

seer for his soe doing vnder the penalty of two thousand pounds of Tobacco the one halfe thereof to the Lord Proprietary the other halfe to the master mistris or true owner of such goods soe purloyned bartered & Conveyed away when proved by sufficient wittnesses or Confession of the party to be Recovered in any of his Lordshippes Courts of Record by accōn of debt bill plaint or Informacōn wherein noe Essoyne Wager or Proteccōn in Law to be allowed And in case such person or persons Soe offending shall not be able to Satisfye the same. Then such person or persons shall be bound over by some one Iustice of the Peace & putt in Security either to appeare att the Prouinciall or County Court where uppon Conviction by Confession or Sufficient wittnes Such offender shall be punished by whipping on the bare back with thirty Stripes.

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And for the Iust ascertaining & Limitting of Servants times of servitude Bee itt Enacted by the Authority by & with the aduice & Consent aforesaid That whosoever shall Transport any Servant into this Prouince without Indenture Such Servant being aboute the age of two & twenty yeares shall be obliged to serve the full Space & Terme of five yeares if between Eighteene & two & twenty without Indenture Six yeares if between fifteene & Eighteene without Indenture Seven Yeares if under fifteen & without Indenture shall serve till he or they arrive to the full age of two & twenty yeares.

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And Bee itt further Enacted by the Authority & by and with the aduice & Consent aforesaid That all Servants transported out of Virginia into this Prouince shall Compleat their time of Servitude here which they ought to haue served in Virginia & noe more.

And Bee itt further Enacted that every master mistriss or dame assignee or Trustee of what kind soever owning or keeping any such Servant as aforesaid whether by vertue of transportacōn purchase or otherwise shall within Six moneths after the Receiving such Servant into their Custody within this Prouince Except he she or they clayme but five yeares service of such Servant bring the said servant into the Respectiue County Court where they doe Inhabitt And every of the said Courts are hereby Authorized to Judge and determine of the ages of such Servants soe brought and cause the same to be entered uppon Record And every owner as aforesaid Neglecting or Refuseing to bring such Servant or Servants before the Court as aforesaid shall not only stand to the Determinacōn of the Court but alsoe forfeit the sume of one thousand pounds of Tobacco to the Lord Proprietary for depriveing the Court of such opportunity of viewing the partyes And if any master or Servant aforesaid be grieved with the determinacōn of the Court he shall within the time determined for their service pro-