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Abstract: John Cadwalader was born January 10, 1742 in Trenton, New Jersey to Dr. Thomas Cadwalader (1706-1779) and Hannah Lambert (1712-1786). John worked as a merchant before establishing for himself a successful military career. During the Revolutionary War he organized 84 men into the volunteer “Greens,” or “Silk Stocking Company,” which trained at his house in Philadelphia. After the war, he moved to Shrewsbury, Maryland, where he eventually served three terms in Maryland's House of Delegates. John died February 10, 1786 after catching pneumonia at his estate on the banks of the Sassafra River at Shrewsbury, Kent County, Maryland. This estate volume The ledger documenting the administration of John Cadwalader's estate is maintained in two back to back sections, one entitled Book of memorandums, inventories, and miscellaneous transactions of the Exter [Executor] to the estate of John Cadwalader, Esqr (begun March 1786), and the second untitled section consisting of memoranda and receipts by the estate begun November 1790. These memoranda, receipts, and other lists are maintained by the two executors of Cadwalader's estate; Philemon Dickinson and Lambert Cadwalader. Both deal largely with the administration of Shrewsbury Farm, with references to other Cadwalader holdings.

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An inventory or schedule of negroes...on Shrewsbury Farm the first of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety [January 1, 1790] by Lambert Cadwalader and Philemon Dickinson Executors of John Cadwalader Esq. and let with the said Farm to Alexander Briscoe as a lease of this date valued by us the Subscribers at the joint request of the said Lambert Cadwalader, Philemon Dickinson and Alexander Briscoe

A list of negroes and theirs ages	ages
Jack Wimbert	64
Jacob (the Gardener)	58
Old Abraham	49
Sam Ambrose (carpenter)	43
Tom Chandler	41
George Denby	49
Jim Singo	36
Wye	34
Abraham Ambrose	33
Frank Denby	33
Matts Hopkins	33
Matts Crew	29
Anthony Hopkins	29
David Singo	28
Jack Chandler (Taylor) [tailor]	29
Joe Pepper (Shoemaker)	22
Jacob Ambrose	21
Jim Limbo	19
Phill	19
Bill Simmons	19

20 Men

Women

Dolly Ambrose	73
Nanny Norton	66
Sarah Chandler	61
Dolly (Gardner Jacob's wife)	61
Cate Singo	55
Esther Chandler	54
Molly Cole	53
Rachel Pepper	56
Grace	45
Moll Singo	53
Peggy Williams	44

	Ages, yrs
Hannah	43
Sall Pepper	40
Nan Chandler	40
Poll Denby	38
Chloe	38
Doll Ambrose (Jim Singo's wife)	33
Isabel	33
Hannah Nealy	29
Poll Ambrose (wife of Jim Nealy)	26
Fanny Ambrose	22
Henny Crew	22
Betty Ambrose (wife of Dav Singo)	21
Rachel, daughter of Suck Ambrose	18
Frank (or Fanny daughter of Poll Denby)	17
Nanny Dill (wife of Abe Ambrose)	30

26 women

Boys – 19

Isaac	12
Harry Singo	12
Anthony (son of Isabel)	12
Tom Singo	9
Harry Piner	8
Sam Singo	7 yrs 6 mos
Joe	6 yrs 6 mos
Perry	5 yrs 9 mos
Jack Ambrose (son of Nan Dill)	4 yrs 9 mos
Matts Crew	4 yrs 9 mos
Minos (Son of Isabel)	3 yrs 5 mos
Will (son of Poll Denby)	2 yrs 9 mos
Harry Pepper (son of Joe and Rachel)	2 yrs 2 mos
Bill (son of Fanny Ambrose)	1 yr 10 mos
George (son of Jim Nealy and Poll Ambrose)	1 yr 9 mos
Tom (son of Sarah the lame girl)	1 yr 2 mos
Jacob (son of Matts Crew)	10 mos
Tom (son of Dav. Singo and Betts Ambrose)	6 mos
Stephen (son of Fanny Ambrose)	1 mos

