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sherriffs Plantacōn & in Case the Said Prisoners shall stirr of the Said sherriffes Plantacōn the Said sherriffe shall be Bound to pursue such Prisoners with hue & crye and if any sheriffe shall offend herein it shal be Adjudged a voluntary Escape And the Sheriffe Lyable to pay & Satisfie to the Credito^{rs} the said debt to be Recovered against him by accōn of debt or the Case at the Credito^r Elleccōn to be Brought in any of his Lorps Co^{ts} of Record wthin this Province wherein noe Essoyne pteccōn or wager of the Law to be allowed This Act to Endure for Three yeares or to the End of the next Gen^l Assembly which shall ffirst happen

An Act for p^rventing servants
& Criminall psons from Runing out of
this Province

Forasmuch as divers Criminals as well as Servants have of Late Escaped out of this Province into our Neighbours Colonyes & have there bene Entertained & Suffered to passe through their Territories further out of reach of o^r Justices much to the damage of divers of the Inhabitants of this Collony For Remedy whereof the ffreemen of this Gen^l Assembly doe pray th^t it may be Enacted & be it Enacted by the R^t Hono^{ble} the Lord Proprietary with the Advise & consent of the vpper & Lower houses of this p^sent Gen^l Assembly & the Authority of the Same that there be a Logg house Prison Twenty ffoot Square Built at Augustine Harmans in Batlemore County to be Comitted to the Charge of some ffaithfull pson Such as the Leiveten^t Gen^l or other his Lorps Governo^r of this Province for the Time being shall thinke ffitt for the Surety & Safe keeping of Runnawayes & ffugitives as well such as shall come to vs from our Neighbour Collonies to the Northward if pursued & demanded by the Governo^r there as such as shall escape from vs into their Territories & precincts when by them they shall be delivered vnto vs & for the Encouragm^t of o^r neighbo^r Govern^{ts} to the Northward to doe vs Iustice in this Case be it ffurther Enacted by the Authority & with the Consent aforesaid that there be a stock of Tenn Thousand pounds of Tobacco Raysed this next Ensuing Cropp by an Equall assessm^t vpon the psons & Estates of the ffreemen of this Province & p^d in Baltimore County To Augustine Herman of the Said County to pay the defrayall Charges of Building the Prison & of Apprehending & remanding Runnawayes from deleware Bay or any other of Northerne Plantacōns vpon delivery of the Said runnawayes at the Prison or Logg howse at Augustine Hermans Aforesaid