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On the behalf of Her Ma^{ty} &c I will this be a Law

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An Act relating to Servants and Slaves.

p. 41 Whereas there have been severall Acts provided against servants Runaways which have hereto proved ineffectual in regard they do not sufficiently provide encouragement for such Person or Persons Inhabitants of this Province as should seize such runaways or Servants by this Act deemed Runaways therefore for the better discovery seizing and apprehending such runaways

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 no Servant or Servants whatsoever within this Province whether by Indenture or according to the Custom of the Country or hired for wages shall travell by Land or water tenn Miles from the house of his her or their Master Mistress or Dame without a Note under their hands or under the hand of his or their Overseer if any be under the penalty of being taken for a runaway and to Suffer such penaltys as are hereafter Provided against Runaways

And it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority advice and consent aforesaid that any Servant or Servants unlawfully absenting him her or themselves from his her or their said Master Mistress Dame or Overseer shall serve tenn days for every one days absence and shall Satisfy or pay to his her or their Master Mistress or Dame all such Costs and Charges as shall be laid out and expended by his her or their Master Mistress or Dame for their taking up by Servitude to be adjudged when Such Master Mistress or Dame shall bring their said Servant before the Justices of the Provincial or County Court where the Owner Master Mistress or Dame or Overseer of such Servant shall live during the Sitting of the Court, be it before or after the expiration of such Servants first time of Servitude by Indenture or otherwise.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority advice and consent aforesaid that any person or persons whatsoever that shall wittingly or willingly entertain any such Servant or Servants unlawfully absenting him her or themselves as aforesaid shall be fin'd five hundred pounds of Tobacco for every night or twenty four hours that such person or persons shall give entertainment to such Servant or Servants unlawfully absenting him her or themselves as aforesaid the one half to