29 boys

Girls 14

Sarah (the lame girl)	14
Grace (daughter of Isabel)	9
Poll (daughter of Nan Dill)	9
Betts (daughter of Nan Dill and A. Ambrose)	7
Kitty (daughter of Moll Singo and Sam Ambrose)	7
Poll (daughter of Sall Pepper)	
Phebe (daughter of Fanny Ambrose)	
Minty (daughter of Isabel)	
Nan, daughter of Betts Ambrose	
Hunny, daughter of Poll Ambrose and Jim Nealy	
Agnes, daughter of Fanny Ambrose	
Peggy Notchole, daughter of Billy Ambrose and D. Singo	
Dolly Ambrose, daughter of Nan Dill and Abrah. Ambrose	
Nanny, daughter of Nan Dill and Abraham Ambrose	

[from untitled section of book]

Memorandum – 1792

May 7 – Dinah went to Mrs. Ringgold for the use of Maria Ringgold

June 18 – Kitty went to Maria Ringgold she is Moll Singo's daughter, Moll Singo went to Philadelphia for the use of Betsy McCall

June 18 – Mealy went to Philadelphia for the use of – Ditto [Betsy McCall]

Mrs. McCall Memorandum sent to Mr. McCall

1793 – the boy Isaac – 12 years old

July 26 the Boy Jack Ambrose – 8 yrs 4 months old (this boy returned)

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“A list of Negroes hired, and [put] out, specifying the terms and times agreed on and to whom”

[notes]		Number of years	Sums [pounds, shillings, pence]
1789 nov. 24 – died October 1792	Jo Moses Bincoe – Jim Pepper, boy Dick Coombs, and Nan Harris with her son Jim	7	„12,,0,,0
24	To Donaldron Yeates, boy Ned Combs Negro woman, Mable from year to yera	7	„3,,0,,0 „4,,0,,0
30	To Alexander Briscoe, Dick Ambrose – Dick [Lirby], Tom Ambrose – [brother?] – Jim her son – Manuel and Bets Combs 30 pounds the 2 first years and 35 pounds afterwards	7	„35,,0,,0
30 – came home after his year was up now with A[lexander] Briscoe	To Ben Jerry and Ned Morgan for 1 year, boy Abraham Crew for – [7 years] Ned – returned to the farm to replace Limbo	7	„15,,0,,0
30 – would not stay now w Jos. Underhill at 8 pounds	To John Hepborn, Mingo for 1 year, and a girl named Barbara for	7 [yrs]	„8,,0,,0
30	To Moses Briscoe Rose for	1 [yr]	
May 4- at J. Underhills	To Jim Sampson, Jinney for	1 [yr]	„3,,0,,0
[10?]	To Robert Moffatt, Pris for	1 yr	„2,,10,,0
Now with Dick Coombs	To --- Daley, Rose Coombs for	1 [yr]	
Now with James Manly	To John Dening, Nan Benson for	1 [yr]	„1,,2,,6
Nw. [now with?] [illegible] Beazly	To Joshua Browning, Molly Budgetown	1 [yr]	„0,,0,,0
With Alex Briscoe	To William Sampson, Grace for	1 [yr]	
	To [M] Means, Mable for	1 [yr]	
Now with Sall Sampson	To [M] Parsons, Amelia for n.w. Arch McCall	1 [yr]	
n.w. [now with?] [Jim?] Stuart	To Fredcrick Armington, for Molly	1 [yr]	
Came home now at [W] Turners	To Browning, for Beck at A. Briscoes	1 [yr]	„3,,0,,0
	Dick Coombs, Taylor, his wife Fanny, and 3 children, Jinney, James, and Moses to himself for	1 [yr]	
December 1	To John Beazly and [Patch Withered] for Jack Merrick	1 [yr]	„15,,0,,0
	To James Havelly, a boy, Jim [Neaby] for	7 [yrs]	
Would not stay now with A Briscoe	To Thomas Perkins girl Dinah	1 or 3 [yrs]	„3,,0,,0

