

all Servants transported into this Province, whether by Indenture or otherwise, and so bound or adjudged as aforesaid, shall commence their Time of Servitude from the first anchoring of the Vessel within this Province.

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XLIV.
the Time of
anchoring,

XVII. *Provided*, That the said Vessel tarry not above fourteen Days after her Entry within the Capes, and her first Anchorage in this Province: And all the Days such Ship or Ships shall tarry in *Virginia* above fourteen Days, shall be adjudged Part of the Service of such Servant, which shall be afterwards brought into *Maryland*, and there Sold: Any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

unless the
Vessel tarry
in *Virginia*
above four-
teen Days.

XVIII. And be it also Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That every Indenture made by any Servant, during the Time of his Service by former Indenture, or Judgment of the County Court, according to the Tenor of this Act, shall be void, and not any ways oblige any Servant for longer Time, than by his first Indenture or Judgment of the Court shall be limited and appointed.

Indentures
made by Ser-
vants during
Servitude,
shall be void.

XIX. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That for all such Runaway Servants or Slaves that shall be apprehended and taken up in the Province of *Pensylvania*, or Colony of *Virginia*, and from thence brought into this Province, and delivered to a Magistrate of the County into which they shall be brought; the Person, for so doing, shall have paid and allowed him, by the Master or Owner of such Runaway, Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco and Cask, or Forty Shillings in Money, upon his producing a Certificate from the Justice or Sheriff of the Delivery of such Runaway: Except Servants or Runaways brought from *Accomack*, into *Somerset* County, for such only Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or Twenty Shillings, and the like from that Side of *Virginia* next the River *Patowmack*: For which said Sum or Sums paid, such Runaway shall make Satisfaction when Free, by Service or otherwise, besides what shall be adjudged as a Recompence, for the Absence of such Runaway Servant as aforesaid, as the Court shall adjudge.

For every
Runaway
Servant taken
up in *Pensyl-
vania* or *Vir-
ginia*, the
Owners shall
pay 400^{lb}
Tobacco, or
40 Shillings,
unless
brought from
Accomack into
Somerset
County, or
over *Patow-
mack*, &c.

XX. But if such Person, so apprehended, brought and delivered as aforesaid, be a Free-man, and refuse to pay such Sum or Sums of Tobacco or Money, then, and in such Case, the Magistrate before whom he or she shall be brought, shall forthwith commit the said Person so refusing, to Prison, till he or she give sufficient Security, or make full Satisfaction by Servitude or otherwise.

Free Persons
so apprehend-
ed, &c. and
refusing to
pay, shall be
committed.

XXI. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Master or Mistress of any Servant whatsoever, or Overseer by Order or Consent of any such Master or Mistress, shall deny, and not provide sufficient Meat, Drink, Lodging and Cloathing; or shall unreasonably burthen them beyond their Strength with Labour, or debar them of their necessary Rest and Sleep, or excessively beat and abuse them, or shall give 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 seem meet, not exceeding One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government; and, for the third Offence, to set such Servant so wronged at Liberty, and free from Servitude.

Masters not
providing
sufficient
Food, &c. for
their Ser-
vants, bur-
thening them
beyond their
Strength, a-
busing them,
or giving a-
bove 10
Lashes for
one Offence,
may be fined.
In what case
the Servant
may be set
free.

XXII. But in case the Master or Owner of any such Servant shall think that he or they deserves greater Correction, then the said Master or Owner of such Servant or Servants, shall or may carry them before any Justice of the Peace;

But a Magi-
strate, &c.
may order
whipping,
&c.