

From William N. Taylor to Sir

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Raymond Hinds County Mississippi

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Dr. Sir[,]

I have in the Jail at this place a negro who says his name is Jim, he is of a Black or Dark Brown Colour, about 20 or 23 years of age[,] is near six feet high[,] spare built[,] would weigh about 145 or 150 pounds, says that he belongs to you and that he Ranaway from you in Missouri, & that he came in Company with two Irish men to Memphis, and from Memphis he came to Jackson in this state and was making his way back to Vicksburg, when he was apprehended, and brought here to Jail, he also says that he has been Running on Steam Boats, and that the Last Boat he was on was the Daniel Boon, he left home before Christmas last, he has a Bushy head of hair, had on when committed a Brown Linsey frock coat[,] light Cotton or Linsey pants, white shirt[,] ordinary negro shoes. and an old Black Hat high crowned with wide Brim--

Should he be your property you will please come forward[,] prove property and take him away after paying charges, &c.

Respectfully &c.

Wm[.] N[.] Taylor[,] Shff [Sheriff]

By John S. Adams[,] Jailor