

Runaway Slaves.—We understand that on last Friday night, between eight and nine o'clock, a police officer, a constable and two other persons, aided by Captain Goddard of the Auxiliary Guard, succeeded in preventing the escape of several slaves about to travel to Canada without a permit from their masters. The slaves arrested, ten in number, were on the point of being conveyed out of the District. Four colored women and two children were found snugly seated in a tight and commodious spring wagon, which the officers discovered in a stable belonging to John Bush, a free negro, residing on English Hill in the rear of the City Hall. From circumstances which transpired at the time of the arrest there was reason to believe that John Bush was aiding the escape of these runaways. A colored man named Smallwood, now residing at Toronto in Canada, had, as it would seem, written several letters to slaves in the District, and otherwise tried to aid them in their escape. Smallwood arrived in this city with a wagon and horses last Tuesday evening. We understand that Bush had been held to bail in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next Criminal Court. Smallwood has not yet been arrested. The wagon and horses found in Bush's stable are in the possession of the officers, and will so remain until the owner come forward to prove and claim his team.

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