

tificate from the said Magistrate of the Death and Value of such Slave or Slaves, out of the Public Stock of this Province, in the Hands of such Treasurer, without Fee or Reward. C H A P. XIV.

<sup>1</sup> By 1753, ch. 26, the Persons so Killing, shall not hereby be exempted from undergoing a legal Trial: But if it appear upon Evidence, that such Killing was done in the lawful Execution of this Act, then such Person shall not only be acquitted, but also the Public of this Province shall pay all the Costs and Charges of such Prosecution.

X. And be it further Enacted, That if any Free Person shall entice and persuade any Slave within this Province to Run away, and who shall actually Run away from the Master, Owner or Overseer, and be convicted thereof, by Confession, or Verdict of a Jury upon an Indictment or Information, shall forfeit and pay the full Value of such Slave to the Master or Owner of such Slave, to be levied by Execution on the Goods, Chattels, Lands or Tenements of the Offender; and in case of Inability to pay the same, shall suffer One Year's Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize. And that if any White Servant shall entice or persuade any such Slave to Run away, and who shall actually Run away, that the Offender, shall, after the Expiration of his Time of Servitude, become a Servant to the Master or Owner of such Slave, for and during the Term of Four Years, or satisfy and pay to the Master or Owner, the Value of such Slave; to be adjudged, in either case, at the Trial, by the Court before whom the Fact shall be tried; and that the Fact may be tried either in the County where the Offences shall be committed, or where the Offender or Offenders shall be taken or apprehended. Penalty on Free Persons enticing, &c. any Slave to Run away; on any white Servant guilty of the same, where to be tried.

XI. And to the End this Act may be known by all sort of People; Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Sheriffs within this Province, shall read, or cause this Act to be read, at the Court house Door, on the Second Day of each of the Four County Courts, in every Year during the Continuance of this Act, on Pain of forfeiting Five Pounds Current Money for every Neglect, to be recovered as aforesaid, with Costs of Suit, by Indictment or Information, in the Court of the County where such Neglect shall happen, and be applied to defray the County Charge. Sheriffs to read this Act the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of each Court, on Penalty of 5<sup>l</sup>.

XII. Provided always, That where any Money shall be paid by virtue of any Act or Acts of this Province, for any Slave or Slaves who shall Die in Goal after Sentence, or shall be Executed; It is hereby Declared and Enacted, That such Payment shall be made for such Slave or Slaves who were actual Inhabitants within this Province, at the Time such Fact committed, and not otherwise. No condemned Slave to be paid for, who was not an Inhabitant at the Time of the Fact.

XIII. This Act to continue for Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said Three Years. Continuance.

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

Farther continued by 1754, ch. 11; and 1757, ch. 26.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT to establish the Special Court Records of Anne-Arundel County. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 538.* Passed 8<sup>th</sup> June 1751.

See 1705, ch. 1; 1719, ch. 16; and 1723, ch. 20.

WHEREAS by one Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Anne-Arundel County, and all Persons concerned in the Records thereof lately Burnt*, made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the Town and Port of Annapolis, the Fifteenth Day of May, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Five, a Commission issued to several Commissioners therein named, to hear and determine all Differences, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, between any the Inhabitants, or other Persons interested in the Lands lying within the County aforesaid; and that

Preamble, reciting the Act of 1705, ch. 1.