girl Maria, about 17 or 18
years old of ordinary size dark yellow Complexion a full bushy head of hair and Very
Sickly her dress not recollected but is thought she carried with her a large plaid Shawl
Thomas Crouch

April 8th Ranaway from the subscriber on wednesday evening last a negro man named
Charles said negro is quite black and about twenty three years of age five feet 9 or 10
inches large & well proportioned with no particularity now recollected except that his
fingers have but little flexibility & his feet owing to the large size of his ancles are broder
at the heel than they are at the toe which cause him when
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April 8th standing to rest principally on his heels. I will give the above reward for him if taken out of the state and delivered to me or secured in Jail so that I get him again or twenty dollars if taken within the state. He had on when he left a suit of common domestic and carried with him a dark frock coat. Jesse Winn Hanover County Va April 8th 1843

April 8th Julia Ann Patterson is runaway hired from A.C. Brander. She absconded about the middle of March and is sup'd to be lurking in the outskirts of the City. Small size, thin visage, sallow complexion, looks rather shy, talks slowly like a person of hard hearing and bends forward with open mouth when spoken to about 34 years old. Had on when she left dark green Merino dress, blanket shawl, blue and white I believe Hankerchief. Ears very often tied up.

April 14th Mr. Alices Moses was hired last year to the Richmond & Fredericksburg Railroad Company under the management of Mr. Bibb. Moses is full and square built, rather abad or frowning countenance. I will give ten dollars for his apprehension if information is given to me by mail to New Town P.O. King and Queen County, Va. Ro H Harrison, Exor of Wm. Harrison Sr.

May 1st Patience a woman formerly belonging to Doct Trent is runaway between 45 and fifty years of age, dark brown complexion, rather tall. She has a sister living at Mr. Wellers and Visits at Mrs. Susan Tyres. John Thompson.

May 12th Claborn belonging to Wm. Sheppards Estate. Ginger bread Colour. Sup'd to be 20 or 21 years of age, near five feet 8 or 10 inches high, rather thin visage. Generally stays at Mrs. Sheppards near the monumental Church if taken deliver to Warrick's factory.

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May 17th Wm Gwathneys man Joe is runaway he is intimate with Nancy Rowe’s Elder and at Hardens stable if Wm Wingers man John is in Richmond he can find him Henry may perhaps give information respecting him.

May 23rd Henry Belonging to Samuel W Mason Thompsons X Roads no doubt he is trying to get to Richmond through the means of a wagon and to Pass as a white boy Henry is about fifteen years Two Thirds white straight hair low & chunky full face gray eyes had on an old pair of white Pantiloons cotton and a shirt a round top broad brim hat was once white but it was worn in the blacksmiths shop until it is nearly black or blue with some small holes burnt through the brim please to look out for some time at the wagon yards

May 24th $20 Reward Ranaway on Tuesday the 23rd May 1843 a dark mulato named Cyrus the property of Mrs Caroline M Johnson. His apperance is bold and address Good his forehead is high Cheek bones prominet And he has on the left side of his mouth a very slight scar His hair is full and reddish or sunburnt On a former occasion when he ran away he is said to have gone to farmville by wagon or boat Any person who shall deliver to me or secure so I can get him the said negro shall receive the reward specified at the head of this advertisement

Philip T Johnson
June 5th  Ran away from the subscriber about the middle of Dec last a Negro woman
name Mary Ann  she is Supposed to be about five feet some inches high not particularly
remembered  She is a little Tawney Colour not quite black Sharp features Small eyes &
rather a flat nose and good looking head of hair when combed has quite a quick step with
her feet a little out  Said woman is supd to about Cornade Webb' decd or probably Mr
Wm Boyds of the County of New Kent which was once the place of her residence or very
probably she may be in the Neighborhood of Mr Arch’d Govans of Hanover County  I
will give Twenty dollars reward if taken if the state and fifty dollars if taken out of the
state or confined in any Jail so that I can get her again
Walker Hogan near the piping tree King William County VA

June 16th  Charles Bradley and Henry Belonging to Samuel S Saunders  Charles is about
five feet six inches in height  Stammers very bad has a pass of a recent date to go to
Charles Becks for one month  Henry is about five feet high has a good countenance pass
to go to Nancy Battles on the gully nation

