

Lawfull witness or Evidence not being the Party Injured or dampnified shall Restore ffour fold to the owner of the thing or goods soe stolen or purloyned as aforesaid, The value thereof to bee adjudged by the Court where & when the offender shall bee Convicted as aforesaid any Law Statute or vseage to the Contrary Notwithstanding Provided always that all Conviccōns as aforesaid bee vpon & by a verdict of Twelve Lawfull men of the vicinity or Neighbourhood & not otherwise Provided neuertheless that where any person or persons whatsoever shall att any time heereafter happen to bee accused & Convicted as aforesaid, of any the Crimes aforesaid, in any the County Courts aforesaid, to the value of not aboue one Thousand pounds of Tobacco & shall afterwards happen to Comitt the like Crime to that value the Justices of the County Courts shall haue power to hold plea of the second offence Butt if the party shall happen the Third time to Comitt the Like Crime then the Justices of the seuerall County Courts shall nott haue power to hold plea thereof, butt shall Comitt the said party accused to prison till hee find bayle, (if by Law bayleable to Answer his Crime att the Prov^l Court of this Province who are to proceed ag^t such Criminall according to the Lawes of England, & the Justices of the said County Courts are to bind ouer the partys Prosecuto^{rs} to prosecute att the said Prov^l Court, & to send a Transcript of the Record of the first & Second Conviccōns of the said Criminall vnder the seale of the said County Court to the end the Justices of the Prov^l Court may apporcōn such punishm^t as the Third offence of such person Criminall shall Justly deserve, & the Law will allowe of, Provided alsoe that the Justices of the County Courts although they haue power to putt offend^{rs} into the Pillory as aforesaid, yett they shall not haue power to Cropp their years or mutilate any member. This Act to endure for Three yeares or to the end of the next sessions of Assembly, which shall first happen. Liber W. H.
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An Act concerning Negroes & Slaves—

Bee itt enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Prop^{ty} by & with the Advice & Consent of the vpper & Lower houses of this p^rsent Gen^l Assembly & the authority of the same, that all Negroes & other Slaues already Imported or heereafter to bee Imported into this Province shall serve (durante vita) & all the Children already borne or heereafter to bee borne of any Negroes or other Slaues within this Province shall bee Slaues to all intents & purposes as their fathers were for the Terme of their naturall Liues.