

shall not be Lawfull for such Sherriffe or Goaler to hold such person in Custody Longer then six months and if such Person Can at any time within the said six months produce a Certificate or other Justification that he or she is no Servant he or she shall and may by order of any Two Justices of the County where such person is Committed to Prison be discharged from any further Imprisonment he or they in Liew of Imprisonment fees serving such Sherriffe or Goaler or his or their assignes so many days as he or they were in Custody of such Sherriffe and Twenty days or two hundred pounds of tobacco to him or them who took such Person up or pay ten pounds of Tobacco p Diem to such Sherriffe or Goaler for Imprisonment fees and no more.

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And if any Sherriffe or Goaler shall detayne such person in prison after such order of two Justices or the Expiration of Six months or payment of Ten pounds of Tobacco p Diem as aforesaid such Sherriffe or Goaler shall be Lyable to an action of Fausle Imprisonment any Law Statute Vsage or Custome to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

And Whereas it is Represented to this Generall Assembly that there was Lately in Prison in Somerset County an Indian named Harry who was formerly a servant to M^r Nath^l Pope of Virginia and was taken in Somerset County as a suspected runaway and Comitted to the Custody of Major John Cornish the then Sher and by him delivered to Collonel W^m Whittington the succeeding Sherriffe and afterwards was Comitted to the Custody of M^r John Bozman the present Sherriff and the said Major Cornish haveing some time after he was taken up sent to Acquaint the said M^r Pope that his servant was in his Custody to w^{ch} the said M^r Pope returned Answer he now disowned him and should not Come for him and the said Indian haveing often done work as a Servant for all the said Sherriffs in the time of his Imprisonment,

Be It Therefore Enacted by the authority af^d by and wth the advice and Consent af^d that from and after the publication hereof the abovesaid Indian Named Harry shall be Discharged from any further Imprisonment or takeing up on the account af^d of running away from the said M^r Nath^l Pope & that neither he the said Indian nor any other person shall be obliged to pay to the said Sherriffs or any other person any fees or other allowance Either for his the said Indians past Imprisonment or for takeing him up or by means of any Excape by him made save the sume of Eight hundred pounds of Tobacco to Co^{ll} W^m Whittington who has been at farr greater Charges in retakeing the said Indian any Law Statute Vsage or Custome to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding