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Table One: Old Bailey Offenders Condemned to Death, Executed, and Pardoned, 1749-1771. (percentages in parentheses) (Ekirch p. 35). ([top](#))

Offence	Condemned to Death	Executed	Pardoned ^a
Defrauding creditors	3 (100.0)	3 (100.0)	- -
Coining	11 (100.0)	10 (90.9)	1 (9.1)
Murder	81 (100.0)	72 (88.9)	9 (11.1)
Forgery	95 (100.0)	71 (74.7)	24 (25.3)
Returning from transportation	31 (100.0)	22 (71.0)	9 (29.0)
Highway Robbery	362 (100.0)	251 (69.3)	111 (30.7)
Housebreaking	208 (100.0)	118 (56.7)	90 (43.3)
Horse-stealing	90 (100.0)	22 (24.4)	68 (75.6)
Other ^b	240 (100.0)	109 (45.4)	131 (54.6)
Total	1,121 (100.0)	678 (60.5)	443 (39.5)

^a 401 offenders who received transportation pardons and 42 offenders who died in gaol or received free pardons.

^b Shop-lifting, riot and twelve other crimes.

Source: John Howard, *An Account of the Principal Lazarettos in Europe* (Warrington, 1789), p. 255.

Table Two: Sex of convicts imported into Maryland Counties. (percentages in parentheses) (Ekirch p. 50). [\(top\)](#)

County	Years	Male	Female	Total
Kent	1719-1744	333 (82.8)	69 (17.2)	402 (100.0)
Queen Anne's	1727-1750	207 (83.1)	42 (16.9)	249 (100.0)
Baltimore	1770-1774	475 (82.8)	99 (17.3)	574 (100.0)
Anne Arundel	1771-1775	678 (79.9)	171 (20.1)	849 (100.0)
Total		1,693 (81.6)	381 (18.4)	2,074 (100.0)

Sources: Kent County Bonds and Indentures, 1719-44, Queen Anne's County Land Records, 1727-50, Baltimore County Convict Records, 1770-74, Anne Arundel County Convict Record, 1771-75, Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis.

Table Three: Age of convicts aboard the *Gilbert Frigate*, 1721, and the *Jonathan*, 1724. (percentages in parentheses) (Ekirch p. 51). [\(top\)](#)

Age	Convicts
10-14	1 (0.7)
15-19	24 (15.7)
20-24	58 (37.9)
25-29	32 (20.9)
30-34	13 (8.5)
35-39	11 (7.2)
40-44	5 (3.3)
45-49	2 (1.3)
50-54	3 (2.0)
55-59	3 (2.0)
60+	1 (0.7)
Total	153 (100.2)

Sources: Certificates for the *Gilbert Frigate*, 18 May 1721, and the *Jonathan*, 27 July 1724, Landing Certificates, 1718-36, Guildhall Records Office, London.



Table Four: Occupations of male convicts. (percentages in parentheses) (Ekirch p. 54). [\(top\)](#)

Occupational Group	<i>Gilbert Frigate/Jonathan</i> convicts	Nottingham convicts

Unskilled labourers ^a	48 (49.0)	36 (65.5)
Low-skilled labourers	21 (21.4)	13 (23.6)
Skilled craftsmen and tradesmen	27 (27.6)	6 (10.9)
Wealthy tradesman and professionals	2 (2.0)	--
Landed society	--	--
Total	98 (100.0)	55 (100.0)

^a Labourers are not given.

Sources: Certificates for the *Gilbert Frigate*, 18 May 1721, and the *Jonathan*, 27 July 1724, Guildhall Landing Certificates, 1718-36; K. Tweedale Meaby, *Nottinghamshire: Extracts from the County Records of the Eighteenth Century* (Nottingham, 1947), pp. 353-8.

Table Nine: passage mortality in the convict trade. (Ekirch p. 105).

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Origin	Years	Voyages	Convicts	Died	Mortality
London	1718-1736	38	3,599	385	10.7% ^a
Bristol	1779-1775	12 ^b	990	23	2.3%

^a Some certificates listed no deaths. The figure of 10.7% is based on the assumption that this omission reflected the absence of any deaths in transit. If, however, the absence of recorded deaths was merely a clerical omission and those voyages are discounted, the adjusted mortality rate rises to 14.9% for a total of 2,581 convicts transported over the course of 27 voyages.

^b Mortality figures for Stevenson, Randolph & Cheston were only available for those voyages, though the firm sponsored others.

Sources: Guildhall Landing Certificates, 1718-36; Cheston Galloway Papers, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore.

Table Ten: Convict prices at sales conducted by Stevenson, Randolph and Cheston in Maryland, 1767-1775 (percentages in parentheses). (Ekirch p. 125). [\(top\)](#)

Prices (£ sterling)	Male convicts	Female convicts
3-4	9 (2.7)	1 (1.0)
5-6	6 (1.8)	8 (8.0)
7-8	23 (6.8)	24 (24.0)
9-10	31 (92.)	67 (67.0)
11-12	117 (34.6)	--
13-14	78 (23.1)	--
15-16	36 (10.7)	--
17-18	17 (5.0)	--
19-20	11 (3.3)	--
21-22	3 (0.9)	--

23-24	2 (0.6)	- -
25+	5 (1.5)	- -
		100 (100.0)

^a Includes a small number of indentured servants. Convicts/servants sold in groups of six or more were not counted.

Sources: Factorage Book, 1767-75, and Account of Servants, 1774-75, Cheston-Galloway Papers, Boxes 5, 6.

Table Fifteen: Age of Virginia and Mayland Runaways. (percentages in parentheses) (Ekirch p. 241). ([top](#))

Age	Runaways ^a
10-14	2 (0.2)
15-19	57 (5.8)
20-24	253 (25.9)
25-29	268 (27.5)
30-34	170 (17.4)
35-39	83 (8.5)
40-44	85 (8.7)
45-49	31 (3.2)
50-54	21 (2.2)
55-59	3 (0.3)
60+	3 (0.3)
Total	976 (100.0)

^a Fugitives who ran away two or more times were included as many times as they absconded, since their ages would have changed between escape attempts.

Table Sixteen: Native origins of Virginia and Mayland Runaways. (percentages in parentheses) (Ekirch p. 241). ([top](#))

Birthplace	Runaways ^a
England and Wales	548 (68.3)
Ireland	201 (25.1)
Scotland	27 (3.4)
Other	26 (3.2)
Total	802 (100.0)

^a Fugitives who ran away two or more times were counted only once.

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