

Eavesdropping Document 15
Ad for the recapture of the runaway Pegg

THE WIDOW MOREHOUSE MAY HAVE HIRED
OUT HER SLAVES SHE
REMARRIED JOHN CHANTREL,
JULY 1765

BODILY DISFIGUREMENTS
OFTEN SIGNS OF ABUSE

ROBERT BENSON,
LATER MEMBER OF
SONS OF LIBERTY

HAVING HAD SMALLPOX,
SHE IS NOW IMMUNE-
IMPORTANT

ADS OFTEN EXPLAIN
RUNNING AWAY AS
DECEPTION

DID SHE STEAL THESE
TO PROTECT AGAINST
WINTER COLD? WERE
THEY HER MISTRESS'S
BEST CLOTHES?

LIVING NEAR THE DOCKS,
PEGG MAY HAVE
SMUGGLED HERSELF
ABOARD A DEPARTING
SHIP

R U N - A W A Y ,
LAST night the 12th instant, from Rebecca Morehouse, oppo-
site to Alderman Benson, at the ship yards, New-York, a tall
thin straight negro wench, nam'd Pegg, about 40 years of age, of
a yellowish complexion, has had the small pox, but is smooth faced,
and talks good English, has the middle finger of her left hand crook-
ed and cannot straiten it; was born at Oyster-Bay, but has re-
sided several years in New-York, and formerly belonged to Mr.
Pell; is sensible, cunning and artful, and can wash, iron and cook;
Had on a short red cloak, a white hat and a pair of mens shoes, and
had with her a callico gown and a variety of other clothes.
Whoever will bring home the said wench to her mistress or to the
subscriber, ship-carpenter at the ship-yards, shall have 2 dollars reward
if taken in town, or 3 dollars, if taken out of town, beside all rea-
sonable charges. JOHN LEVERSAGE,
All masters of vessels and others are forwarn'd not to entertain or
carry her away as they will answer it at their peril. 45--48

A NATIVE
NEW YORKER, PEGG
HAS BEEN SOLD
SEVERAL TIMES

WITH THESE SKILLS,
PEGG MAY TRY TO
BE HIRED

AD, N-Y GAZETTE, DEC 13, 1764