

Book, in which the same shall be enrolled, and to such Indorsement set his Hand; the Person or Persons requiring such Entry, paying the usual and legal Fees for the same.

AND be it likewise enacted, that a Copy of such Record duly attested under the Seal of such Office shall at all Times hereafter be deemed to all Intents and Purposes, good Evidence to prove such Freedom.

AND to the End that this Act may be duly observed, the Justices of every County Court, within this Province shall at their respective County Courts to be held in *March* yearly give in charge to the respective Grand Juries of each respective County, to inquire into any Breaches made contrary to this Act.

THIS Act to continue for Three Years and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

THIS Act is further continued for the like Time by Act passed *May* 24, 1755. And by Act passed in *November* 1758 for the like Space of time.

An ACT for Relief of such Persons, as

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cannot find Surety for their Appearance, to testify as Witnesses, against any Person arrested, accused or prosecuted, for any criminal Matter.

WHEREAS many indigent Persons or Strangers, have been necessarily, for want of Sureties to appear as Witnesses, by means whereof such Persons have often been sold as Servants for the Prison Fees, arising upon such Commitment, or otherwise detained in Prison for such Fees, to their great Damage and Loss to the Publick, in the Labour of such Person or Persons :

BE it therefore enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's President, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, that where any Person Witness against any Person or Persons accused of any Crime or Crimes within this Province, cannot find Security for his Appearance to testify as a Witness against any Person so arrested, accused or prosecuted as aforesaid, and for want of such Surety, shall be committed to Prison, that then and in such Case the County where the Prosecution shall be carried on, shall be chargeable with, and pay such Witness's Imprisonment Fees; and in Case the Prosecution shall be in a Superior Court, then and in such Case the Publick shall be chargeable with, and pay such Fees; any Law, Usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.

THAT the Justices of the several and respective County Courts shall, and they are hereby obliged and directed, to assess and levy on the taxable