

Assembly That the Com^{rs} in every County Court yearely some tyme in the moneth of March doe p^rsent to the Right Hono^{ble} the Lord Proprietary or his heires or his or their Leiut^t and cheife Governor of this Province three persons Inhabitants of that County not haueing been Sherriffe the yeare then ending out of which three his said Lo^p or his heires or his or their cheife Governor shall appoynte one to serue as Sherriffe And that such Sherriff soe p^rsent^d & appoynted as aforesaid shall serue as Sherriffe one yeare and noe longer

And be it further Enacted by the authority afores^d that every such Sherriff shall give bond to the Com^{rs} of each respective County for the due performance of his office And that the respectiue Countyes shall be security to the Lord Proprietor or his Leiuetenn^t Generall or cheife Governor for the Sherriffe (by such respective Courts p^rsent^d) for the due p^rformance of his Office as aforesaid This Acte to endure for three yeares or to the end of the next Generall Assembly.

The Lower howse haue
Assented
W^m Bretton Clk.

The Vpper howse haue
Assented
John Gittings Clre.

An Acte touching
Runawayes

Whereas severall Masters and Mistresses of servants have Susteyned greate p^rjudices Losses and Damages by reason of their Servants running Away or absenting themselues from their Masters Mistresses or Dames Service And that Lawe made and Enacted by Cap^t W^m Stone Anno 1650 doth not reach to the effectuall p^rvincōn of such Runawayes, and what was then intended by that Acte; Be it therefore Enacted by the Lord Proprietary by and with the Consent and approbacōn of this p^rsent Generall Assembly that noe Servant shall Travayle aboute two Myles from his or her Masters M^{rs} Dames or Overseers howse without a pass Certificatt or wryting from vnder such their Master Mistresses Dames or Overseers hand. And any Inhabitant of this Province wittingly or willingly Enter-tayning such Runawayes Servant one night Contrary to the intent of this Acte shall be lyable to all damages such M^{rs} Mistresses Dames or Overseers shall susteyne by such Servants unlawfull departure without Certiff^t as aforesaid as the Co^{rt} before whome such case called shall adjudge the same And be it further Enacted th^t all Inhabitants whatsoever of this Province by vertue of this Acte (though not authorized thereto by Com^{on} are impowred to Examine all Strangers and other suspicious p^{son}s either Servants or Freemen, that shall not