

MANUMISSION OF SLAVES.

Jury, be called before the County Court. And if it appear that such Owner did not provide necessary Food and Cloathing, or did suffer them to depart and wander contrary to this Act, such Court shall cause such Owners to enter into Recognizance to his Lordship, in the Penalty of 4*l.* Currency, to the Use of the County, to provide sufficient Food, &c. for such Slaves during this Act, and not suffer them to depart and wander contrary thereto. But the Running away and absconding of Slaves, shall not be construed a Departing, &c. within the Meaning of this Act. *Ibid.* §. 4.

4. Persons desirous to set Free any Slave, may, by Writing under Hand and Seal, evidenced by two sufficient Witnesses at least, grant such Freedom. Which Deed shall be good, so as the same be not in Prejudice of Creditors; and that such Slave, at the Time such Freedom shall take Place, be not above 50 Years of Age, and able to gain a sufficient Livelihood by Work. The Deed to be acknowledged before one County Magistrate, who shall indorse the Time of Acknowledgment, &c. on the Back of the Instrument; which shall be entered upon the County Records within Six Months after Date, and the Enrollment endorsed on the Instrument, under the Clerk's Hand. And an attested Copy of such Record, under Seal of the Office, shall be sufficient Evidence of such Freedom. *Ibid.* §. 5 and 6.

5. The County Courts shall give this Act in Charge to the Grand Jury at March Court, yearly, to enquire into any Breaches thereof. *Ibid.* §. 7.

See *Negroes*, 2.

MARINERS. See *Sailors*, per Tot. *Seafaring-Men*, per Tot.

MARKS. See *Hog-Stealing*, 1, 2. *Stray Horses*, 1, 2.

MARRIAGE.

1. No Minister, Priest or Magistrate, shall join any Persons together in Marriage, contrary to the Table of Marriages, under Penalty of 5000*lb* Tobacco. And the Persons so intermarrying incur the like Penalty of 5000*lb* Tobacco, to the King, &c. 1702, *ch.* 1, §. 4.

2. No Magistrate, being a Lay-man, shall join any Persons in Marriage, in any Parish wherein any Minister or Incumbent shall reside, having Charge of Souls therein, on Penalty of 5000*lb* Tobacco, to the King, &c. *Ibid.* §. 5.

3. The Marriage Fee to be 5*s.* Sterling; provided the Parties come to Church to be Married at the Time of Divine Service. *Ibid.*

4. All Persons, desiring Marriage, shall apply to a Minister for contracting thereof, and cause due Publication to be made, according to the Rubric of the Church of *England*, at some Church or Chapel belonging to the Parish wherein the Woman is resident. 1717, *ch.* 15, §. 1.

5. If there be no Minister or Reader in the Parish, an Advertisement of such intended Marriage, shall be set up at the County Court-house Door, to remain there Three Weeks: Of which the County Clerk shall make Certificate under his Hand, and the County Seal. After which Publication and Certificate, any Minister duly qualified, may Marry the Persons so Published, according to the Liturgy of the Church of *England*. Saving to the Minister of the Parish his just Dues. *Ibid.*

6. Persons contracting Marriage without such Publication and Certificate, or without Licence from the Governor, shall forfeit 5000*lb* Tobacco. *Ibid.* §. 2.

7. Every Minister joining such Persons in Marriage, without Publication or Licence; or any ways infringing this Act; shall forfeit 5000*lb* Tobacco. *Ibid.*

8. One Half of which Fines to the Support of Government, the other Half to the Informer. *Ibid.*

9. Any Persons resident in this Province, who shall get their Marriage solemnized in any neighbouring Colony, (unless the Woman be resident in such Colony)

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shall forfeit 5000*lb* Tobacco, to the Use aforesaid. *Ibid.* §. 3.

10. The Minister's Fee for a Marriage by Licence, where the Parties are married in the Parish Church or Chapel, or come to the Minister's House, shall be Ten Shillings. And in Case of Publication, where the Parties come to be married at the Minister's Dwelling House, 100*lb* Tobacco, or Six Shillings and Eight Pence Current Money, ready Pay. The Fee for Publication is included in the Marriage Fee. *Ibid.* §. 4.

11. This Act shall not extend to Persons of Persuasions in Religion different from the Church of *England*; but the Manner of their Proceedings in Marriage, shall remain unaltered, &c. *Ibid.* §. 5.

12. No Minister, Pastor or Magistrate, shall, upon any Pretence join in Marriage any Negro whatsoever, or Mulatto Slave, with any White Person, on Penalty of 5000*lb* Tobacco; one Half to the Use of Free-Schools, the other Half to the Informer. 1715, *ch.* 44, §. 25.

13. Any Free Negro or Mulatto, intermarrying with any White Person, shall become a Slave for Life (excepting Mulattoes born of White Women, who for such Intermarrying shall only become Servants for Seven Years): And any White Man or Woman intermarrying with any Negro or Mulatto, shall become a Servant for Seven Years: To be disposed of at the Discretion of the County Court, and applied towards the Support of the County School. 1717, *ch.* 13, §. 5.

See *Bigamy*, *Orphans*, 6. *Servants*, 15. *Vestry*, 14—16, 19.

MARTIAL LAW. See *War*, 2.

MARYLAND GAZETTE. See *Stray Horses*, 2. *Boats*, 3—5.

MASTERS AND MISTRESSES. See *Highways*, 9.

MASTERS OF SHIPS:

1. — Shall give Bond in 3000*lb* Tobacco, within Ten Days after their Arrival, for their complying with the Laws of this Province, during their Stay therein. 1661, *ch.* 7, §. 2.

2. — Presuming to strike, or otherwise punish any Inhabitant, on board their Vessels, contrary to his Lordship's Peace, shall forfeit 4000*lb* Tobacco; Half to his Lordship, and Half to the Party grieved. *Ibid.* §. 3.

3. — Shall not be suffered to Enter their Vessels (if above 18 Foot Keel) or obtain a Permit to Trade within this Province, before they have made Oath, &c. before the Naval Officer, That they will not conceal, &c. any Servant or Slave belonging to any Inhabitants, on board their Vessels during their Stay; nor wittingly, &c. carry any Servant, Slave, or Person Indebted, out of this Province; common Sailors excepted. 1753, *ch.* 9, §. 2.

4. In Case of the Master's Sicknes, &c. the Chief Mate, &c. may Enter the Vessel; but the Master before Clearing, shall take the Oath, &c. aforesaid. *Ibid.* §. 4.

5. Masters or Commanders, suffering any Servants or Slaves to frequent their Ships or Vessels, or keeping or concealing them on board, shall forfeit and pay to the Owner of such Servant, &c. Twenty Shillings Current Money, for every Hour such Servant or Slave shall be suffered to frequent, or be kept or concealed on board such Ship, &c. To be recovered in a summary Way, with Costs, before a single Magistrate. But Masters of Ships may hire any Servants, &c. from their Owners, to Work on Board. *Ibid.* §. 3 and 4.

For other Matters, see *Bacon*, &c. 5. *Convicts*, 1—5. *Freight of Tobacco*, per Tot. *Governor*, 1. *Inspectors*, 48. *Liquors Imported*, 1—6. *Naval Officers*, 1, 2. *Passes*, 4. *Sailors*, per Tot. *Support of Government*, per Tot. *Tobacco Inspected*, per Tot.

MASS. See *Protestant Interest*, 8.

MATCH-COATS. See *Indians*, 4, 6. *Runaways*, 4.