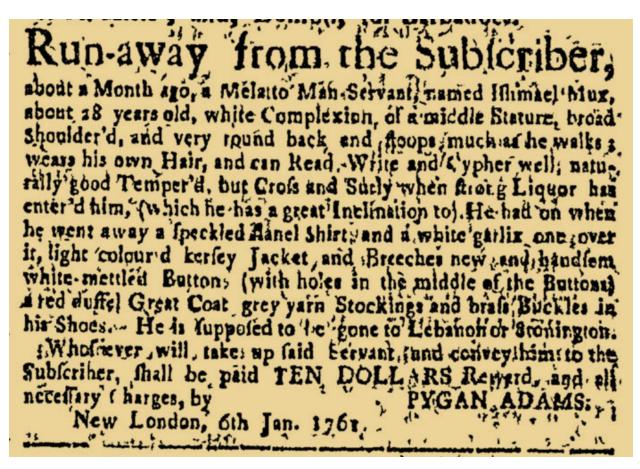
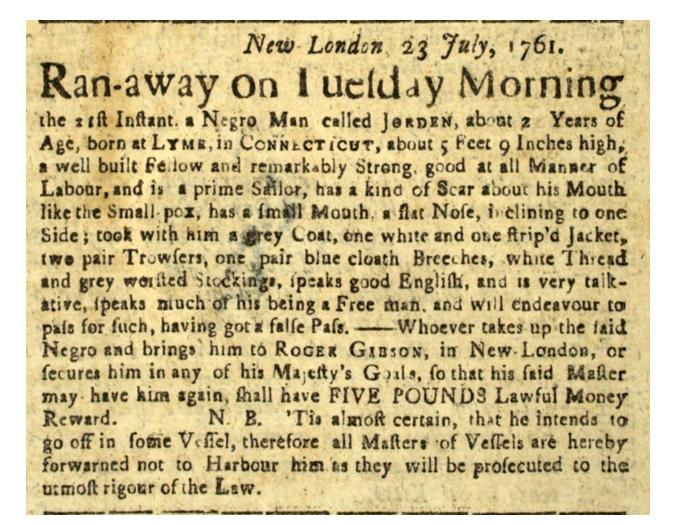
Connecticut Runaway Sale Advertisements

Advertisements offering rewards for runaway slaves were a common feature in colonial Connecticut newspapers. Beyond documenting African Americans' attempts to gain freedom, these ads offer intriguing clues to the everyday life and characteristics of enslaved people during this time period. The detailed descriptions of the slaves' clothing and physical features (included by the slave holder so his readers could easily identify the escaped slaves) evoke powerful although incomplete images of these early black residents of Connecticut colony.

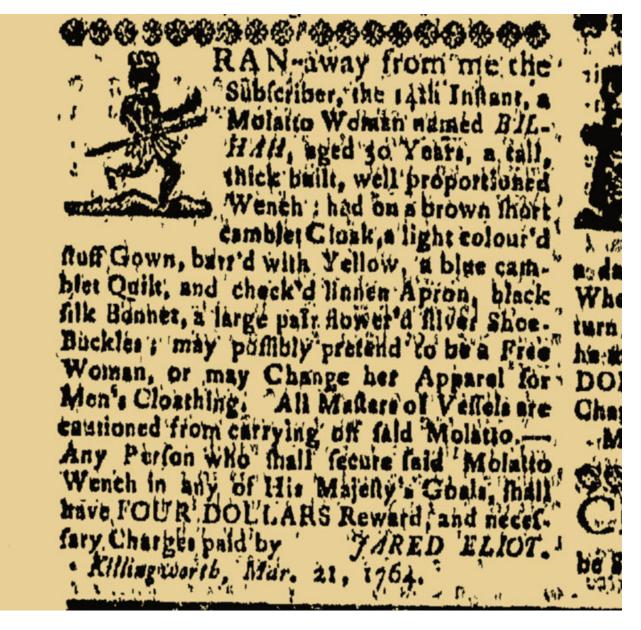
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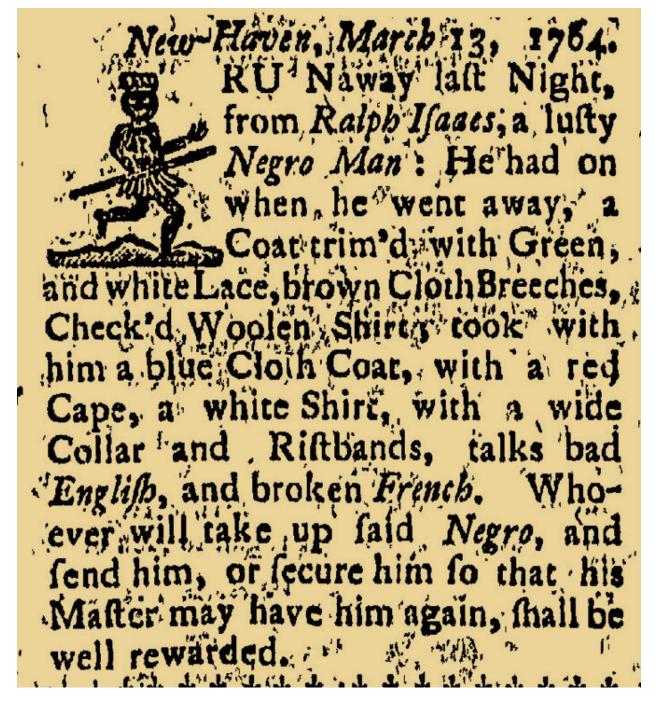
Ishmael Runaway Advertisement



Jorden Runaway Advertisement



Bilhah Runaway Advertisement



Ralph Isaacs Runaway Advertisement



October 9th 1764. RAN AWAY from Gioton ia Connecticut, a Spanish Molatto Slave, named PHAROAH; about 5 Feet 10 Inches high well fet, wore thore Hair (but may have cut it off) clushderably Talkative to appearance.

artful and plealant in his Manners and Behaviour, plays on a Violin, & had one with him is when he went away had on a flone, grey Bearfkin Coat, a ftrip'd Flannel Waittcoaf without Sleeves, cloth colour'd Breeches, Stockings uncertain, as he carried a Variety with him in a Bag with other Cloathing, Brais Buckles in his 'Shoes. Whoever takes and fecures faid Slave fo that the Owner may have him sgain, fhall receive FIVE DOLLARS Reward with necessary Charges paid,

by JOHN MUMFORD, of Colchefler. N. B. All Matters of Veffels and Others, are forbid harbouring or carrying off faid Slave, 'as they shall answer it at their Peril.

Pharaoh Runaway Advertisement