

Sherriffe or Goaler to hold such person in Custody longer then Six months and if such person can at any time within the said Six months produce a Certificate or other Justification that he or she is no Servant he or she shall and may by order of any two Justices of the County where such person is Committed to Prison be discharged from any further Imprisonment he or she in lieu of Imprisonment fees serving such Sherriffe or Goaler or his or their assigns some any days as he or they were in Custody of such Sherriffe and Twenty days or two hundred pounds of Tobacco to him or them who took such person up or pay ten pounds of Tobacco to such Sherriffe or Goaler for Imprisonment fees and no more

And if any Sherriffe or Goaler shall detain such person in Prison after such order of two Justices or till the Expiration of Six months or payment of Ten pounds of Tobacco & Diem as aforesaid such Sherriffe or Goaler shall be Liable to an action of False Imprisonment any Law Statute Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding

And Whereas it is Represented to this General Assembly that there was lately in Prison in Somerset County an Indian named Harry who was formerly a Servant to M^r Nath^l Pope of Virginia and was taken in Somerset County as a suspected runaway and Committed to the Custody of Major John Cornish the then Sherriffe and by him delivered to Colonel Wm Whittington the succeeding Sherriffe and afterwards was Committed to the Custody of M^r John Borman the present Sherriffe and the said Major Cornish having some time after he was taken up sent to Acquaint the said M^r Pope that his Servant was in his Custody to which the said M^r Pope returned Answer he now disowned him and should not come for him, and the said Indian having often done work as a Servant for all the said Sherriffs in the time of his Imprisonment

Be It Therefore Enacted by the authority aforesaid by and with the advice and Consent of that from and after the publication hereof the abovesaid Indian named Harry shall be discharged from any further Imprisonment or taking up on the account aforesaid of running away from the said M^r Nath^l Pope & that neither he the said Indian nor any other person shall be obliged to pay to the said Sherriffs or any other person any fees or other allowance either for his the said Indians past Imprisonment or for taking him up or by means of any escape by him made save the sum of eight hundred pounds of Tobacco to Col^l Wm Whittington who has been at far greater charges in relaking the said Indian any Law Statute Usage or Custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding

Nov^r 10th 1709 Read and assented to by the House of Dees signed for Wm. Hayward
 Nov^r 10th 1709 Read and assented to by the Hon^{ble} Council in Assembly signed for Wm. Whittington

Nov: 11 1709 - On the behalf of our most Sovereign Lady Queen Anne of Great Brittain &c We will this be a Law
 Edwrd Lloyd Thomas Greenfield
 Wm. Holland C^o Greenberry
 Wm. Courney J^{es} Hall
 Tho. Inalls Wm. Whittington

