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Arrived, Peter Derrickson arrived from Berlin, Worcester Co., Md.

Peter is this day 20 yrs of age, dark complexion, small & intelligent. He lived from John Derrickson, farmer, owned 20 slaves, was regarded as a model workman. Peter left because he got tired of working for nothing. Wanted the benefit of his own labor. Left his Mother & 3 Brothers & 4 Sisters all slaves. They knew nothing of the fact of Peter's scheme to escape.

Charles Orrell came in company with Peter. He had been raised near where he was brought up.