

fitt And if any Such Mother as aforesaid be able to prove by such Testimony or Confession of the Party Charged that he being a Single person and a freeman did before the begetting of such Child promise her Marriage that then he shall be at his Choice either to perform his promise to her or recompence her abuse according as the Court before whom such Matter is brought shall adjudge And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that after the End of this present Sessions of Assembly it shall and may be Lawfull for the Provinciaall and County Courts of this Province to hear and Determine any Complaints between Masters and Servants by way of Petition to give Judgment and award Execution upon the Same And that upon any Ap-  
peale or Writt of Error brought upon the same from any County Court of this Province to the Provinciaall Court or from the Provinciaall Court to his Excellency the Governor and Council no Such Judgment shall be reversed for want of Judiciall Proofs or that the Same was not tryed by Jury or any Matter of forme either in the Entry or giving of Judgment Provided it Appears by the Record that the Parties Defendant was Legally Sumoñed and not Condemned unheard And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that Serv<sup>ts</sup> Imported into this Province or any Servant that bind himselfe for Years within this Province or any bound out by the County Courts of this Province That if any matter of Dispute arises either in relation to their Indentures Contracts or Wages or any other matter of Difference between the Said Masters and Servants the same shall be Tryed heard and determined by Petition as aforesaid any Law Statute or usage to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

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An Act for Speedy Tryall of Criminalls & Ascerteining their Punishment in the County Courts when Prosecuted there.

Whereas many Acts of Assembly have been heretofore made against thieving Stealing Pilfering and Purloyning which for the Security thereof and to avoid the Great Charge and Trouble in the prosecution of Offenders Accused or prosecuted of Such Crimes in the Provinciaall Court of this Province the Said Acts have not been put in Execution to the great delay of Justice and incuragment of Wicked and ill minded people Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maty by and with the Advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the Same that the Comissioners of each respective County Court within this Province shall hereby have full Power and Authority to hear and Determine all

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