

of this Act Consult Advise or Conspire to Rebell or Raise any Insurrection within this Province or to Murder Or Poison Any Person or Persons whatsoever or to Commit a Rape upon any White Woman or to burn any house or Houses and be thereof Convict by Confession or Verdict shall Suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without Benifit of Clergy And be it further Enacted that any Slave who shall Attempt to burn any Dwelling House or out House Contiguous to or used with Any Dwelling House or any other House wherein there shall be Any Person or Persons or Any Goods Merchandizes Tobacco Indian Corn or Other Grain or Fodder & shall be thereof Convict as aforesaid shall Suffer Death as a Felon without Benefitt of Clergy And be it further Enacted that Every Slave Committing Any of the Felonies herein before mentioned or Any other Offence which may by Law Subject such Slave to the Pains of Death shall be Committed to the Sheriff of the County where the Offence shall be Committed and that at the next Assizes or County Court which shall first Happen to be held for the County where the Offence shall be Committed the Justices of Assize or Either of them or County Court which shall first Happen shall & may by Virtue of this Act Try Every such Offender or Offenders According to Law & upon the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders upon his her or their Voluntary Confession or the Verdict of a Jury upon the Testimony of one or more Legall or Credible Witness or Witnesses or Even the Testimony or Evidence of other Slaves Coroborated with such Pregnant Circumstances as shall Convince & Satisfie the Jury who shall Try the fact of the Guilt of such Slave or Slaves to give Judgment According to the nature & Quality of the Offence And be it Further Enacted that any Slave or Slaves who shall give any false Testimony Against any Slave or Slaves who shall be Prosecuted as aforesaid & shall be thereof Legally Convict shall have one Ear Cut off on the Day of his or her Conviction & receive thirty nine Stripes on the bare back and that the other Ear shall be Cropt the next Day & the Like number of Stripes given the Offender on his or her bare back & to the End that such Slave or Slaves as shall be Produced as a Witness or Witnesses against other Slave or Slaves may be Deterred from Giving false Testimony Be it Enacted that the Justices of Assize or Either of them then Sitting or the Justice of the County Court who shall Preside shall Admonish & Charge such Witness or Witnesses to Declare the truth the whole Truth & nothing but the truth and Acquaint him her or them with the Danger and Consequence of Giving false Testimony And be it further Enacted that when any Slave shall be Condemned to Suffer Death that such slave shall be Valued by the Justices of Assize or Either of them then Present or County Court according to the best of their Knowledge which said whole Value shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Respective Shoare