

Also a Bill relating to Servants and Slaves thus indorsed L. H. J. Viz.

By the Council in Assembly

May the 23rd 1715.

Read the first Time and recommended that a Clause be added limitting how many Stripes it shall be lawful for a Master to give his white Servant for any one Offence without applying to a Justice of the Peace and proposed that the Stripes exceed not ten in Number but when any Master or Mistress shall think their white Servants deserve greater Correction they shall in such Cases be obliged to apply to a Justice of the Peace who shall be impowered to order such Correction at no Time exceeding thirty nine Lashes.

The Petitions of Major Hawkins and M^r John Salter are herewith recommended to the Consideration of the House that a Clause be added to the Law for preventing any Negroes or Molattoes being set free by their Masters or Owners either in their Lifetime or at their Death which has been found very prejudicial to all Neighbourhoods where such Negroes so inhabit and that a Fine of twelve Pounds be imposed on such Persons who shall manumit their Slaves in their life times and that the Executors or Administrators of all such Persons who by their Wills or otherwise at the Time of their Death set any of their Slaves free shall pay the like Sum to the Use of the Free-Schools and that such Negroes or Slaves so manumitted shall immediately become Slaves to the Use of the Free Schools of this Province

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Council

The same is referred to be considered of till the Afternoon p. 556

Col^o Thomas Greenfield from the Hon^{ble} Council delivers M^r Speaker the two following Bills Viz.

A Bill for the Appointment of Constables &^m thus indorsed Viz.

By the Council in Assembly

May the 23^d 1715.

Read the first and second Times and will pass with the Amendment Viz.

“The Constables Fee for serving Warrants in Cases of small Debts being made thirty Pounds Tobacco or half Crown.”

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Council.