

Letter to the Jailor of Prince William County Virginia
Clerk's Loose Papers

Buckingham Court House 9 June 1857

Dear Sir,

In looking over the Enquirer of the 5th of this month I saw your advertisement giving a description of a woman that comes very near one of mine who absconded about three years since. She is about 44 or 5 years of age, high cheek bones, has a burn on the back of her neck, and I think the burn turns down her back some little distance. I reckon my woman must be some five feet four inches high. She has rather a down look when spoken to. I should judge my woman would weigh about 145 or 50 lbs... She is rather incline to be thin. Her name is Mary; she went by the name of Mary Pelter. She has a very good shaped foot. She has a hollow foot rather than otherwise. She has a scar on her hand; don't recollect which hand but the scar is above where the thumb joins the hand on the outside. Please on the exception of this note write me. I bought her from my Mothers estate three years ago last January. Direct your letter to Buckingham County Va. – My P. O. is the Court House. She was raised by Mrs. Cobb my mother in this county. She is pretty smart.

Watson B. Cobb