

so apprehending or seizing the same, shall bring, or cause him, her, or them, to be brought, before the next Magistrate, or Justice of the County, where such Runaway is apprehended, who is hereby empowered to take into Custody, or otherwise, him, her, or them, to secure and dispose of, as he shall think fit, until such Person or Persons, so seized and apprehended, shall give good and sufficient Security, to answer the Premises the next Court that shall first insue in the said County; which Court shall secure such Person or Persons, till he or they can make Satisfaction to the Party that shall so apprehend or seize such Runaways, or other Persons, as by this Act is required, except such Persons as shall make Satisfaction, as aforesaid, before such Court shall happen: And that Notice may be conveniently given to the Master, Mistress, Dame, or Overseer of Runaways taken up, as aforesaid; the Commissioners of the Counties shall forthwith cause a Note of the Runaway's Name, so seized and apprehended, as aforesaid, to be set up at the next adjacent County-Courts, and at the Provincial-Court, and Secretary's Office, that all Persons may view the same, and see where such their Servants are, and in whose Custody.

AND furthermore, for ascertaining what each Servant, according to the Custom of the Country, shall have, at the Expiration of their Servitude; Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That every Man-Servant shall, at such time of Expiration of his Servitude, as aforesaid, have allowed and given him, One new Hat, a good Suit, that is to say, Coat and Breeches, either of Kersey or Broad-Cloth; One new Shift of white Linen; One new Pair of french-fall Shoes and Stockings; Two Hoes, and One Ax; and One Gun of Twenty Shillings price, not above Four Foot by the Barrel, nor less than Three and a Half; which said Gun shall, by the Master or Mistress, in the Presence of such next Justice of the Peace, be delivered to such Freeman, under the Penalty of Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco on such Master or Mistress, omitting so to do, and the like Penalty on the said Freeman selling or disposing thereof, within the Space of Twelve Months; the one Half thereof to our Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors, the other to the Informer: All Women-Servants, at the Expiration of their Servitude, as aforesaid, shall have allowed and given, a Wastecoat and Petticoat, of new Half-thick, or Pen-nistone; a new Shift of White Linen; Shoes and Stockings; a Blue Apron; Two Caps of White Linen; and Three Barrels of *Indian Corn*.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That no Person whatsoever, shall trade, barter, commerce, or any Ways deal with any Servant, whether hired, or indented, or Slave, belonging or appertaining to any Inhabitant within this Province, without Leave or Licence first had and obtained from such Servant's Master, Mistress, Dame, or Overseer, for his so doing, under the Penalty of Two thousand Pounds of Tobacco; one Half thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, the other Half to the Master, Mistress, or true Owner of such Goods, so purloyned, bartered, or conveyed away, when proved by sufficient Witnesses, or Confession of the Party; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, to be allowed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That if the Goods, so traded or bartered for, as aforesaid, shall exceed the Sum of One thousand Pounds of Tobacco, then the Party or Parties, whose Goods shall be imbezelled or bartered away, as aforesaid, shall have his Action at Law for the Damage sustained against the Person or Persons so offending, dealing, or bartering for the same; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding. And in case such Person or Persons, so offending, shall not be able to satisfy the same, then such Person or Persons shall be bound over by some one Justice of the Peace, and put in Security, either to appear at the next Provincial