

Reward, as has become due to any Person for taking up such Runaway Servant or Slave; and after such Payments made, if any Residue shall remain of the Money or Tobacco such Servant or Slave was sold for; such Sheriff shall only be accountable to the Master or Owner of such Servant or Slave, for such Residue or Remainder as aforesaid, and not otherwise.

III. And in case any Sheriff, or the Buyer of such Servant or Slave, or others concerned in the Execution of this Act, shall be sued by any Person or Persons for any Matter or Thing done, or to be done, in pursuance hereof, it shall and may be lawful for every such Person or Persons so sued, to plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence, and in case of Non-suit, Discontinuance, or Verdict against the Plaintiff, the Court shall award double Costs of Suit.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. III.

A Supplementary ACT to the * Act for causing Grand and Petit Jurors, and Witnesses to come to the Provincial and County Courts, and ascertaining their Allowances. *Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 424.*

Passed 6th
June 1719.
* 1715, ch. 39.

TO Prevent Jurors from taking, and Suitors from giving, larger Sums for a Verdict than is allowed by Law; whereby it is obvious that some Persons (who have more frequent Trials by Jurors than others) have endeavoured to raise a general Expectation in Jurors of larger Donations from them than from their Adversaries, thereby endeavouring to incline them to their Favour: For Prevention whereof for the future;

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 the Authority of the same, That the Sum of ^b One Hundred and Twenty Pounds of Tobacco, or Twelve Shillings in Money, be allowed and paid to every Jury, for hearing or giving their Verdict in any Cause they are sworn to give their Verdict in, whether in the Provincial or County Courts, and no more; and that in case any Suitor give more than what is hereby directed, and be thereof convicted, he, she, or they, shall for such Offence (if to a Juror in the Provincial Court,) forfeit the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, or under, at the Discretion of the Court: If in the County Court, the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, or under, at the Discretion of the Court, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary; the one Half thereof to the Use of Schools, to be applied in the same Manner as the additional Duty of Twenty Shillings per Head on Negroes and Irish Papists now is, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, if on Indictments or Actions criminal; if otherwise, to the Party grieved only. To be recovered in the Court where the Forfeiture shall happen, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

¹²⁰ lbs Tobacco, or ¹² s. in Money, to be paid to every Jury sworn in any Cause. Penalty on any Suitor convicted of giving more.

^b 96 lbs Tobacco by 1760, ch. 16, §. 2.

III. And be it likewise Enacted, That every Petit Juror summoned to any County Court, shall be allowed for every Day such Juror shall attend (by Force of such Summons,) the Sum of Fifteen Pounds of Tobacco, over and above the aforesaid One Hundred and Twenty Pounds of Tobacco, or Twelve Shillings to each Jury, for each Cause, and no more; the aforesaid Fifteen Pounds of Tobacco per Day to each Juror in each County Court, to be paid by the County, in the same Manner as the Jurors of the Provincial Court are allowed by the Public.

Allowance to Petit Jurors in the County Courts.

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