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they do inhabitt and every of the said Courts are hereby authorized to Iudge and determine of the age of such Servants so bought & Cause the same to be entred upon record And every owner as aforesaid neglecting or refusing to bring such Servant or Servants before the Court as aforesaid shall not only stand to the determination of the Court but also forfeit the sume of one thousand pounds of Tobacco to the Queen her heires and Successors for the support of Government And if any Master or Servant aforesaid be greived with the determination of the Court he shall within the time determin'd for their Service produce an Authentick Certificate of such Servants age and shall have remedy to the ages aforemencon'd.

And for as much as Disputes have formerly arose at what time Servants time of Servitude whether by Indenture or otherwise should comence Be it enacted by the Authority advice and Consent aforesaid that all servants transported into this Province whether by Indenture or otherwise and so bound or adjudg'd as aforesaid shall comence their time of Service from the first Anchoring of the Vessell within this Province provided that the Vessell tarry not above fourteen days after her Entry within the Capes and her first Anchorage in this Province and all the days such Shipp or Shippes shall tarry in Virginia above fourteen shall be adjudged part of the service of such Servant which shall be afterward brought into Maryland and there sold Any Law Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it also Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that every Indenture made by any Servant during the time of Service by former Indenture or Judgment of the County Court according to the tenour of this Act shall be void and not any ways oblige any Servant for longer time than by his first Indenture or Judgment of the Court shall be limited and appointed

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that for all such runaway Servants or Slaves that shall be apprehended and taken up in the Province of Pensilvania or Colony of Virginia and from thence brought into this Province and delivered to a Magistrate of the County into which they shall be brought the person for so doing shall have paid and allowed him by the Master or Owner of such Runaway four hundred pounds of Tobacco and Casq or forty shill in mony upon his producing a Certificate from the Justice or Sheriff of the Delivery of such Runaway Except Servants or Runaways brought from Accamack into Somersett County for such only two hundred pounds of Tobacco or twenty Shillings and the like from that side of Virginia next the River