

No. 14 An Act for the Relief of sundry Inhabitants of this Province who
 Liber H. S. have had their Servants Enlisted into his Majesty's Service.
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 [Preamble.]

Whereas, since the Commencement of Hostilities with his Majesty's Enemies in America, many of the good People of this Province have had their Servants enticed from them by Recruiting Officers, to enter into his Majesty's Service, and have not received Satisfaction for their Time of Service, uncompleted at the Time of their Enlistment, which greatly tends to discourage the Importation of useful Labourers and Handicraft Men into this Province; and as it is humbly hoped that his Most Sacred Majesty will be graciously pleased to order, that whatever Sums this Province may pay on that Account, may be refunded at such Time as shall be most agreeable to his Royal Pleasure:

Be it therefore 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 the Authority of the same, That upon Application of any Person or Persons, Inhabitants of this Province, or who was or were Inhabitants thereof, at any Time between the Commencement of Hostilities with any of his Majesty's Enemies in America and the First Day of September, Seventeen Hundred and Fifty-six, to the Justices of any of the County Courts within this Province, and making appear to them by undoubted Testimony, that he, she, or they, have had a Servant or Servants Enlisted into his Majesty's Service, and taken away from his, her, or their Service between the Times aforesaid; and upon such Person or Persons making Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, in open Court, that he, she, or they, have not received Satisfaction, (or if any received, how much) for such Servant or Servants, or his or their Time of Service uncompleted at the Time of such Enlistment, or any Security for the same, and was or were not apprized of the late Act of Parliament for Enlisting Servants, or being apprized thereof, did use his, her, or their utmost Endeavour to procure Satisfaction, agreeable to the said Act of Parliament, then the said Justices shall, and they are hereby required forthwith to value such uncompleted Time of Service, in Proportion to the original Purchase-Money given by the Person who first purchased the said Servant, deducting therefrom any Satisfaction that may appear to them to have been received in Part; and shall immediately give to such Person or Persons a Certificate of their Valuation thereupon, attested by the Clerk of such Court without Fee or Reward; which Certificate being produced to the General Assembly of this Province, the Sum mentioned in such Valuation shall be allowed in the Public Levy thereof. Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be the Duty of the said Justices, and they are hereby strictly enjoined and required, before they shall grant such Certificate as aforesaid, by all probable

[Justices to value Servants Enlisted, in Proportion to the Original Purchase-Money, and give Certificate to the Owner of their Valuation.]

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