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“List of Negroes continued”

[notes]		Number of years	wages
	Daniel a boy that waited on [William] Gough sent up to Philadelphia by order of Anne Cadwalader, who took him on her own and [illegible] him [illegible] may on [illegible] for [illegible] [office?] for 12 years....being at present lent to Ruby Cadwalader	12	
1790. Nov 25	[M] Turner for [Buk?] Mrs. Turner had her 1 year she is now home	1	3
	Alexander Briscoe again to take in [Crew?] Of Molly Lingo sent to [M] McCall and Kitt to [M] Ringgold – Rose Coomb, of Beth Kenny – October 28, 1792		
	I agreed with William Briscoe to reduce the wages of [those?] men hired to him, and who remains on his [own?] farm, from 35 pounds and [over] to 20 pounds from the 1 January next in [consideration?] of the death of a negro man by the small pox [and?] Isaac who goes up to William McCall		

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“Memorandum made this 29 day of April 1793 Mr. Samuel Ringgold being at Shrewsbury Farm took up with him a Negro girl named Prifs aged 17 years and 5 months agreeable to the list taken the 25 November 1789, and a Boy named Jem Nealy aged 11 years agreeable to the above list”

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“Agreements for Negroes hired and put out”

“It is agreed this 24th day of November 1789 – between Lambert Cadwalader and Philomen Dickinson Executors; of John Cadwaladers Esq. deceased and Moses Briscoe, that the [stated] Briscoe shall have the following Negroes – [illegible] Jim Pepper, boy Dick Combs and Nan Harris with her son Jim [then increase] for during the term of Seven years to commence from this date during which [stated] terms I [illegible] promise and agree with this Cadwalader and Dickinson to clothe and feed the above mentioned Negroes in the same manner in which they have been clothed and feed, giving to them yearly, seven year during the above term, good strong and substantial winter together with usual and accustomed summer clothing. I further agree to pay the taxes [illegible] on the [stated] Negroes during the term and to pay to Cadwalader and Dickinson yearly and ever year the term the sum of twelve pounds in gold or silver coin and to return the [with the increase] Negroes on the expiration of the above terms to the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson well and completely clothed- [illegible] [covenant?] and agree to and with the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson, to treat the [stated] Negroes during the term with humanity and tenderness and to give them warm and comfortable lodgings.”

“Signed William Gough witness my hand and seal the day and year aboe written Moses Briscoe”

“Also Rose Harris for one year for her victuals and clothes”

“Nan Harris died 7 October 1792”

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“Agreements for Negroes hired and put out”

It is agreed this 30th day of November 1794 / Between Lambert Cadwalader and Philemon Dickinson Executors of John Cadwaladers Esq. deceased and Benjamin Terry that the said Terry shall have the following Negroes Niz. Ned Morgan for the term of one year and Abraham Crew for the term of Seven years to commence from this date during which terms I covenant promise and agree with the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson to cloath and feed the [stated] Negroes above mentioned in the same manner in which they been cloathed and feed, giving to them yearly and every year during the above mentioned terms, good strong and substantial Winter together with the usual and accustomed summer cloathing – I further agree to pay the taxes [assessed?] on the [stated] Negroes during the said Terms and to pay to the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson at the expiration of one year from the date here of the sum of fifteen pounds in gold or silver coin at its present passing weight and value and to return these Negroes at the Expiration of the above terms to the said Cadwalader and Dickinson, completely cloathed – I further covenant and agree to and with the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson to treat the [stated] Negroes during the [stated] terms with humanity and tenderness and to give them warm and comfortable lodging.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written

Ben Terry

Witness

William Gough

Ned Morgan took with him two Blankets which Mr. Terry promised William Gough to replace

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Agreement for Negroes hired and put out