June 17th  A girl in my service named Polly is runaway. She is rather small but well
formed and is fond of dress  She has a husband at Mrs Youngs by the name Pleasants
Branch last year  she was seen to day week with a trunk and banbox and is likely she will
attempt to get off in the steam Boat or Petersburg Cars  W.P. Strother
June 23rd  $100 Reward I will give one hundred dollars reward for the delivery of Ennis to any Jail in the state Ennis is from South Carolina and his companion was arrested at Gaston, North Carolina says they were on their way to Fredericksburg, and from there they were going either to Ohio or New York Ennis is 28 years old 5 feet 7 inches high slender black and has a large mouth

John Witherspoon Society Hill South Carolina

June 29th Henry belonging to Robert G Scott is runaway if caught and returned to me this week a reward of Ten dollars He is a low black fellow about 40 years of age & had with him a straw hat round about & blue plaid pantaloons he is well known in the City and has usually attended me at the upper market house in marketting

July 20th My house woman Jane ranaway on last friday night week I have been informed that she started for Richmond on saturday night her husband a fellow of Mr Harris going with her part of the way she once lived with her aunt in Richmond who belongs to the estate of Burley She has hired herself for many years her name is Hannah Moore living near the late Peter Winstons or old Wm White stands master for her Jane is about 20 or 21 years ginger bread colour of good size $10 reward will be paid for her

Wm Gwathney King William County

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August 1st  Runaway a negro man named James Hill about fifty years old tolerably gray very straight made has a grum look his under lip projects out Five feet 8 or 10 inches in height had on when he went off and old grayish cassinet roundabout and under that an osenburg one a pair of old light coloured pantloons cassinet much worn an old pair of shoes he has a great many acquaintances in Richmond and some at B. W. Greens where it is very likely he is staying I will give a reward of five dollars for his delivery to me near Mr Henry L Carters Henrico County and all reasonable expences paid
   Richard H. Payne

August 2nd  My woman Oney ran off on Friday last & is probably lurking about Richmond, Henry her brother acts as a sexton in the Monumental Church. Her husband lives somewhere in Rocketts belongs to a Mr Hill just below his name is Russell her mother lives with Mr. Hill. Oney is a small woman about 40 years of age has on the top of her head a spot of gray hair & is partialy gray all over She speaks quick & has a way of hanging her chin low when spoken to I think she will lurk more about her brother Henrys the sextons than elsewhere as she has been allowed to go there several times since I owned her she was purchased of Mr Edward Govan of Powhite on the Chickahomeny Swamp I will thank you to notify your men of it and have taken up and secured until I can send for her E.L. Wight

August 2nd Harriet is Runaway about 16 or 18 years of age black complexion usual size wears a calico dress and generally goes barehead her mother lives in rear of Mrs News opposite Tour Cowles Charles Jinnett
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Judah belonging to W.F. Toliver is Runaway she is a stout yellow woman about five feet six inches in height near 45 years old has a bushy head of hair with some gray hairs she has been living in Richmond for the last Ten years Randol Mitchel is her husband and it is supd knows where she is she has two sons living at Beasley & Quarles brick yard Aug 11th W.F. Toliver

August 14 Patsey belonging to Mrs Pollard is runaway she is a tall thin mulato woman with very thick lips prominent stomach and speaks in a slow drawling manner she is supposed to about Judge Cloptons The Virginia House and to Mrs Jacksons also the Bell Tavern and her free sisters; Celia is her name

A List of Articles Stolen from a Boat belonging to Mr Bentley
Aug 13th One Patent back razor $1.25 One razor strap Saunders $1.00 One invisible Green Dress coat $16.00 One Summer Jacket $1.00 One black bumbazaine Vest $2.50 One white Marsales Vest $1.50 One Pair of white 1/2 Hose $1.00 Four linen bosoms $2.00 18 yards Domestic $2.07 Three yards linen 60cts yard $1.80 One piece Nankien $1.00 Three yds French Calico 94cts Half Doz Pearl Buttons One German silver pencil 25cts One Linen Collar 50cts Whole amount $32.90

June 5 $20 Reward Runaway from the subscriber my bright mulato man Jackson He is nearly six feet high straight made and very white for a slave no scars recollected about him except one of his legs Just above the ancle is rather larger than the other He is well acquainted from Buchanan to Richmond has been a waterman on the River The above reward will be given to any person who will deliver him to me in the county of Amherst or secure him in any Jail so that I get him He may aim to pass as a free man or procure papers for that purpose. The captains of all crafts or boats are requested to keep a look out he went without any cause John Dillard

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AUGT 24th Runaway from Joseph Goode his man Albert he is of black complexion about 5 feet 8 inches in height speaks sulky when spoken to it is expected he has procured a forged pass he has a sister living at Mr Grangers in Rocketts and another sister near the Methodist Church.

