

## Peter Bond

### *People of London Town, Maryland\**

Peter Bond was an indentured servant who twice ran away from his master: Alexander Ferguson. Ferguson ran a tailoring business, along with several other ventures, and this was where he employed Bond. Bond's first flight took place in 1754. Though he was caught, Bond was not deterred from trying again. This time, he disguised himself as a sailor, took to a canoe on the South River, and rowed away.

**R**AN away from the Subscriber, living at *London-Town*, on the 30th of this Instant *January*, an Indented *English* Servant Man, named *Peter Bond*, about 18 or 20 Years of Age, a Taylor by Trade (took a napp'd Duff Jacket with him unfinish'd), is much addicted to Swearing, of a small Stature, has short black Hair, and is pitted with the Small Pox; had on when he went away, a white Linnen Shirt, an old brown Waistcoat and blue Breeches, a Russia Drab Frock much torn in the Sleeves, new Worsted Stockings, and an old Castor Hat. He has taken with him sundry other wearing Apparel. Whoever takes up the said Runaway, and brings him to his Master, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, (if taken ten Miles from home), and Three Pounds if taken out of the County, and reasonable Charges, paid by  
*Alexander Ferguson.*

*Maryland Gazette*, 31 January 1754

**R**'AN away from the Subscriber, living in *London-Town*, on the 7th of *October*, a Servant Man, named *Peter Bond*; he went off in a small Canoe; he is a Taylor by Trade, of a low Stature, is pitted with the Small-Pox, and has grey Eyes. He had on and with him, a Sailor's blue Jacket, bound round the Edges with black, double breasted, with small flat Buttons, set in Threes, a short green Waistcoat, a Pair of blue Stockings, a Pair of light colour'd ribb'd Stockings, a brown Wig, a Felt Hat, a Pair of Pumps and Shoes, and a Pair of old Trowsers; and may have other Apparel.  
Whoever takes up the said Servant, and brings him home, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by  
*ALEXANDER FERGOUSON.*  
N. B. As he may possibly have entered as a Sailor on board some Ship, if so, the Master may have him for Ten Guineas.

*Maryland Gazette*, 16 October 1755

Ferguson was intent on catching him after his first escape, and posted notices in the *Maryland Gazette*. Perhaps Ferguson had given up on keeping Bond at his task, because his second advertisement offered to sell the indentured servant to any sea captain who wanted him. Unfortunately, there are no other known references to Bond.

\* As the research into colonial London Town's inhabitants is an ongoing process, the caveat is offered that additional information may be found at any time and that a correction of information might also occur at any time.