It is agreed this 30 day of November 1789 between Lambert Cadwalader and Philemon Dickinson Executors of John Cadwalader Esq. deceased and Alexander Briscoe that the said Briscoe shall have the following Negroes Viz and Dick Ambrose, Dick Lisby, Esther (Dick Ambrose's wife) and her son Jim, and Manuel (son of Isabel) and Bets Coombs for the term of seven years to commence from this date with this increase during [stated] term I covenant promise and agree with the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson to cloath and feed the said Negroes above mentioned in the same manner in which they have been cloathed and fed giving to them yearly and every year during the above term good strong and substantial Winter together with the usual and accustomed summer cloathing – I further agree to pay the Taxes assessed on the said Negroes during this [stated] term and to pay the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson on yearly and every year during the [stated] term the first 2 years 35 pounds afterwards the sum of thirty pounds in gold and silver coin and to return the said Negroes with this increase at the expiration of the above term to the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson well and completely cloathed. I further covenant and agree to and with the said Cadwalader and Dickinson to treat the [stated] Negroes during the [stated] term with humanity and tenderness and to give them warm and comfortable lodging – Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written

Witness also Tom Ambrose for 2 years from this date the above terms at 10 pounds

William Gough Alexander Briscoe

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Agreement for Negroes hired & put out

It is agreed this 30 day of November 1789 Between Lambert Cadwalader and Philemon Dickinson Executors of John Cadwalader Esq. deceased and John Hepbron that [stated] Hepbron shall have the Negro (or Mulatto) Man named Mingo or (Jim Bowser) for the term of one year to commence from this date during which said term I covenant promise and agree with the said Cadwalader and Dickinson to cloth and feed the [stated] Negroe (or Mulatto) Man above mentioned in the same manner in which he hath been cloathed and fed giving unto him during the above term good strong and substantial Winter together with the usual and accustomed Summer Cloathing – I further agree to pay the Taxes assessed on the [stated] Negroe during the [stated] term and to pay the sum of Eight pounds in Gold or Silver coin at its present passing weight and Value to return the [stated] Negroe with this increase at the expiration of the above term to the said Cadwalader and Dickinson well and comfortable cloathed – I further covenant and Agree to and with the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson to treat the said Negroe during the [stated] term with humanity and tenderness and to give him Warm and comfortable lodging –

Witness my hand and Seal the day and year above

Witness written John Hepbron

William Gough also Barbara, daughter of Fanny Ambrose for 7 years from this date, when
the above terms with her [illegible]

John Hepbron

N. Mingo came home immediately on acc[ord] of bad treatment and is now at Joseph Underhills on the same terms.

Barbara returned [December?] 1794 – by [illegible] of [illegible]

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Agreement for Negroes put out

It is agreed this first day of December 1789 Between Lambert Cadwalader and Philomon Dickinson Executors of John Cadwalader Esq. deceased and John Beazly and Richard Withered that said Beazly and Withered shall have the Negro Man named Jack Merritt for the term of one year to commence from this date during said term we covenant promised and agree with the [satted] Cadwalader and Dickinson to Cloath and feed the [stated] Negro Man above mentioned in the same manner in which he has been Cloathed and fed giving to him during the above term good strong and substantial Winter together with the usual and accustomed Summer Cloathing . We further agree to pay the Taxes assessed on the [stated] Negroe during the [stated] term and to pay the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson at the expiration of [stated] term the Sum of Fifteen pounds in Gold or Silver Coin at it s present passing weight and value to retun the [stated] Negroe at the expiration of the above term to the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson well and completely cloathed. We further covenant and agree to and with the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson to treat the [stated] Negroe during the [stated] term with humanity and tenderness and to give him warm and comfortable lodging –

Witness our hands and seals the day and year above written

John Beazly

Richard Withered

Witness

William Gough

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Agreement for Negroes put out