SEPT 3rd Ellick is Runaway bright mulato freckled face full black eyes straight hair slight bald on the top of the head About forty years old Claiborn may give information Property of J.M. Jones Petersburg

AUGUST 20th Tom Belonging to Edmond F. Wickham is runaway he is a likely fellow 28 years old brown complexion and bushy head he has been seen about Richmond if caught Wortham McGruder & Co to be consulted or informed

SEPT 9th Runaway on the 24th of last month Lewis belonging to A.B. Davies a young mulato Man about 19 years of age and no doubt he is trying to get to a free state he was hired last year to Marris Langhorne of Lynchburg and and run on the canal between Richmond and the above place He is a well made good looking fellow very sensible he carried away with him several articles of fine clothing a blue frock coat & black fur hat he may have changed his dress to elude detection no doubt he will attempt to pass as a free man and probably has free papers if caught secure him in Jail A.B. Davies

SEPT 9th Runaway on the 9th a negro man named William but is most generally Called Shoveler by his fellow servants We hired him of Bradley of New Kent William is about 21 years old real black has good teeth and stammers a little when spoken to he had a pass to go to Mr Wm Sheppards on Shokoe Hill Green Hall & Son
Sept 20th  Runaway on the this morning my man named Sam Cary he was bought by Alexr Brooks for Green Hall at Bridges Sale Sam is about 40 or 45 years old a very bright mulato has hair like a white man only very bushy and curly he is quite intelligent and a smart negro Sam has a wife at Alexr Brooks and a pass to go there Green Hall by C.A. Hall

Sept 21th Absolam is Runaway he is about five feet six inches in height a scar on his forehead about two inches long Small ears and a scar across his right ear feet ten inches and a half long all of his toes frost bitten of his left foot and the big toe on his right a little frost bitten a good set of tooth he is about 25 or 30 years old supposed to be about Mrs Amblers in Richmond where he has relations Wm. E Harris near Manakin Town ferry Goochland County Virginia

Sept 28th Runaway two of my negro men Isham and George Isham was certainly in Richmond on sunday last and I think is very probably there now He has friends and acquaintances at Mr Beverly Blairs & Doct Brockenboroughs also at Mrs Wickhams & Mrs Amblers Isham is about 22 years of age of dark complexion he is quite a small man I think hardly five feet high he looks like a boy about 16 or 17 years of age he had on a pair of white pantiloons George is about 48 years old of dark complexion five feet 4 1/2 inches high broad flat nose large nostrils thick lips rough skin on his face small whiskers short nappy hair mixed with gray hairs his acquaintances is at the places named above John H Jennings

Sept 29th Armstead is Runaway is hired this year to Mr Daniel of Farmville He is a tall black fellow about nineteen years of age hair inclined to be short and thick lips if taken give me information of the same Archibald McLaurin

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Oct 2nd Betsey Blue a tall mulato woman with front teeth defected Runaway last night from Mr P.M. Tabb she carried a little Boy Child with her. She may be found either at Mrs Wickhams or at Fanny Fosters in Butchertown Town.

Oct 3rd Fanny Belonging to John M McKinsie is Runaway 45 years old stout and black.

6th $5 Reward I will give a reward of five dollars for the apprehension and delivery to me of a negro woman named Delia or Delile the property of and hired of Mrs Frances W Winfree of Chesterfield she has relations in Manchester and will most probably be found at Mr Thos Vadens Thos T Johnson.

