

The ad concluded that Jupiter, Auba, Sancho, Auba's infant child, and Jack "were sent up among the Indians from St. Augustine, and have not been heard of since." The British and Creeks had long enjoyed close ties based on the exchange of deerskins for merchandise. African Americans played integral roles in the trade as packhorsemen or laborers at the stores maintained by traders in native towns. Creeks had a mixed view of Africans but, over time, many blacks became fully accepted into native society. Black Creeks were a notable feature of that world after the Revolution. During the war, the Creeks sided with the British, so it was only natural for Jupiter and his family to make their way into native territory.

Thomas Brown was a not untypical Englishman who had his eye on the mainline in terms of plantations. He migrated shortly afterwards to the Bahamas and established a major holding with a considerable number enslaved. Did Betty and Hercules end up on his estate or did they manage to find freedom in Nova Scotia or elsewhere? We do not know. Whatever the case, we know the odds were heavily against them.

The Revolution disrupted the institution of slavery in Georgia, caused a massive outflow of people, and gave Blacks an opportunity to assert greater independence and negotiated new terms for labor. As late as the mid-1780s, planters (enslavers) were complaining about their "saucy" attitudes and tendency to disappear. By the end of the decade, the planters (enslavers) had had their revenge by tightening the legal foundation of slavery in ways that made it more severe and coercive than before the Revolution.

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To be sold at the Printing Office, for Cash,
The South Carolina and Georgia
ALMANACK
For the Year of our Lord 1781.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on Sunday the 3d instant, from Kilkenny on Ogechee Neck, the following NEGROES, viz. Hercules, a short stout fellow, of the Angola Country, of a black complexion, and speaks good English. Betty, his wife, a country born wench, of a yellow complexion, has a tear over her left eye, speaks good English. Winter, her child, about five years old. — Whoever delivers the above Negroes to the subscriber at Bewlie, or to Peter Henry Morel in Savannah, shall receive three guineas reward, or a guinea for any one of them; and upon conviction of a white person harbouring or enticing them away ten guineas will be given; or a Negro five guineas.
Dec. 7, 1780. JOHN MOREL.

from the subscriber on Monday
Missing Negroes.
thick fellow, of the Angola
wife, of a yellowish complexion over one of her eyes, speaks
er, about 13 years old, and
children: Jupiter, of a black
good English; Auba, his wife,
p, about 9 years old, and a
Jack, about 15 years old, of
speaks bad English. They
about 20 feet long, which
had only her seams paid over with pitch, and it is
supposed are gone toward Kilkenny on Ogechee
Neck. One guinea reward will be paid on the deli-
very of each grown negro to Peter Henry Morel
in Savannah, or to the subscriber at Bewlie, two
dollars for each of the children, and one guinea for
the boat; and upon information of their being har-
boured by a white person a reward of ten guineas
will be given, and if by a negro five guineas, to be
paid on conviction of the offender.
JOHN MOREL.

"Ran away from the subscriber on the island of Ossabaw on the 8th instant, the following negroes: Hercules, a short, thick fellow, of the Angola country; Betty, his wife, of a yellowish complexion, has a large scar over one of her eyes, speaks good English, Peter, 13 years old and Winter, 5, her children; Jupiter, black complexion, speaks good English; Auba, his wife, with her son, Sancho, 9 years old and a sucking child; Jack, 45 years old, of the Angola country, speaks bad English; they went off in a new yawl, 20 feet long, which had only her seams paid over with pitch, and it is supposed are gone toward Kilkenny on Ogechee Neck. One guinea reward will be paid on the delivery of each grown negro to Peter Henry Morel in Savannah, or to the subscriber at Bewlie, 2 dollars for each of the children, 1 guinea for the boat. John Morel, Bewlie" (Royal Georgia Gazette 1781: Kilbourne 1999b:249; Windley 1983:195).