It is agreed this first day of December 1789 Between Lambert Cadwalader and Philemon Dickinson Executors of John Cadwalader Esq. deceased and James Stavely that's Stavely shall have a Negroe Boy named Jim Nealy for the term of Seven Years to commence from this date during which [stated] I covenant promise and agree with the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson to Cloath and feed the said Negroe Boy above mentioned in the same manner in which he has been Cloathed and fed giving to him yearly and every year during the [stated] term good and strong and substantial Winter together with the usual and accustomed Summer Cloathing. I further agree to pay the Taxes assessed on the [stated] Negroe Boy during the [stated] term and to [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson well and completely Cloathed I further Covenant and agree to and with the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson to treat the [stated] Negroe during the [stated] term with humanity and tenderness and to give him Warm and comfortable lodging –

Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written

Witness

William Gough

James Stavely

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Agreement for Negroes hired and put out

It is agreed this 12 day of December 1789 Between Lambert Cadwalader and Philemon Dickinson Executors of John Cadwalader and Thomas Perkins that the said Perkins shall have the Negro Girl named Dinah for the term of three years provided the said Negro Girl shall like to stay at the Expiration of one year to commence from this date and to pay the said Cadwalader and Dickinson the sum of three pounds and annum, I further covenant promise and agree with the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson to cloath and fee the [stated] Negro Girl above mentioned in the same manner in which she has [has] been cloathed and fed, giving to her during the [stated] term good strong and substantial Winter together with the usual accustomed Summer Cloathing. I further agree to pay the Taxes assessed on the [stated] Negro during the [stated] term and to return the [stated] Negro at the Expiration of [stated] term to the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson well and completely cloathed, I further covenant and agree to and with the said Cadwalader and Dickinson to treat the said Negro during the [stated] term with humanity and tenderness to give warm and comfortable lodging –

Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written –

Thomas Perkins

Witness

William Gough

Dinah came home immediately because she did not like her place and is now with Alex Briscoe

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Agreement for Negroes hired and put out

It is agreed this 30 day of November 1789 between Lambert Cadwalader and Philemon Dickinson Executors of John Cadwalader Esq. deceased and Joseph Underhill that said Underhill shall have the Negro (or Mulatto) Man named Mingo (or James Bowser) for the term of one year to commence from this date during which said term I covenant promised and agree with the said Cadwalader and Dickinson to Cloath and feed the [stated] Negro (or Mulatto) Man above mentioned in the same manner in which he hath been cloathed and fed giving unto him during the above term good strong and substantial Winter together with the usual and accustomed Summer Cloathing – I further agree to pay the Taxes assessed on the [stated] Negro (or Mulatto) during the said term and the pay the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson at the Expiration of [stated] tern the sum of Eight pounds in gold or Silver Coin at this present passing weight and value and to return the said Negro (or Mulatto) at the expiration of the above term to the said Cadwalader and Dickinson well and completely Cloathed – I further covenant and agree to and with the [stated] Cadwalader and Dickinson to treat the [stated] Negro (or Mulatto) during the [stated] term with humanity and tenderness and to give him warm and comfortable lodging

Witness my hand and Seal the Day and Year above written

Witness Joseph Underhill

William Gough

W. Yeates hired Mingo the 15 December 1791 at 8 pounds annum

P.S. Jenny went to Cornelius [Cosnegy's?] Monday the 16 January 1792 at 4 pounds annum but came home the 4 February following

Mr. A Briscoe took Beck January 1792

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It is agreed this tenth day of April 1792 Between Lambert Cadwalader and Philemon Dickinson Exectors of John Cadwalader Esq. dec[eased] and John Stuart that the said Stuart shall have a Negro wench named Polly for the term of four years and nine months commencing from the date here of during which said term I covenant promise and agree with the said Cadwalader and Dickinson to Cloath and feed the said Negro Girl in the same manner in which she hath been Cloathed and fed, giving to her during the said term good strong and substantial Winter together with the usual and accustomed Summer Cloathing – I further agree to pay the Taxes assessed on the said Negro during the said Term and to pay the said Cadwalader and Dickinson at the Expiration of the said term seven pounds Ten shillings in Gold or Silver coin at its present passing weight and value and to return the said Negro with her increase (if any) at the expiration of the said term to the said Cadwalader and Dickinson and to treat the said Negro during the said Term with humanity and tenderness and to give her warm and comfortable lodging –

Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written

John Stuart

Witness

William Gough

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Perry a Negro boy belonging to the Estate of the late General Cadwalader being this day produced to us the subscribers for appraisement we value the worth of said boy fifty pounds given under our hands this 17th day of March 1796 –

Donaldson Yeates

Isaac [Freeman?]