13th Robin Belonging to L Vaughn is Runaway he has an uncle living in Richmond and has a wife at Mr Augusts thinks he harboured about there Robin is very likely about 22 years of age he is No 1 and a tolerable blacksmith

L. Vaughn. Hanover.

17th Peter Page Belonging to Laura Ellerson ran away about three weeks since he was hired from Mr John Cosby and doubtless is lurking about Richmond. He is a tall black fellow about 40 years old or older being quick and shrewd and is exceedingly fond of liquor. He has a wife at Mrs Pollards who lives on Cary street a door or two above the street leading to mayos Bridge if arrested carry him to his master John Cosby

Laura Ellerson.

25th George Hill is Runaway 30 years old dark mulato low chunky made has a pass to go to Mr Stewarts.

25 William Patterson Ginger bread colour 19 years old stays at a free womans in Lombard alley.

25 Dandridge Frazier 16 years old black well set of low stature.
Nov 3rd Sterling Plessants Belonging to William A. Perkins is Runaway of Hickory Hill Cumberland County. He is of Brown complexion, about five feet 7 inches in height, & very polite. He is about 35 years of age, his clothing is of a gray casinet frock coat & pantaloons. A full suit of very dark homemade cloth, a dark heavy overcoat and a fur hat. He is perhaps trying to pass for a free man, a shrude keen fellow. Post Office Longhouse Tavern, Cumberland County, Va.

4th George is Runaway, belongs to William Rutherford, about 20 years of age. George is rather under size, Copper coloured, and was in the habit of driving me in my buggy. A sizeable reward will be given for recovery. Wm. Rutherford.

Nov 10th Rebeca belonging to Jns Smith Gingerbread Colour, tall and slim, is acquainted at Capt. Printis with Amy and Eliza White Belonging to Miss Sarah Price also has been in the habit of washing in the back of the Bell Tavern.

Nov 10th Stapleton Belonging to Samuel Alsop runaway on the 3rd of January 1843. He is about 23 years of age. He is a very bright mulatto with light hair and blue eyes, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, very bow legged; has a down look when spoken to. Carried with him a broad cloth coat and roundabout and a coat and pantaloons of cotton and cowshair mixed. I have some reason to think he went off with some negroes going to the iron works west of the mountains and will no doubt endeavour to pass himself for a white man and make his way to a free state. I will give fifty dollars reward for his apprehension. Samuel Alsop, near Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Nov 10th Jim Thornton Belonging to John H. Jennings west Ham is Runaway about 45 to 50 years old, tolerable dark thin visage. Also Archer is runaway about 50 years old, also dark tolerable full face, thick lips near 6 feet high both are well acquainted in Richmond.
Nov 30th Jacob belonging to Wm [blank space] Brown skin about 24 years of age dish faced with whiskers hair combed up in front

Dec 18th Davy Belonging to B.F. Dabney is Runaway very black nearly six feet high broad shoulders has some scars on his shoulders particular on his left shoulder the scars look like they was caused by whipping but was occasioned by sores no acquaintances in Richmond from Prince Edward Virginia

" 18th John Wright & Lucy Roan Belonging to John Turpin is Runaway John Wright was hired to B.W. Green and Lucy lived at Mrs Smiths Boarding House and cooked for Henry Street please apprehend them and put them in Jail

1844
Jan 3rd Runaway from Edward A Mosley he was seen about the Market House he is a yellow man Copper colour of middle size with a broad face and has a sly look about 25 years old I will give Ten dollars to any who will catch him Chesterfield C. Virginia Edward A. Mosley

Jan 16th Woodson Belonging to William Cullingsworth is Runaway Twenty or two years of age Complexion Mulato Club footed stout strong fellow has relations living at James Thomas named Tom

23rd Ann Elizabeth or Christiana Belonging to John B. Allen is Runaway she has acquaintances at Mr Norvels on shokoe hill Tall complexion dark thick lips about 18 years of age well grown

Feb 3rd Ranaway from the plantation of Thomas Howlett in chesterfield a negro man named Egypt between twenty and twenty five years of age of a dark brown colour 5 feet 9 or 10 inches in height large and strong limbs and very square build when spoken to is likely to laugh his cheeks is large and prominent full head of hair twenty dollars reward if lodged in any Jail so that I get him again Thomas Howlett Jr

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Feb 12th  Jim about 23 years old bright mulatto had a Brown Jacket and Pants Blue over coat with velvet collar Has a mother at W B Wolfes on the hill N. Denby

