

And be it likewise Enacted, That if any Master, Mistress, Owner or Owners for any Slave or Slaves, grown old and incapable of Labour, or otherwise disabled by Sickness or Accident, shall neglect to provide for such old or disabled Slave necessary Food and Cloathing, or shall suffer any Slave or Slaves whatsoever to depart from his, her, or their respective Habitation or Quarter, or to wander about begging, whereby such Slave or Slaves may become Burthen-
 some to the Neighbourhood wherein they have resided, or others, it shall and may be lawful for the County Court where such Master, Mistress, Owner or Owners of such Slave or Slaves shall reside, upon Presentment of the Grand Jury, to issue their Warrant against such Master, Mistress, Owner or Owners of such Slave or Slaves, and to cause such Master, Mistress, Owner or Owners of such Slave or Slaves to appear before them; and if, upon Examination in a summary Way, it shall appear to such Court that such Master, Mistress, Owner or Owners of such Slave or Slaves did not provide necessary Food and Cloathing, or did suffer such Slave or Slaves to depart and wander, contrary to the Intent and Meaning of this Act, such Court is hereby directed and empowered to cause such Master, Mistress, Owner or Owners of such Slave or Slaves, to enter into Recognizance, in the Penalty of Four Pounds Current Money, to be taken to, and in the Name of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary for the Time being, and his Successors for the Use of such County; with Condition that such Master, Mistress, owner or Owners of such Slave or Slaves, his, her, or their Executors or Administrators, shall provide sufficient Food and Cloathing for such Slave or Slaves, during the Continuance of this Act; and not suffer such Slave or Slaves to depart or wander, contrary to the Intent and Meaning of this Act. Provided, That if any Slave or Slaves shall run away or abscond from the Service of his or her Master, Mistress, Owner or Owners, contrary to the Will of such Master, Mistress, Owner or Owners, such running away and absconding shall not be construed, deemed, or taken to be a departing and wandering within the Intent and Meaning of this Act.

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[Superannuated Slaves not to be suffered to wander abroad, or beg.]

[Penalty in case of Default.]

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[Proviso.]

And to the End that hereafter there may be an uniform and regular Manner of granting Freedom to Slaves, Be it likewise Enacted, That where any Person or Persons, possessed of any Slave or Slaves within this Province, who are or shall be of healthy Constitutions, and sound in Mind and Body, capable by Labour to procure to him or them sufficient Food and Raiment, with other requisite, Necessaries of Life, and not exceeding fifty Years of Age; and such Person or Persons possessing such Slave or Slaves as aforesaid, and being willing and desirous to set free or manumit such Slave or Slaves, may, by writing under his, her, or their Hand and Seal, evidenced by two good and sufficient Witnesses at least, grant to such Slave or Slaves his, her, or their Freedom: And that any Deed or Writing, whereby Freedom shall be given or granted to any

[Manner of setting free, or manumitting Slaves.]