Finally, this advertisement from the Connecticut Gazette in 1774 serves as a reminder that some slaves in Canterbury took the issue of liberty into their own hands.


[593] Ten Dollars Reward

Run away from the subscriber, in Canterbury, on the Night following the 26th Instant, a Mulatto Slave, named Sampson, about five Feet eight Inches high, and thirty Years of Age. He is a Slender built Fellow, has thick Lips, a curled, Mulatto Head of Hair, uncut, and goes stooping forward. He had on and carried with him, when he eloped from his Master, a half wore Felt Hat, a black and white Tow Shirt, a dark brown Jacket, with Sleeves cuffed, and Pewter Buttons, a Pair of striped long Trowsers, and a pair of short white Ditto, a Pair of white Tow Stockings, and a Pair of single channel Pumps. Whoever will take up said Slave, and deliver him to the Subscriber, in Canterbury, shall have the above Reward, and all necessary Charges paid by me.

Daniel Tyler
Canterbury, June 27, 1774