

Some time ago I had part of my Sheep stolen and killed by Negroes who are now in our Jail. From the description given by Mr. Badley to Mr. Livingston in this Town, of his Servant I think one of these fellows now in confinement must be him; Mr. S. is confident as to his identity. One of the men now in Jail, who calls himself Bill Thome, is the identical fellow described as the property of Mr. Badley, whose real name is Isaac Reed - he is a yellow Indian looking fellow, and was living with a yellow woman whom he calls his wife. They say they came from below Dover but do not say with whom they ever lived, or who ever were their Masters.

My old friend Col. Holliday of Easton paid me a flying visit some time ago, and from the description of the Woman, he thinks she may be his property - he had hired her out to some person, at or near Centerville, whose name I do not now recollect. He promised me to come to Salem during the Session of our Court, when the Negroes will be tried for Sheep stealing, and then he will see the Woman, who will be brought forward as a Witness.

Be so good as to inform Mr. Mr. A. Badley that the yellow Man now in Jail, will be tried on the 3rd Tuesday of Sept. next, when if he will attend, he will be able to ascertain the certainty as to his property in the fellow.

very respectfully yours

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Col. Thos Emory

Poplar Grove.