Lib. L. L. An Act prohibitting all Masters of Shipps or Vessells or any other persons from transporting or conveying away any person or persons out of this province without passes.

Be it enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Councill and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that from and after the publication hereof any person or persons whatsoever intending to depart this Province shall first give notice of his her or their intended departure by setting up his her or their Names at the Secretarys Office the full Space of three months that if in the time aforesaid no person shall underwrite the said person or persons so setting up his or their respective name or Names as aforesaid It shall be then lawfull for the Governour Keeper of the great Seale or Secretary of this Province for the time being to sign a pass to any such person or persons to depart this province for which the party shall pay to the person signing the same the sume of two shill, and six pence sterl And if any person or persons upon any Suddain or emergent occasions are necessitated to depart this Province not having Sett up his her or their Names at the Secretarys office aforesaid Then such Person or Persons giving good and sufficient Security to the Governor Keeper of the great Seale or Secretary to discharge and pay all Debts and Accounts whatsoever due and owing p. 39 from the said person to any of the Inhabitants of this Province Then the said Person or Persons may have a pass as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted that any Masters of Shipps or Vessells or other persons whatsoever that shall transport or convey out of this Province by land or water any ffreeman being indebted by bill bond account or otherwise to any Inhabitant thereof without such pass under the hand of the Governour Chancellour or Secretary aforesaid shall be lyable to Satisfy all such Debts Ingagements and damages to the person or persons to whom such Debts or Damages respectively shall be due within this Province except the same be otherwise Satisfyed or that the Transporter or Conveyer away of such person or persons procure such person or persons to return again in one Month after whereby he may be lyable to Justice here And every such person as aforesaid as shall transport or convey away out of this province any Servant or Servants being Servants here by Condition for wages Indenture or Custom of the Country shall be lyable for to pay and Satisfy unto the Master or Owner of such Servant or Servants so carryed away all such Damages as he or they shall make appear to be justly due to such Master or owner for want of such Servants as the Court before whom such Cause shall be try'd shall think fitt.