

and Sleep or Excessively beat and Abuse them or shall give C. P. them above Ten Lashes for any one Offence 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 fine upon such Offender as to them shall seeme meet not Exceeding one thousand pounds p. 133 of Tob<sup>o</sup> to the Use of his Maj<sup>ty</sup> his heirs and successors for the Support of Government and for the third Offence to sett such Servant soe wronged att Liberty and ffree from Servitude. But in Case the Master or Owner of any such Servant shall think that he or they Deserves a greater Correction then the said Master or Owner of such Servant or Servants shall or may Carry them before any Justice of the Peace who hearing the Complaint shall order such Correction as he shall think ffit not Exceeding thirty nine Lashes for any one Offence.

And be itt alsoe Enacted by the Authority a<sup>d</sup> that all Negroes and other Slaves Already Imported or hereafter to be Imported in this province and all Children now born or hereafter to be born of such Negroes and Slaves shall be Slaves dureing 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 ffree,

Be itt hereby further Declared and Enacted by and with the Authority Advice and Consent a<sup>d</sup> that no Negroe or Negroes by receiving the holy Sacrament of Baptism is hereby Manumitted or sett free nor hath any right or title to freedom or Manumission more then he or they had before any Law p. 134 usage or Custome to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

And be itt further Enacted that all Ministers pastors and Magistrates or other persons whatsoever who According to the Laws of this province doe Usually Joyne people in Maryage shall not upon any pretence Joyne in Maryage Any Negroe whatsoever or Molatto Slave with any white person on the penalty of five thousand pounds of Tob<sup>o</sup> the one halfe to his Majesty his heirs and Successors for the Use of ffree schools the other halfe to the Informer or him or them that shall sue for the same to be recovered in any Court of Record of this province by Action of Debt bill plaint or Information wherein no Essoyne protection or Wager of Law to be Allowed.

And be itt further Enacted by the Authority a<sup>d</sup> that any white woman whether ffree or a Servant that shall Suffer herselfe to be got with Child by a negroe or other Slave or ffree negroe such woman soe begott with Child as a<sup>d</sup> if ffree shall