

Runaway Apprentice

WHEREAS EDMOND WATERS, Apprentice to John Humby, of Charlton, in the county of Wilts, blacksmith, did, without any cause from his said master, run away on Tuesday the 27th of June last: This is to caution all blacksmiths, or any other person, not to employ the said Edmond Waters, as they will be prosecuted as the law directs. The said Edmond Waters is about five feet six inches high, of a fair complexion, pitted with the small-pox, with short brown hair, the mark of a cut in his forehead and another in the side of his neck, goes with his knees a little inward, and his feet spreading out, and his right ancle (sic.) twisting inward; had on when he went away a light coloured surtout coat, a brown close-bodied coat, with black waistcoat, and sheepskin breeches, one of his shoes plated with iron at the toe, the other not, with a fustian waistcoat in a handkerchief, and other things.

If the said Apprentice will return, he shall be received.

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