February 15th  Armstead Meckins Belonging to A. B. Shelton is runaway on friday night last he has been seen every day since he has been in the habit of driving my manure cart I will give ten dollars if taken in this month if not until the month of march the legal fee will only be paid

Feb 16th  Phil a mulato man stutters wears a glazed cap has been seen on the Basin and at the new market in the course of this week has been a patient at the medical college for some time belongs at Mrs Wickhams farm on James River

Feb 26th  Ned Belonging to James Malone is Runaway between ten and twelve years of age tawny complexion had on a cloth cap other clothes not recollected was seen last evening in Butchertown and at the Petersburg Depot

Feb 27th  Bob or Bob Fox is Runaway about forty years old complexion Black Blacksmith by trade very stout Black high forehead Bald place on the top of the head he can read and write face broad was purchased about 12 months ago last christmes of Col Robert B. Corbin of Caroline County he has acquaintances at Nicholis Mills if caught deliver him to Robert Hill I will give twenty five dollars reward

Elliot Cegarnett

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A Memorandum of Liquor Sold 1841
George Martin bought of Mr. Anthony 3 [?] worth of whisky and drank it in the house on Monday the 22nd of March 1841
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Jan 6th Mr. Washington Merideth's Cellar door was broken open about four o'clock nothing missing as known of supposed to have scared off by the Watch

Jan 6th Mathews and Timberlake Cellar door was broken open and Four Boxes of Sperm candles Seven Firkins of Butter taken Three of which has been recovered

5th Mr Cary has lost $60.00 One Thirty dollar note one Two dollar note on the south Carolina Bank one dollar note on the Baltimore bank balance not recollected supposed to be taken by Edward Davenport who slept in the same room with Mr Cary on the same night that it must have been taken

1842
Dec 28th Was stolen from Isaac Solomons store on the above date One Pice of Blue Black Casinet 31 3/4 yards One Pice of Casimere 22 1/2 yards Drab Four Doz Cotton Hankercheifs imitation silk Two doz Suspenders Six Doz spool cotton The above reward will be paid for all or any part of them

1843
Jan 23rd A list of Articles Stolen from M. (?) 4 Boxes Gunpowder Tea 13 (?) boxes marked thus Oscar/ w/ Gunpowder Working No 4
About 3 1/2 yards Brown pilot cloth a little moth eaten at one end and uneven at both Two yards mulberry colourd cloth Two and half yards fine greyish cassine 4 1/2 yards black summer coating Two blue dress (?) figured buttons new One blue dress coat little worn One light drab over coat figured with silk buttons back skirt lining somewhat worn One Brown Peco (?) unmade. Pilot cloth One Pair drab Panteloons (?)

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163 There is no reward amount written in the entry.
Jan 26th John A. Lacys front door was broken open nothing taken

Jan 26th John Wrights Cellar door was broken open and several Pieces of Flannel and Cotton cloth stolen

Feb 7th William Morris front door was bored into and entered a trunk taken 8 dollars in specie between 250 and 300 hundred coppers one blue dress coat one black satin Vest one pair of Black Cloth pantaloons several shirt bosoms etc stolen

8th Wade W. Woldridge front cellar door was entered and nine Boxes B Browns sperm Candles No 5 Two boxes No 4 Sperm candles stolen

Feb 28th Was stolen last night from Casper Johan opposite the Catholic Church
   11 silver spoons
   12 Tea do marked M&H
   28 yards Cotton
   3 do Cassinett
   4 3/4 do mixed do
   1 Black Silk Vest
   19 yds Striped Cotton
   17 yds Check do

March 28th Mr. W. Merideths store was entered by breaking in the front Cellar and the following goods stolen
   1 piece of white flannel  37 yds
   1   do                    24 3/4
   4   do                    95
   1   do                    24
   1   do                    23
   1   do                    17
   3   do                    51
   1   do                    11
   1   do                    15
   2   do                    47
   1   do                    ?

