

What helped a runaway slave be successful?

Runaway slaves name	Time of year	Appearance	Clothes	Language skills	Intelligence	Tools and equipment	Age	Size of reward *	Chances of success 10=high

* **REWARDS** The *pistole*, a common coin in Virginia, at least until the 1760s, was a Spanish gold coin, sometimes called a *doubloon*. By the mid eighteenth century, a pistole was worth almost a pound (.83), or a little over 18 shillings. A pound was worth 20 shillings, and 12 pence equalled a shilling. But while there were actual coins called shillings and pence, there was no such coin that was equivalent to a pound. It was a unit of measurement only. In the ads, the common symbol for a pound was l (lower-case letter L).