

## **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.<sup>1</sup> Peter was described as "a lusty, well-fet, dark Mulatto Fellow... he has an impudent Look, and speaks boldly."<sup>2</sup> He had on "a Country Cloth Waistcoat, a Pair of Leather Breeches, and a Pair of old Stockings and Shoes."<sup>3</sup> Gassaway offered a reward of "One Pistole, besides what the Law allows" to whomever caught Peter.<sup>4</sup> It is not known exactly what happened to Peter.

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1. ["Ran away," \*Maryland Gazette\*, November 25, 1756.](#)

2. Ibid.

3. Ibid.

4. Ibid.

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