

Lib. L. L. and other Slaves already Imported or hereafter to be Imported into this Province and also all Children now borne or hereafter to be borne of Such Negros or Slaves shall be Slaves durement their Naturall lives And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that any white woman either free or a Servant that shall Suffer herselfe to be begott with Child by a Negro or other Slave or ffree Negroe such woman so begott with Child as aforesaid if free shall become a Servant for and p. 326 durement the terme of Seaven Years if a Servant shall finish the time of Servitude together with the Damage that shall Accrue to such persons to whom she is a Servant by Occasion of any Child or Children begotten as aforesaid in the time of her Servitude and after Such Satisfaction made shall again become a Servant for and durement the terme of Seaven Years aforesaid and if such Negro begotter of any Such Child as aforesaid be a free Negro he shall become a Servant for and durement the terme of Seaven Years af^d to be adjudged by the Justices of the County Court where Such fact is Committed according to this Law in the Clause made and Provided against Such Servants as have Bastards and the issues or Children of any Such unnaturall and inordinate Copulations shall be Servants untill they Arrive att the Age of Thirty one Years. And any White man that shall begett any Negro woman with Child whether ffreeman or Servant shall undergo the Same Penaltys as white women all which times of Servitude by this Act Imposed on any the persons issue or Children of Such inordinate Copulations shall be taken Care of by the Justices of Each respective County within this Province and such Servitude to be disposed of or Employed as the Justices of such County shall think fitt the Produce thereof shall be Appropriated towards the Relief of the Poor And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every Serv^t Woman haveing a Bastard Child and not able Sufficiently to prove the party Charged to be the begotter of Such Child in every Such Case the mother of such Child shall onely be lyable to Satisfy the p. 327 Damage soe Sustained by Servitude or otherwise as the Court before whom such Matter is brought shall see Convenient Provided that where the mother of any such Child as aforesaid shall be able to prove her Charge by Sufficient Testimony of Wittnesses Confession of the party Charged or pregnant Circumstances agreeing with her Declaration in her Extremity of her pains or throes of Travell and her oath taken by some Magistrate before the time of her delivery of every such Bastard Child or after her delivery then the Party Charged if a Servant to Satisfy halfe the said Damage if a freeman then the whole Damage by Servitude or otherwise as the Court before whom such Matter is brought as aforesaid shall think