


Resource Sheet #04

Source: Slave Advertisement, *Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg), September 14, 1769



RUN away from the subscriber
in *Albemarle*, a Mulatto slave called *Sandy*,
about 35 years of age, his stature is rather low,
inclining to corpulence, and his complexion light;
he is a shoemaker by trade, in which he uses his
left hand principally, can do coarse carpenters
work, and is something of a horse jockey; he is
greatly addicted to drink, and when drunk is inso-
lent and disorderly, in his conversation he swears
much, and in his behaviour is artful and knavish. He took with
him a white horse, much scarred with traces, of which it is ex-
pected he will endeavour to dispose; he also carried his shoe-
makers tools, and will probably endeavour to get employment that
way. Whoever conveys the said slave to me, in *Albemarle*, shall
have 40 s. reward, if taken up within the county, 4 l. if elsewhere
within the colony, and 10 l. if in any other colony, from
THOMAS JEFFERSON.

Document Analysis:

1. What kind of document is this? Is it a primary or secondary source? What evidence provided convinces you of that?
2. What is its purpose? What is the author trying to say in the document?
3. Analyze the reward language near the end of the document. What is Jefferson trying say here, in simple terms?
4. According to the document, how would you describe the subject of the notice?
5. Does this document help to answer the question, "Where Did Thomas Jefferson Stand on the Issue of Slavery?"