

misdemeanor for the future Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no person whatsoever shall Trade Barter Commerce or any wayes deal with any servant whether hyred or Indented or slave belonging or appertaining to any Inhabitant in this Province without leave or Lycence first had and obtained from such servants Masters Mistresses or Dame or overseer for his so doing under the penalty of two thousand pounds of Tobacco, the one half thereof to their Majes<sup>ties</sup> for the support of Government, the other half to the Master Mistress or true owner of such Goods so purloyned barter'd or Conveyed away when proved by sufficient witnesses or Confession of the party to be recovered in any Court of Record in this Province, by Action of debt bill plaint or Information wherein no Essoign protection or wager of Law to be allowed.

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid That if the Goods so Traded or barter'd for as aforesaid shall exceed the sum of one thousand pounds of Tobacco that then the Party or Parties whose goods shall be Embezled or Barter'd away as aforesaid, shall have his Action at Law for his damages sustained against the person or persons so dealing or bartering for the same anything in this Act to the Contrary hereof notwithstanding And forasmuch as disputes have formerly arose at what time servants time of Servitude, whether by Indenture or otherwise should commence, for the better Explanation whereof for the future Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid That all servants Transported into this Province whether by Indenture or otherwise the time of such servant so bound or adjudged as aforesaid shall commence from the first Anchoring of the Vessell within this Province any Law useage or custome to the contrary notwithstanding And in case such person or p<sup>er</sup>sons so Trading or Bartering as aforesaid shall not be able to satisfy the same then such person or persons shall be bound over by some one Justice of the Peace and put in security either to appear at the Provinciall or County Court Where upon conviction by Confession or Sufficient witnesses, the offender shall be punished by whipping on the bare back with thirty stripes.

And for the just ascertaining and limitting of Servants time or Servitude Be it Enacted by and with the advice Consent and authority aforesaid that whatsoever shall Transport any servant into this Province any servant without Indenture, such Servant being above the age of one & twenty years shall be obliged to serve the full space and Term of five years if between Eighteen and two and twenty years without Indentures six years, If between fifteen and Eighteen without Indentures seaven years, If under fifteen without Indenture shall serve till he or they arrive to the Age of two and twenty