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In consequence of Jim Lingo's running off from the farm, I have taken Tom Ambrose from those people [let] to Alexander Briscoe during the lease for the use of his own farm, [and placed] him with William Turner to supply [stated] Lingo's place - and shall make a deduction from the [yearly] wages paid by the Estate of Briscoe of 1/3 being 6,,8,,4

Balance of wages due on 1 January 1794 from the estate of Alexander Briscoe for those Negroes hired to him and his own farm – 12,,11,,5

1 year wages due 1 January 1795 – 20,,0,,0 total of 32,,11,,5

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Memorandum – made 30 December 1795 by [illegible]

Tom Ambrose being one of the hands lent to A. Briscoe for the use of his own farm when he took Murberry farm, he was taken home to supply the place of Tom Lingo who run away from Shrewsbury Farm it was therefore [illegible] to buy [illegible] that a deduction should be made from the wages of those who remained on Briscoe farm of $\frac{1}{3}$ the annuum from 1 January 1795 which reduces the wages Briscoe has to pay on the 1 January 1796 to 13,,11,,8 – from which sum a deduction is made for 24 ears Indian Corn supplied to [illegible] Comb's family – all $\frac{4}{6}$ – 5,,8,,0 – allowed Mr. Briscoe for 1 year [illegible] 0,,15,0 for the use of the family – [illegible] [illegible] a coarse [illegible] given to Negro boy who lives with Moses Briscoe that was naked by [illegible] of [illegible] 0,,5,,0

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Memorandum – made 2 December 1796 by [illegible]

Moses Briscoe promised to come over to the farm and settle his aud. For the hire of a Negro Man named Jim Pepper whom he has had sinace A. Briscoe took the farm at 12 pounds annum but did not come [illegible] to promise – after which, P.D. [Philemon Dickinson] saw him at Colonel Yeate's – he said the [illegible] of his crop of wheat by the [hay?] would prevent his pay off the wages due to the above mentioned Negro Man this year. [illegible] [illegible] he would pay into the hands of [Major?] Yeates and [illegible] the sum of 26 pounds – on that [illegible] to the [illegible] of the Yeates and that he had paid [illegible] and have [illegible] which he produced amounting to 5,,15,,9 and agreed to [illegible] him being [illegible] to [illegible]

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Memo: Moses Briscoe took a boy named [illegible] Combs, [illegible] [illegible] to [Ms.?] McCall at his request, who had [illegible] to stay with [Ms?] Briscoe for which time [M?] McCall agreed to allow M. B. the sum of 12 pounds this sum [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to A.M. – I allowed to M.B. in his settlement of Jim Pepper's wages the next year – December 26, 1795

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A Negro Woman named Poll Denby aged about 40 years was sent up to P. Dickinson in May [illegible] Nancy having taken her and must be accounted for in a settlement, this woman, Nanny exchanged with [P.D.?] for a girl about 7 years of age – which was sent to her in Philadelphia by P.D. – and afterward sold and the money paid to Nanny – December 29, 1795

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Memo: [illegible] 19, 1796 – this day [illegible] Mrs. W Turner from this 1 January next – the following Negro Man named Jim Pepper who lives with Moses Briscoe and [illegible] [illegible] and Ned Mayan [Moyan?] who lives on [illegible] Briscoes farm at 15 pounds per annum for each man and Mr. Turner to [illegible] well – also a boy named Jim Norris about 5 years old who lives with Moses Brisoce both of which he is to feed and cloath well – for 1 year from 1 January next

P. Dickinson