

Potomack for which said Sumē or Sum̄s paid such runaway shall make Satisfaction when free by Service or otherwise more than the ten days for one as the Court shall adjudge But if such person so apprehended brought and delivered as aforesaid be a freeman and refuse to pay such Sumē or Sum̄s of Tobacco or mony then and in such Case the Magistrate before whom he shall be brought shall forthwith comitt the said person so refusing to prison till he give sufficient Security or make full Satisfaction by Servitude or otherwise.

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Master or Mistress of any Servant whatsoever or overseer by order or consent of any such Master or Mistress shall deny and not provide Sufficient Meat drink lodging and Clothing or shall unreasonably burthen them beyond their strength with labour or debarr them of their necessary rest and sleep or excessively beat and abuse them the same being sufficiently proved before the Justices of the County Courts the said Justices have hereby full power and Authority for the first and second offence to levy such ffine upon such Offender as to them shall seem meet not exceeding one thousand pounds of Tobacco to the use of her Majesty her heires and Successors for the Support of Government and for their third Offence to sett such Servant so wrong'd at liberty and free from Servitude—

And be it also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Negroes and other Slaves already imported or hereafter to be imported into this Province and all Children now borne or hereafter to be borne of such Negroes and Slaves shall be slaves during their Naturall lives—

And for as much as many people have neglected to baptize their Negroes or Suffer them to be baptized on a vain Apprehension that Negroes by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism are manumitted and sett free

Be it hereby further declared and enacted by and with the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that no Negro or Negroes by receiving the holy Sacrament of Baptisme is hereby manumitted or sett free nor hath any right or title to freedom or Manumission more than he or they had before any law Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that any White woman either free or a Servant that shall Suffer herself to be begott with Child by a negro or other slave or free Negro such Woman so begott with child as aforesaid if free shall become a Servant for and during the term of Seven years If a Servant shall finish her time of servitude together with the damage that shall accrew to such person to whom she is a Servant by occasion of any Child or Children begotten