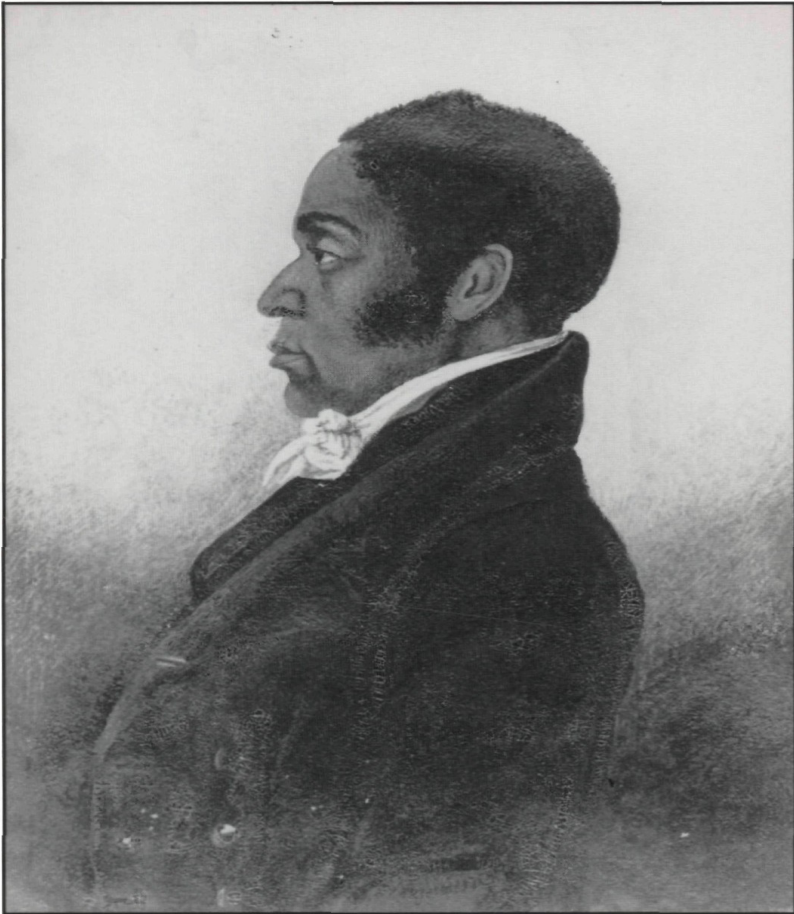


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Philadelphia Sailmaker and Entrepreneur James Forten



*Cover: Attired in a fine broadcloth coat and a neat white cravat, James Forten (1766–1842) exudes both respectability and wealth in this small watercolor. The painting, which probably dates from the early 1820s, is unsigned, but may well be the work of Forten's friend, African American portrait painter Robert Douglass Jr. (Courtesy of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Leon Gardiner Collection.)*

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