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Also one piece of Red Flannel 45 yards
Four  do  106
One  do  23
3 pieces 6/4 Hamilton sheeting 1112
3 do  12/9  do  55

May 29th The number of the Watch taken from the water Closet Exchange Hotel was 12.673 J Tobias & Co Liverpool for which a reward of 20 dollars will be paid at the Exchange

May 29th Articles of silver Taken from Wm R Myers
1 Dozen Table spoons marked a Phoenix cut initials W.V.M 1 Doz Desert Spoons
1 Dozen Tea Spoons
2 Tea Pots S.S.M. to V.M.
6 Egg Cups
8 Large Silver Forks marked
6 Small do
1 Sugar Dish Urn marked S.S.M to V.M.
and Top of another
The Silver is Very richly Charged and heavy - also
One Single Barreled gun handsomely finished Silver mounted with a Silver Slide on the nipple

June 22nd Patrick Purcells Cellar Door was broken into and the following goods stolen therefrom
Two Boxes Sperm Candles 60 lbs 17cts
One do Tallow do 42 “ 10”
One Regg Butter 75 “ 9”
One do Lard 42 “ 71/2”
One Tin Pan of Butter 18” 17”
Two small Pots Butter 9” 17”

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August 10th  One piece of Domestic or Bale of Brown goods was stolen from the store of Loudon Wellingham & Drewys about 1000 yards and one yard and a quarter wide  fifty dollars will be given for the detection and delivery of the goods or a reward in proportion to the quantity recovered

August 20th  $25 Reward  Tom belonging to Edward F Wickham is Runaway  he is a likely fellow  28 years old  brown complexion and bushy head  he has been seen about Richmond  if Caught Wortham McGruder &Co to be Consulted or informed

Sept 1st  Mr Richardson & Co store was broken into by breaking in a bar over the door and the following goods Stolen  47 yards Bombazine  cost

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Pieces  50 Silk Hankercheifs averaging 3.37

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The above goods recovered the night after the robbery by information be given to Beverley J Brooks as to the place of concealment they were all secured and found in the posession of Major Smith a slave  Major Smith was secured with the goods and brought to the cage  Sam Young and Dandridge has since been arrested

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[?] charged as engaged in the robbery with Major Smith. Major Belongs to John Wright.
Sam Young belongs to Wm Patterson & Dandridge. Morris belongs to the estate of Mr.
Frazier of New Kent County.

Dec 11th One Camlett. Cloak lined with fine Checkers woolen goods and one fine blue
Black Over Coat was stolen on Saturday night from Mr. John Thompsons passage. The
cloak was new or nearly so.

1844
Feb 13th One Blue Cloth Cloak
    One do do    Coat. Stolen last night from Mr. Harrisons.

Feb 15th Perkins & Ball Booksellers on shoko Hill was robbed last Saturday night week
of six gold Pencils.

" 14th One Blue cloth Cloak. Velvet collar and lined with light lining lilack colour stripe
one new black fur hat. One Ladys Cloak new cord and tassel.

Feb 16th A List of articles Lost
    1 casamere dress, green yellow, & red; 1 changeable silk dress marener & drab;
Two Marsales skirts (white) One flannel shirt, two flannel jackets, Two white muslin
dresses. Two calico dresses dark coloured. Two Calico Capes. One large Black lace cape
One white lace cape. Four or Five Pocket Hankercheifs marked Annie Woodfolk. One
Pair white silk stockings. Five pair of shoes all more or less worn. Two pair white silk
gloves. One Breastpin Enamel. One Cotton night gown and 5 night caps. One worked
inside cape. Most of the articles lost thought new are not marked & and others because
not recollected. They all are the property of of Annie F. Woodfolk & some of them are
marked. The trunk was found on the cross street leading from the lower corner of
Hartgroves Factory to the dock about midway on the street. Wm W Roper.

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1844
Feb 25th Was stolen last night from the Carlton House [?] Black cloth Cloak very short
& lined with plaid casimere J.H.Drewry
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April 4th Antney Ainsworths front window found by ward 7 at 12 oclock at night his alley door was also found unfastened

April 18th A fire Broke out in the rear of Ralston and pleasants about half Past Ten oclock and entirely consumed A small stable

May 3rd A fire broke out in the house Terpsicore Hall owned by Mr Borsiaux about half past Three oclock and entirely consumed the building with a considerable portion of his furniture supposed to have been set on fire by an incendiary

July 11 Dickinson Hunters Cellar door found open by ward 6 between 3 and 4 in the morning

