

# Twelve Pounds Reward.

Prince-George's county, May 1, 1795.

**A** BSENTED themselves from my service since the late Prince-George's and Anne-Arundel county courts, the following twelve NEGROES, calling themselves QUEENS; *Simon, Billy, Jack, Lewis, Isaac, Paul, Matthew,* and *Tom*, very black negroes, and *Tom, Billy, Nick,* and *Fanny*, of a brown complexion; they are all young, hearty, and well made negroes, and quitted me for no other reason but because they were not set free at the last court. As I have recognised for the said negroes I conceive that I do not forfeit their services, nor lose any share of my authority over them, before trial; I do therefore promise the above reward to any person who will inform me where the aforesaid negroes may be found, and be witness against such persons as harbour or employ them, or TWENTY SHILLINGS for each one. I likewise forewarn all persons from harbouring or employing the said negroes at their peril, as I am determined to prosecute every such person agreeably to law.

JOHN ASHTON.