

ACTS.¹

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, in the County of Ann-Arundel, the 14th Day of May, in the 4th Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, &c. and ended the 8th Day of June following, in the 5th Year of his Lordship's Dominion, Annoq; Domini 1719, were Enacted the Laws following, viz.

Bacon

John Hart, Esq; Governor.

A Supplement to the Act relating to Servants and Slaves.

Chap. II

Whereas by the Act of Assembly relating to Servants and Slaves, there is not any Provision made what shall be done with such runaway Servants or Slaves that now are, or hereafter shall or may be taken up and committed to the Custody of any Sheriff within this Province, where the Master or Owner of such Servant or Slave, having due Notice of such Servant's or Slave's being in the Custody of such Sheriff, refuses or delays to redeem such Servant or Slave, by paying their Imprisonment Fees, and such other Charge as has, or may accrue, for taking up such Servant or Slave.

II. Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, every Sheriff that now hath, or hereafter shall have committed into his Custody, any runaway Servants or Slaves, after One Month's Notice given to the Master or Owner thereof, of their being in his Custody, if living in this Province, or Two Months Notice, if living in any of the neighbouring Provinces, if such Master or Owner of such Servants or Slaves do not appear within the Time limited as aforesaid, and pay, or secure to be paid, all such Imprisonment Fees due to such Sheriff, from the Time of the Commitment of such Servants or Slaves, and also such other Charges as have accrued or become due to any Person for taking up such runaway Servants or Slaves, such

¹ The text of these Acts is from Bacon's *Laws of Maryland*, published in 1765. They comprise the public general laws passed at this Session that were in force at the date of Bacon's compilation.