July 13th James Craftons front window found unbared between 11 & 12 oclock by ward 9 on 3rd and H Street

July 13th German Breants front door found open between 3 and 4 oclock by Johnson and snead

July 27th J.H. Anthonys Cellar door found open by ward 3 a few minutes before 12 oclock

July 28th Morris Hulsteys front windows found unbared by ward 9 after 12 oclock at night

July 28th A Morris Cellar door found unlocked by Ward 7 after 12 oclock at night

Sept 20th A fire broke out in the House of Buckaloos and consumed the house and contents and the House adjoing occupied by Todd & Kimple on H Street between 5th and 6th was partly consumed it was discovered to be on fire about ten minutes before one oclock

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Octo 2nd  A fire Broke out in the stable between 5th and 6th street & between H and I formerly occupied by B W Green about 4 oclock in the afternoon and consumed the building

2nd  A small house just out of the Corporation not occupied with some fodder was consumed between the hour of four and 5 oclock in the afternoon

2nd  A fire Broke out in the shop of Charles Elliott about half past 11 oclock at night & consumed the shop and a good deal of lumber together with house the adjoining and Lumber House belonging to Fendal Griffin in part & and the Stable of James B. Tyler on the opposite side of the Alley

4th  A fire Broke out in a wood house belonging to Spotswood M. Dandridge on 8th Street near the Corporation Spring a quarter before 8 oclock at night and entirely consumed the Building the kitchen adjoining was partly Burnt all the above fires is supposed to be the work of Incendiaries

31st  A fire broke out in the shoe store of James Williams Jr between the hours of seven and eight oclock and consumed the building injuring the most of his goods also the house occupied by Thomas Sheppard had the roof burnt off

1844
Jan 1st  A fire broke out in the rear of L.L.Saunders Tobacco factory occupied by John M Quinn as a storage house and entirely consumed the building and it's contents supd to be an accident

March 5th  Charles Stebbins Cellar door found open by ward 6 about 6 oclock at night

March 2nd  George Weildhams front windows found open by Gardner and Philips about one oclock at night

“ John Noys door found unbared by Gardner & Philips about one oclock at night.

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March 18th A fire broke out in a grocery store on 14th street about half past nine oclock occupied by Cawning and entirely consumed the building and contents also the house adjoining kept as a leather store by James G Watson was considerably damaged burning the inside of the house and the next house had the top burnt off

"23 A stable occupied by William Frayser was consumed by fire in Locust Alley between 6 and 7 Street the fire broke out about half past three oclock at night nothing lost but the building

April 12th B&S Jones Lumber House door found open by Ward Six a little after four oclock in the morning

May 3rd Williams & Haxall front window found open 12 oclock by Kelly & Snead

April 10th A fire broke out in a carpenter shop occupied by Beasley & Quarles between Ten and Eleven oclock and entirely consumed the building & contents

"26th A fire broke out in a large frame building belonging to George Taylor about 11 oclock at night at the Corner of fifth and D streets and nearly consumed the building the house was unoccupied having been just repeeired and a family was to have moved into it the next day

"27th About half past Three at night the balance of the same building that was not burnt was seen to be on fire and was entirely consumed supposed to have been set on fire both times

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A Memorandum of Snow the winter of 1840-41

The moon was 22 days old the 1st Snow

1st Snow Nov - 16 - 1
2nd Ditto Ditto - 18 " 1

Snow the last week in Nov 26 - 26 " 1

Decr 4 Ditto Snow 4" 1

26th Ditto Ditto 1

1841

Jany 1st Ditto Ditto 1
5th ditto ditto 1
19 Do Do 1
22 Do Do 1 Ritenhouse

Fby. 5 Do Do 1
8 Do 1
9 Do " 1
[?] Do 2

1st March 1st 2
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1838. A Memorandum of Oil

October 4th
  2 Gallons $2.25
  15 2 ditto 2.25
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November 5
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1839 January 7
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April 2
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  24 2 ditto 2.25

May 6
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June 1st
  2 Ditto 2.25
  14 2 Ditto 2.25
  28 2 Ditto 2.25

