Peter (b. ? - d. ?)

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Fled from Slavery, Anne Arundel County, Maryland 1756

Biography:

Peter was an enslaved mulatto owned by Henry Gassaway, a property owner near London Town. On Thursday, November 25, 1756, Gassaway posted a runaway advertisement for Peter saying that he ran away on November 15 of that year. Peter was described as "a lusty, well-fet, dark Mulatto Fellow... he has an impudent Look, and speaks boldly." He had on "a Country Cloth Waistcoat, a Pair of Leather Breeches, and a Pair of old Stockings and Shoes." Gassaway offered a reward of "One Pistole, besides what the Law allows" to whomever caught Peter. It is not known exactly what happened to Peter.

2. Ibid.
3. Ibid.
4. Ibid.

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