

Claver Fields February 5<sup>th</sup> 1839

From the information I had of there being several runaways in Dover jail, induced Mr S. Thomas & myself to take an excursion last week, but were disappointed in the object of our pursuit; There had been several runaways taken out by their owners, & there still remained seven men which we saw, but were informed by the Sheriff (who was very polite,) that they were put in for debt. On enquiry there were no females.

From the information I received I have reason to believe that the servants who abscond from the shore go to New Jersey. There are also many slaves who escape after being imprisoned by being sold out for jail fees, their owners not hearing of it for the want of their being advertized in the papers of this spot.

The person I employed in Dover who manages the business, is a man by the name