

XXIX. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That any C H A P. XLIV. Servant Woman having a Bastard Child, and not able sufficiently to prove the Bastard-bearing Servants, not proving the Father, to satisfy Damages. Party charged to be the Begetter of such Child; in every such Case, the Mother of such Child shall be liable to satisfy the Damage so sustained, by Servitude or otherwise, as the Court before whom such Matter is brought, shall see convenient.

XXX. Provided, That where the Mother of any such Child as aforesaid, do prove her Charge, by sufficient Testimony of Witness, Confession of the Party charged, or pregnant Circumstances, agreeing with her Declaration in her Extremity of her Pains 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 satisfy Half the said Damage; if a Free Man, shall satisfy the whole Damage by Servitude or otherwise, as the Court before whom such Matter is brought as aforesaid, shall think fit: But if the said Free Man 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 aforesaid. And if any such Mother as aforesaid, be able to prove, by such Testimony, or Confession of the Party charged, that he, being a single Person and a Free Man, did, before the begetting of such Child promise her Marriage, that then he shall be at his Choice, either to perform his Promise to her, or recompence her Abuse according as the Court before whom such Matter is brought, shall adjudge. Their Charge how to be proved. If against a Servant he shall pay half; If a Free Man he shall satisfy the whole. Promise of Marriage being proved against a Free Man, he shall either perform his Promise or make Recompence.

XXXI. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That after the End of this Session of Assembly, it shall and may be lawful for the Provincial and County Courts, of this Province, to hear and determine any Complaints between Masters and Servants, by way of Petition, to give Judgment and award Execution upon the same. And that, upon Appeal or Writ of Error brought upon the same, from any County Court of this Province, to the Provincial Court, or from the Provincial Court, to the Governor and Council; no such Judgment shall be reversed for want of judicial Process, or that the same was not tried by a Jury, or any Matter or Form either in the Entry or giving Judgment: Provided that it appears by the Record, that the Defendant was legally summoned, and not condemned unheard. The Provincial and County Courts may determine Complaints between Masters and Servants by way of Petition.

XXXII. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Matter of Dispute arises concerning Servants imported into this Province, or any Servant that binds himself for Years within this Province, or any bound out by the County Courts of this Province, in relation to their Indentures, Contracts or Wages, or any other Matter of Difference between the said Master and Servant, the same shall be tried, heard and determined by Petition as aforesaid; any Law, Statute or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding. All other Disputes relating to Indentures, Contracts, Wages, &c. are determinable by Petition as aforesaid.

XXXIII. And be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Negro or other Slave, within this Province, shall be permitted to carry any Gun or any other offensive Weapon, from off their Master's Land, without Licence from their said Master: And if any Negro or other Slave shall presume so to do, he shall be liable to be carried before a Justice of Peace, and be whipped; and his Gun or other offensive Weapon, shall be forfeited to him that shall seize the same, and carry such Negro so offending, before a Justice of Peace. Slaves not to carry Guns, &c. from off their Master's Land without Leave.

XXXIV. And be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, any Servant or Servants whatsoever, within this Province, that shall feloniously take or purloin his or their Master, Mistress or Dame's Goods or Chattels, under the Value of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, shall be adjudged Felony; and being thereof lawfully convict in any County Court of Servants stealing or purloining their Masters Goods under the Value of 1000^{lb} Tobacco, to be this