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JAMES DAVIS.

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WILMINGTON, *June 23, 1777.*

RUN away from the Subscriber in *Wilmington*, the first of *May* last, a Negro Slave named BEN, about 22 Years of Age, 5 Feet 6 or 8 Inches high, stout and well made, talks well, is artful and cunning, and perhaps will alter his Name; had on when he went away an old Hat, blue Jacket, Osaabrigs Trousers, but as he had other Clothes, he may change his Dress. The above Negro was purchased by the Subscriber in *December* last of Col. *William Taylor*, who had him of Col. *Edmund Taylor*, in *Mecklenburg* County, *Virginia*, and he had him of Col. *John Williams*, in *Granville* County, and it is likely he is gone towards some of the above Places, or that he is harboured up the *North East* of *Cape Fear*, or on the Sound. Whoever takes up and secures the said slave, so that his Master gets him, shall have *Ten Dollars* Reward, if taken in this State, and *Ten Pounds*, and reasonable Charges, on Delivery to
WILLIAM WILKINSON.

NEWBERN, *June 27, 1777.*

RUN away from *Green Spring*, near *Newbern*, a Negro Fellow named SMART, very black, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, well made, and very likely, speaks broken English, but very artful and insinuating. He is supposed to be lurking about *Slocumb's Creek*, with a Fellow belonging to Mr. *Almond*, and a Gang of Runaways belonging to the late Mr. *Clear's* Estate. Whoever brings the said Slave to *Green Spring* aforesaid, shall have *Five Dollars* Reward.

JAMES DAVIS.

NEWBERN, *June 27, 1777.*

A few TICKETS in the STATES LOTTERY to be sold by
RICHARD ELLIS.

State of *North Carolina*, *Craven* County, ff.

By RICHARD ELLIS and ALEXANDER GASTON, Esqrs.
two of the Justices for the said County.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made to us, by *Richard Blackledge*, that a Negro Man named *Dublin*, about thirty Years of age, is a New-Negro, and speaks broken English, he is about five feet six Inches High, of a Yellowish Colour, and has sharp filed Teeth, also a Negro Lad named *Burr*, about sixteen Years old, is Black, rather Nock Knee'd, and well grown of his age; belonging to the Estate of *Tinobry Clear*, deceased, which were hired by said *Blackledge*, of the Administrators of said Estate, on or about the 12th Day of February 1777, for one Year, both of which Negroes immediately ran away; *Dublin* has never since surrendered, or been taken, the Lad *Burr*, some time after returned quite naked, and being Cloathed immediately run away again, both which Negroes are supposed to be lurking about committing many Acts of Felony.

These are therefore to command the said Slaves forthwith to surrender themselves, and return home to their said master. And we do also require the Sheriff of the said County of *Craven* to make diligent Search and Pursuit after the said Slaves, and them having found, to apprehend and secure, so that they may be conveyed to their said master, or otherwise discharged as the Law directs. And the said Sheriff is hereby empowered to raise and take with him such Power of his County as he shall think fit, for apprehending the said Slaves. And we do hereby, by Virtue of an Act of Assembly of this Province concerning Servants and Slaves, intimate and declare, if the said Slaves doth not surrender themselves, and return home, immediately after the Publication of these Presents, that then any Person may kill or destroy the said Slaves, by such Means as he or they may think fit, without Accusation or Impeachment of any Crime or Offence for so doing, or without incurring any Penalty or Forfeiture thereby.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, this 26th Day of *June*, 1777, and in the first Year of our Independence.

RICHARD ELLIS.
ALEX. GASTON.

N. B. Whoever apprehends the said Negroes, and carries them to the Salt Works, at *Core Sound*, or secures them in *Newbern* goal, shall have for each of them four Dollars, and all reasonable charges paid.

RICHARD BLACKLEDGE.

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June 25, 1777.
M. HOWARD.

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