

New Haven Dec[embe]r 8th 1784

By Virtue of this Writ I have here in Court the within named Jack Arrabas [*Suggested pronunciation: **EH**-ruh-buhs*]¹ who was this day Committed to [Jail] by Thomas Ivers [*Pronounced: **EYE** vers*] of the City of New York as a run away slave claimed by s[ai]d Ivers as a slave for Life
Jon[a]th[an] Fitch Sheriff

¹ The actual pronunciation is unknown as there are several variant spellings of Jack's last name. His name possibly derived from the Greek deity Erebus, "a personification of darkness in Greek mythology"