

C H A P.

XLIV.

adjudged Fe-
lony.The Servant
to pay Four-
fold, &c.

this Province, shall be adjudged to pay four Times the Value of such Goods so purloined to his or their Master, Mistress or Dame, which he, she or they shall make Good by Servitude, after the Expiration of their first Time of Service: And shall also suffer such Pains of Whipping or Pilloring, as the Justices before whom such Matter is brought, shall adjudge.

Persons taken
up and com-
mitted as sus-
pected Runa-
ways shall
not be held in
Custody a-
bove Six
Months.

How they
may be dis-
charged with-
in that Time,
on paying or
serving for
Imprison-
ment Fees,
and for the
taking up.

Sheriffs, &c.
detaining
them longer,
&c. are liable
to Action of
False Imprisonment.

XXXV. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent *aforsaid*, That when any Person or Persons (except Negroes and Mulattoes) shall be found travelling without Passes as *aforsaid*, and shall be taken up as suspected Runaways, and by any Justice of Peace committed to the Custody of any Sheriff or Jaylor within this Province, it shall not be lawful for any such Sheriff or Jaylor to hold such Person in Custody longer than Six Months: And if such Person can, at any Time within the said Six Months, procure a Certificate or other Justification that he or she is no Servant, he or she shall and may, by Order of any two Justices of the County where such Person is committed to Prison, be discharged from any further Imprisonment; he, she or they serving such Sheriff or Jaylor, or his Assigns, so many Days as he, she or they were in Custody of such Sheriff or Jaylor, or otherwise paying Ten Pounds of Tobacco per Day, to such Sheriff or Jaylor, for their Imprisonment Fees, and no more; and paying unto such Person or Persons who took up such Person, Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or serving him, her or them Twenty Days in lieu thereof. And if any such Sheriff or Jaylor shall detain such Person in Prison after such Order of two Justices *aforsaid*, or the Expiration of Six Months, and Payment of Ten Pounds of Tobacco per Day as *aforsaid*, such Sheriff or Jaylor shall be liable to an Action of False Imprisonment; any Law, Statute or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
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C H A P. XLV.

Passed 3d
June 1715.

An Act for ascertaining the Bounds of Lands within this Province. Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 256. EXP.

N. B. This Act was to commence the 1st June 1716, and to continue in Force 3 Years, from that Date. It was also repealed by 1718, *ch. 18*, which was Dissented to by his Lordship.

C H A P. XLVI.

Ditto.

An ACT for the Direction of Sheriffs in their Offices, and restraining their ill Practices within this Province. *Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 263.*

N. B. §. 1 and 2 of this Act are of no use during the Continuance of the Inspection Law of 1763, *ch. 18*.

No Sheriff,
&c. to seize
Tobacco un-
stript, or al-
ready receiv-
ed, marked
and nailed for
any Merchant
or Others,
except for
Public, &c.
Levies, or the
4^o per Poll,
and shall
make Satis-
faction for
the Overplus,
if any,

on Penalty of
2000^{lb} To-
bacco.

BE it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That no Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, or Deputy-Sheriff, shall seize any Tobacco unstript, or seize or mark any Merchant's or Other's Tobacco received, marked and nailed, for any Cause whatsoever, but only for Levies due to the Public, County, Parish, or for the Forty per Poll to the Minister: And the several Sheriffs are hereby empowered to break the Lock of any Tobacco-house, or other Houses where Tobacco is or shall be secured with Design to prevent the said Sheriff from seizing such Tobacco for Levies and Dues as *aforsaid*. And any Sheriff so seizing or marking any Hoghead or Hogheads of Tobacco containing more than what is justly due for Levies and Dues as *aforsaid*, without Satisfaction to the Person to whom such Tobacco doth belong, as by giving Credit, or suffering him to take the Overplus out of such Hoghead of Tobacco, at the Choice of the Party paying or owing the same, shall pay, for every such Default the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; one Half to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for Support of Government, the other Half to the Party grieved; to be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province,