Connecticut Slave Sale Advertisements
The documents on this page are typical of advertisements offering slaves for sale in Connecticut colony. One ad, "A Likely Negro Boy 11 Years Old," is noteworthy for the name of the seller: Benedict Arnold of Norwich. The elder Benedict Arnold was a ship captain, surveyor and town assemblyman. His son Benedict, who took control of his father's affairs in Norwich around 1760, was a druggist and merchant with some involvement in West Indian trade. He later gained fame as an American Revolutionary War major general, but was subsequently branded a traitor for colluding with the British.

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Looking to Buy Negro Man 18-19
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To Be Sold, for No Fault but Being Saucy
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TO BE SOLD.
(For no Fault, but for want of Employ,)
A Likely, strong NE-
GRO LAD, about 18 Years old.
Enquire at the Printing Office.