

UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS.—On the 4th of July last, a yellow fellow named Jordan Preston, owned by Messrs. T. & S. Hargrove, tobaccoists, exhibited his independence by running off from his masters, and, as they supposed his object was to escape to a free State, they offered a reward of \$300 for his apprehension. Friday night last the owner of this negro, having reason to believe that he was about making an effort to get to Washington, sent Messrs William Hargrove and William S. Jenkins in that direction, and when they got near Aquia Creek, they discovered Jordan on the Richmond and Fredericksburg cars under the care of a white man. They immediately seized the negro, but unfortunately, in the excitement, the white man gave them the slip and made good his escape. Jordan had disguised himself by blacking his face and having his hair curled, but the two young men knew him so well, that they had no difficulty in recognizing him. It is proper for us to add, that no blame is attached to the officers of the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad Company, as the negro was put on the cars by a white man, who gave the requisite security that all was right. Jordan had a forged emancipation paper signed Loftin B. Eillett, and had changed his name to John St. Clair.—*Rich. Disp.*