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RANAWAY, on Saturday night last, 16<sup>th</sup> of the present month, August, from my place of residence, MISSOURI MILLS, four sand a half miles from Dumfries, Prince William County, Va. my Negro man, who calls himself GEO. POSEY. He is about five feet seven inches in height, very black, has a bald head, in conversation has a down look, has no scars recollected of. His clothing consisted of black pantaloons of casinett striped, a black hat, coat not recollected. He was purchased by me of William Beatty near Front Royal, Warren County, State of Virginia. Mr. Beatty was the executor of Thomas John, of the same county. I will give a reward of fifty dollars, if taken in the State of Virginia, or seventy-five dollars if taken in any other state and secured in jail, so that I recover him again, It is possible that he may have written a pass for himself, being capable of writing, and having endeavored to get a piece of paper from some of my family.

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