

C. P. become a servant for and dureing a terme of Seven years if a
 Servant shall finish her time of Servitude together with the
 Damage that shall Accrue to such person to whome she is a
 Servant by Occasion of any Child or Children begotten as
 af^d in the time of her Servitude as af^d And after such Satis-
 p. 135 faction made shall againe become a Servant for & During the
 Terme of Seven years af^d And if such begetter of such Child
 as af^d be a free Negroe he shall become a Servant for and
 dureing the terme of Seven years as af^d to be Adjudged by the
 Justices of the County Court where such fact is Comitted
 According to this Law in the Clause made and provided
 against such Servants as have bastards and the Issues or
 Children of such Unnaturall and Inordinate Copulations shall
 be Servants till they Arrive att the Age of thirty one years
 and any white man that shall begett any Negroe woman with
 Child whether free woman or Servant shall Undergoe the
 same penalties as white women all which times of Servitude
 by this Act Imposed upon the persons having soe Offended
 to be disposed of or Employed as the Justices of such County
 shall think fitt the produce whereof shall be Appropriated
 towards Defraying the County Charge.

And be itt further Enacted by the Authority af^d that any
 Servant woman having a bastard Child And not able Suffi-
 ciently to prove the party Charged to bee the begetter of
 such Child in Every such case the Mother of such Child shall
 be Lyable to Satisfy the Damage so sustained by Servitude
 or otherwise as the Court before whome such Matter is brought
 shall see Convenient. Provided that where the Mother of
 Any such Child as af^d doe prove the Charge by sufficient
 p. 136 Testimony of Witness Confession of the party Charged or
 pregnant Circumstances agreeing with her Declaration in her
 Extremity of her paines or throws of Travail and her Oath
 taken by some Magistrate before the time of her Delivery of
 Every such bastard Child or after her delivery then the party
 Charged if a Servant shall Satisfie halfe the Damage if a
 freeman shall Satisfie the whole Damage by Servitude or
 otherwise as the Court before whome such Matter is brought
 as af^d shall think fitt but if the said freeman Cannot be brought
 to Justice then and in Every such Case she shall make the
 same Satisfaction as if she Could not prove the begetter as
 af^d And if any such Mother as af^d be able to prove by such
 Testimony or Confession of the party Charged that he being
 a Single person and a ffreeman did before the begetting of
 such Child promise her marriage that then he shall be att his
 Choice Either to performe his promise to her or recompence
 her abuse according as the Court before whome such Matter
 is brought shall Adjudge.