

## THE SOCIETY OF NEGROES UNSETTLED (TRANSCRIPTION)

Whereas Several slaves have of late Departed  
and Run away from their masters from this Neigh  
bohood [sic] - and we being owners of Slaves---

Therefore In order to prevent the further absconding<sup>(1)</sup>  
and Running away and in order to have them taken  
in Case any one of the number whose names shall  
be hereunto affixed, Shall Run away, we Whoses [sic]  
names are hereunto subscribed Do promise to  
pay our Equal proportionable part of the Expen  
ces [sic] which Shall or may accrue<sup>(2)</sup> in the Search  
ing advertising or apprehending the Said Run  
aways, and also that at Least four persons  
Shall be appointed to go in Search of the Said  
Run aways who shall be allowed- 14/p<sup>r</sup> Day  
within Sixty miles from home and when  
above Sixty miles 16/p<sup>r</sup> Day, and Every owner  
of a slave hereunto affix<sup>d</sup> (3)- Shall pay as a Reward  
to the person or persons taken the Said Run  
away, the sum of thirty Dollars when the  
Same shall be Delivered to his master or Commit<sup>d</sup>  
in the Gail<sup>(4)</sup> of the County of Ulster, and also  
forasmuch the persons going in Search with good  
powers of attorneys to act for them in the best  
manner to take and apprehend the Said  
Run aways, and that Each Subscriber Shall  
when Call<sup>d</sup> upon ^ by the foreman of this Society advance the Sum of five  
Dollars, for the use of the Persons Going in Search  
who Shall Render an Account when they Return  
to the Society of the Expences [sic] – In Witness whereof we  
have hereunto Set our hands this fifth Day of  
September One thousand Eight Hundred &  
Ten

### Vocabulary

- 1. absconding:** to leave quickly and secretly, and hide oneself.
- 2. accrue:** to increase or accumulate.
- 3. affix<sup>d</sup>:** affixed, to place at the end, something that is attached or added
- 4. Gail:** pronounced jail.

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Ezekiel Eltinge. one	Slave named peet
Jacob J. Hasbrouck one	Slave named Will
Daniel Dubois ----- on	Slave named Graus
Roelif Hasbrouck one	1813 June 18 <sup>th</sup> Enter <sup>d</sup> ____ ____ of Frank Slave named Frank
Josiah Dubois ----- one	Slave named Harry
Cornelius B. Dubois	Slave named Garret
Jacob Low ----- one	Slave named Harry
Garrit Dubois --- one	Slave named Harry
Josiah Hasbrouck	Slave named Tom
Josiah Hasbrouck	Slave named Wil
Cornelius Dubois Junr	Slave named Frank
Lewis B. Dubois	Jack
Josia R. Eltinge	Sam, a Negroman Slave