Rust, July 11
  2 @ [?] 2.00
  24 2 @ 7/6 2.50

August 3
  2 @ 7/6 2.50
  13 2 @ 7/6 2.50
  23 2 Ditto 2.50

Sept. 3
  2 Ditto 2.50

W. A. Woodsin 13
  2 Ditto 2.50
  24 2 Ditto 2.50

Oct 3
  2 Ditto 2.50
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  29th 2 Ditto Ditto 2.50

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1839 A Memorandum of Oil $29.50

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APPENDIX A continued

Side 1

1840 A Memorandum of Oil

August 25th  2 Gallons of oil @ 7/6  $2.50
Sept 15 2 Gallons of oil @ 7/6  2.50
20  2 Gallons of oil @ 7/6  2.50
Oct 15th  2 Gallons of oil @ 7/6  2.50
29  2 Gallons of oil @ 7/6  2.50
42
Paid up to this date – Nov 1st 1840  

A Memorandum of oil Bought by S. Rush

Nov 11th 1840  2 Gallons of L. Oil @ 7/6  $2.50
21st  2 Gallons of L. Oil @ 7/6  2.50
Dec 3rd  2 Gallons of L. Oil @ 7/6  2.50
14  2 Gallons of L. Oil @ 7/6  2.50
24  2 Gallons of L. Oil @ 7/6  2.50

1841

Jan 3  2 do  do  7/6  2.50
12  2 ditto Lamp Oil  7/6  2.50
21st  2 ditto Lamp Oil  7/6  2.50
Feby 1st  2 ditto Lamp Oil  7/6  2.50
11th  2 ditto Lamp Oil  7/6  2.50
23  2 ditto Lamp Oil  7/6  2.50
March 6  2 ditto Lamp Oil  7/6  2.50
18  2 do  do  7/6  2.50
30  2 do  do  7/6  2.50
28  Paid the 1st day of April 1842  35.00

April

9  2 Gallons of Oil @ 7/6  $2.50
23  2 Gallons of Oil @ 7/6  2.50
May 8  2 Gallons of Oil @ 7/6  2.50
23rd  2 Gallons of Oil @ 7/6  2.50
June 8th  2 Gallons of Oil @ 7/6  2.50
24  2 Gallons of Oil @ 7/6  2.50
July 8  2 Gallons of Oil @ 7/6  2.50
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No. of Bul. Of coal made use of 1838: 625 Bul

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B. W. Green 525
W. Boyd 75
600 Bus 1839 & 40

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Jany 25\textsuperscript{th} 1840  
Bought of Boyd
1 load for Police office  
25 Bus.
1 load Ditto for Hydraulion E H  
25 Bus.

Feby 13\textsuperscript{th}  
1 load for Police office  
25 Bus.
75 Bus.

May 9  
1 load for Police office  
25 Bus.
525
625

1841  
Oct 5  
2 loads coal for police office  
50 Bushels
19  
1 load Ditto engine House No. 4  
25

Nov 1\textsuperscript{st}  
1 Do Do Police office  
25
13\textsuperscript{th}  
1 Do Do Do  
25
15\textsuperscript{th}  
3 Do Do Do  
75

Dec 6\textsuperscript{th}  
1 Do Do Do  
25
Dec 9\textsuperscript{th}  
1 Do Do Do  
25
Dec 10\textsuperscript{th}  
4 Do Do Do  
100
Dec 14\textsuperscript{th}  
2 Do Do Do  
50

Jan 29\textsuperscript{th} 1842  
One load coal to Engine house No. 4  
25

Feb 9\textsuperscript{th}  
1 load coal to Police office  
25
11\textsuperscript{th}  
1 Do Do  
25

March 3  
2 loads for Do Do  
50

Settled up to March 3\textsuperscript{rd} 1842

October 7\textsuperscript{th}  
1 load of coal for Police office  
25
Octr 8\textsuperscript{th}  
2 Ditto Ditto  
50
13\textsuperscript{th}  
1 Ditto Ditto  
25
Octr 22\textsuperscript{nd}  
1 load of coal Engine House  
25

Nov 29\textsuperscript{th}  
1 Do Police office  
25
Dec 3\textsuperscript{rd}  
1 Do Do  
25
20\textsuperscript{th}  
1 Do Do  
25
17\textsuperscript{th}  
1 Do Engine House  
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23\textsuperscript{rd}  
7 Do Police Office  
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Settled up to August 1st 1843

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The Men of the Watch

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