

or Misdemeanors, whereof the County Court might have Cognizance, it shall and may be lawful for any one of the Justices of the Provincial or County Courts, upon Complaint made before him, to cause such Negro, Indian, or Mulatto Slave, so offending, to be brought immediately before him, or any other Justice of Peace for the County where such Offence is committed, who upon due Proof made against any such Negro, or Mulatto Slave, of any of the Crimes as aforesaid, such Justice is hereby authorized and impowered to award and cause to be inflicted, according to the Nature of the Crime, such Punishment by Whipping, as he shall think fit, not exceeding Forty Lashes.

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An Act for quieting Differences that may arise between the Inhabitants of this Province, and the several Nations of Indians, of what Places soever. Chap. XIV

Whereas many Differences have and may hereafter arise and grow between the English and Indians, which for want of a speedy Way of determining the same, many great Charges and Illconveniencies have and may happen thereupon, by the said Controversies being brought from the remotest Parts of this Province, to be heard and determined before the Governor and Council, to the very great Trouble of the Persons concerned, and the Public Charge: Which to prevent, and to give a Speedy Redress in all such Matters;

II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, any Justice of the Provincial or County Courts within this Province, be, and are hereby authorized and impowered, to hear and determine all Manner of Controversies and Differences whatsoever, that shall or may hereafter happen or grow between the English and Indians, in private and personal Controversies, not exceeding the Value of Twenty Shillings Sterling.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That any of the Justices aforesaid, be, and are hereby authorized and impowered, upon hearing and determining any such Difference or Controversy as aforesaid, and Judgment thereupon given, either Party refusing to perform the same, then and in every such Case, the Justice so impowered as aforesaid, shall by Way of Distress take into his Custody any of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender, and out of the same