

THE ROYAL GAZETTE



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TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

HIGH-WATER IN NEW-YORK, this Week. WED. 45 m. after 12 o'Clock. 9 m. after 3 o'Clock. Thu. 34 m. after 11 o'Clock. 6 m. after 3 o'Clock. Fri. 24 m. after 11 o'Clock. 54 m. after 3 o'Clock. Sat. 18 m. after 11 o'Clock.

SUGAR HOUSE PAPER, TO BE SOLD. Enquire of the PRINTER.

SWORDS, CUTTEAUX, AND PISTOLS, Of various Kinds.—To be had of the PRINTER.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CANES, In great Variety for GENTLEMEN and LADIES.

For LIVERPOOL,

Kingston, Jan 1, 1782.

For Sale, on reasonable Terms,

European Intelligence.

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For A Will be any Port in New-England by the 20th inst. For Freight or Passage, or Capt. Joppa their Wharf.

Port-Maria-Bay, Jan. 10, 1782. For Sale, On WEDNESDAY the 15th instant, Onboard the Ship HINDE, JOHN BROWN, Commander, FROM AFRICA, 212 Choice Young Gold and Windward Coof NEGROES, By YATE & HINDE

Runaway slave" ad in The Royal Gazette of August 22, 1778

TWO GUINEAS REWARD. RUN away from the subscriber the 20th instant, a Mulatto Negro Boy, named PRIAM, 23 years old, about five feet five or six inches high, his hair of a remarkable light coloured woolly kind. Whoever secures said Boy, and will inform, or deliver him to the subscriber at Flatbush, Long-Island, or to Mr. John Taylor, in Queen-Street, No. 13, shall be entitled to the above reward. All masters of vessels and inhabitants are forewarned to carry him off, or conceal him, as they will answer the consequences. A. DAINBRIDGE, Surgeon, N. J. V.

Maria's Office, in Kingston. Thomas Leslie. Kingston, May 11, 1783. TO BE SOLD, A PHAETON, In the modern taste. LATELY arrived from England, about half worn. The price is Fifty Guineas in ready money. Apply to Mr. Coulter, Coach-maker in Harbour-Street, Kingston.

Kingston, Nov. 2, 1777. TO BE SOLD, On reasonable Terms, a

12, 1787. give meln- the late famine, he preceding rise of 30,000 of the plant country pe-riodic article. of the two vessels in an expedition to private individuals at only at Canton raw silk to the year, while on zabeth, relict of in Cumberland in 17, contrary to the 15,000, to each 200, each to two relieving only ore than half of heart of misery 1788, Sept. 13, departing here for this of Tuscany, of 200, are arc Majesty is gone on we know not; the journey will be very short. A demotion is expected here, and then we shall know positively what our sovereign will act on the great theatre ready to be opened in Europe. The report about the exchange of Savaria is revived; it is even thought that this affair is secretly concluded. France, it is pretended, no longer forms any opposition to it. Extract of a letter from a Gentleman at Dres-

January 3, 1777

Princeton Battlefield Society www.pbs1777.org

At the time of the Battle of Princeton, I was one of the many enslaved persons living in the village. My owner was Dr. Absalom Bainbridge who lived on the town's main street. At the time of the battle, he was about 34 years old and he and his wife, Mary, had a three-year-old son named William. Among my many duties for Dr. Bainbridge was going to local merchants to make purchases for him. Sometimes when I went to Thomas Patterson's store to buy thread or textiles, he actually recorded my name when noting Dr. Bainbridge's man made a purchase. Usually, he just used the term "Negro" without a name. Dr. Bainbridge also owned a woman who was merely noted in the store records as his "wench."

When the British army fled from Princeton after the battle on January 3, 1777, my master and his family also fled with them because Dr. Bainbridge had decided to help the British. He left me behind in Princeton for a while, and then I was sent to live with Mrs. Bainbridge's parents in Monmouth County. They were Loyalists just like the doctor. In April that year, Mrs. Bainbridge sold me to her father, John Taylor, for £70, along with a horse and a riding chair at £15 each for a total of £100. By that time, General Israel Putnam commanded the Americans in Princeton and he had to approve this sale because I was considered the property of a Loyalist. I was then taken to Long Island in 1778, where the Bainbridges lived while Dr. Bainbridge served as a doctor with the British. I ran away in August and Dr. Bainbridge put a notice in the paper that described me as 23 years old, five and a half feet tall, and with hair "of a remarkable light colored woolly kind." I returned to Princeton and became a "slave of the State of New Jersey" as confiscated Loyalist property. The local man who became responsible for my fate, Jacob Bergen, believed it would be against what the patriots were fighting for to keep me in bondage and sell me, and he recommended I serve the army as a wagoner for the rest of the war to gain freedom. I did this but still had to make continuous efforts in court to eventually win my freedom. - *Text by Larry Kidder*