Fugitives

ugitive slaves in Maryland often fled without knowing whom they could trust. Runaways sometimes received help from relatives and friends, and sought shelter in cities like Washington, D.C. and Baltimore. They could be captured by slave catchers for large rewards.

> Three Sisters Plantation

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD. ANAWAY from the subscriber living in Prince Georges county, six miles below Bladensburg, on the 2d inst a well grown Mulatto Boy named BEN, about 18 years of age and a little upwards of 5 feet high, with dark eyes, and when spoken to his countenance changes very much, which will no doubt be more easily discovered since he absconded—it a nunceessary to attempt to describe his dress more easily discovered since he absconded—it is unnecessary to attempt to describe his dress as it will probably be changed. Whoever will apprehend said. Boy and secure him in jail so that I get him again shall receive the above reward. July 16-3t

Fifty Dollars Reward.

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July 18. TILGHMAN HILLEARY.

100 DOLLARS REWARD. had on when he went away striped particious, had on when he went away striped particious, new osnaburgh shirt, and an old fur had. It is possible he may change his nume and clothes the has generally gone by the name of BEN ORME, a white man by the name of William Orme being his father. A little examination will discover and dention he may be true. Orme being his father. A little examination will discover any deception he may attempt to practise. All masters of vessels, and others, are forbid from having any thing to do with said fellow. Whoever will apprehend said fellow and secure kim in some jull so that I get tim again, shall receive, if taken five miles from home, 20 dollars; if taken 35 miles from home, 30 dollars; if taken 30 miles from home 50 dotlars; and if taken out of the state and the district of Columbia, one hundred dollars, with reasonable expences. ith reasonable expenses.
TILGHMAN HILLEARY.

CASE STUDY

Slaves occasionally made multiple escapes and, at times, chose to return to their owners. Ben Orme escaped from Three Sisters Plantation of Prince George's County at least three times. In his first attempt in 1812, Ben was caught. He escaped again with Peter and Andrew Ridout during the British invasion of Maryland in 1814. Perhaps fearing that recapture would bring harsher consequences than voluntarily returning, Ben left the Ridout brothers to go back to his master, Tilghman Hilleary. When he returned, Orme testified that it was the Ridouts who persuaded him to escape and that he last saw them riding off with the British. Ben Orme fled again in 1815, but records show he was returned to slavery by 1835.

A PROCLAMATION.

ALEXANDER COCHRANE.

By Command of the Vice Admiral,

WILLIAM BALHETCHET.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

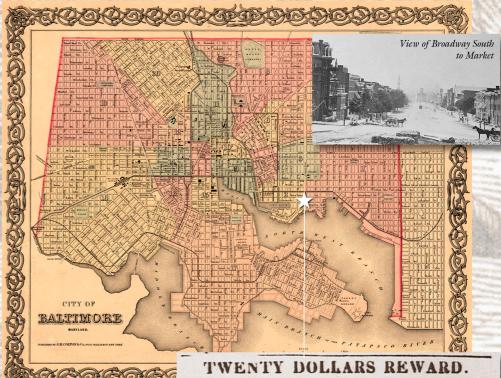


Child Workers, Baltimore, Maryland

British proclamation offering immediate emancipation for military service during the War of 1812.

CASE STUDY

Fugitives frequently fled during holidays and periods when their absences were more likely to go unnoticed. Henry H. Smith and William Little, indentured apprentices, escaped from Fells Point in Baltimore on a Sunday in 1832, during a cholera epidemic. The following day their master, William Williams, placed runaway advertisements in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston newspapers. Smith and Little's escape is a rare example of blacks and whites fleeing together. While their fate remains unclear, running away as a pair increased the risk of capture.



ANAWAY from the subscriber, on Sunday the 16th day of September, two indented apprentices, WIL-LIAM LITTLE, white boy, and HENRY H. SMITH, a bright mulatto. The said William Little is about seventeen years of age, tair complexion, dark brown hair, dark eves; had on when he left light blue striped summer pantaloons, a grey cloth roundabout, a straw hat and a pair of light shoes; has a bald place in the fore part of

The said Henry H. Smith is a bright mulatto, about 21 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, wore away, when he left, a pair of linen or drilling pantaloons, striped waistcoat, and a blue cloth roundabout and black fur hat. The said Smith is quick in answers, very artful, and, from the information received, he has decoyed the said William Little away.

If taken in the city, I will give five dollars for each, and, if taken out of the State, I will give ten dollars for each, or twenty for the two, with all reasonable charges. WM. WILLIAMS,

Confectioner and Baker, Lancaster street, near the Market, Fell's Point. Baltimore, Sept 17-20-3t

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