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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New-London, July 4, 1760.

F any person has a Negro man servant Letween 18 and 19
years of age, that has been bred to sarming to dispose of,
may hear of a purchaser, (who will pay the cash) by enquiring
of the Printer of this paper, within 10 cays from the date hereof

Looking to Buy Negro Man 18-19

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A likely NEGRO BOY Leven'years old, understands hause work to be sold cheap for ready cash or short credit, by Benedict Arnold, of Norwichs,

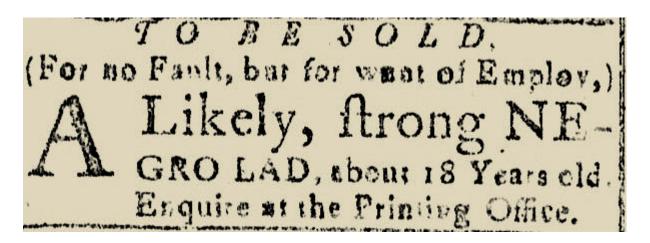
A Likely Negro Boy 11 Years Old

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A Likely Negro Man and Woman, with their Female Child of five Weeks old—The Fellow is a good Sailor, able Bodied, and can do all forts of Labour and Farming work: The Wench is good at any fort of Kutchen-work—Yhey are both Young; Enquire of the Printer.

To Be Sold, for No Fault but Being Saucy

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Negro Lad to Be Sold

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