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the Public Treasurer, without any Fee or Reward, out of the Public Stock, on Certificate from the Sheriff of such Execution or Death. *Ibid.* §. 5, 6.

37. Slaves convicted of consulting, advising, conspiring or attempting to raise any Insurrection, or to murder or poison any Person, or to commit a Rape upon any White Woman, or to burn any House; or who shall stand Mute, or peremptorily Challenge above Twenty Jurors, shall suffer Death without Benefit of Clergy. 1751, *ch.* 14, §. 2.

38. Slaves convicted of attempting to burn any Dwelling-house or Out-house contiguous to, or used with any Dwelling-house, or other House wherein shall be any Person, Goods, Tobacco, Grain or Fodder, shall suffer Death without Benefit of Clergy. *Ibid.* §. 3.

39. Slaves committing any Felony punishable by Death, shall be committed to the Sheriff of the County, and tried at the next Assizes or County Court which shall first happen; which Court is empowered, on Confession, or Conviction of the Offender, on the Testimony of one legal Witness, or even of other Slaves corroborated with such pregnant Circumstances, as shall satisfy the Jury of the Guilt of such Slaves, to give Judgment. *Ibid.* §. 4.

40. Slaves convicted of giving false Testimony against other Slaves on such Prosecutions, shall have one Ear cut off, and receive Thirty-nine Stripes, on the Day of Conviction; and the other Ear to be cut off, and the like Number of Stripes given the Offender, on the Day following. *Ibid.* §. 5.

41. Slaves produced as Witnesses on such Occasions, shall be admonished to declare the Truth, &c. and acquainted with the Danger of false Swearing, &c. by the Court. *Ibid.* §. 6.

42. Slaves condemned to suffer Death, shall immediately be valued by the Court, and that whole Value shall be paid by the Treasurer of the respective Shore on which such Execution shall be, out of the Public Stock, to the Owner, on Certificate of the Sheriff, in Case such Slave be actually executed. *Ibid.* §. 7.

43. Slaves guilty of Rambling, Riding, or going abroad by Night, or riding Horses by Day without Leave, or Running away, may (on Application of their Owners, or other Person injured by them) be immediately punished by the County Court, by Whipping, Cropping, Branding or Otherwise, not extending to Life, or rendering such Slave unfit for Labour. *Ibid.* §. 8.

44. Officers or other Persons, endeavouring to apprehend any Slave who shall happen to be slain for refusing to surrender, or unlawfully resisting, &c. shall be indemnified from any Prosecution for such Killing. *Ibid.* §. 9. But this Clause shall not be construed to indemnify any Officer or other Person, killing any Slave resisting or refusing to surrender, from undergoing a legal Trial; but such Person may plead the General Issue, &c. And if it appear on Evidence, that such Killing was done in Pursuance of the foregoing Act, such Person shall be acquitted, and the Public shall pay all the Costs and Charges of such Prosecution. 1753, *ch.* 26.

45. Slaves so killed, shall be valued by two reputable Persons, not of Kin to the Owner, to be appointed and sworn (*well and truly to value what such Slave was worth, to the best of their Knowledge, without Favour or Partiality*) by the then nearest Magistrate; and the whole Value, certified by them to such Magistrate, shall be paid to the Owner or his Order, by the Treasurer of the respective Shore on which such Death happened, out of the Public Stock, on Certificate of such Death and Value, by the said Magistrate. 1751, *ch.* 14, §. 9.

46. Any Free Person enticing or persuading a Slave to run away, who shall actually run away, and being thereof convicted, shall forfeit the full Value of such Slave, to the Owner: Or, in case of Inability to pay, shall suffer one Year's Imprisonment, without Bail, &c. *Ibid.* §. 10.

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47. Any White Servant guilty of the same Offence, shall, after the Expiration of his Servitude, become a Servant to the Owner of such Slave for Four Years, or pay the Value of the Slave; which in either Case, shall be adjudged at the Trial, by the Court before whom the Fact shall be tried. Which Trial may be either in the County where the Offence shall be committed, or where the Offender shall be apprehended. *Ibid.*

48. No Money shall be paid for any Slave, either dying in Goal after Sentence, or executed, unless such Slave was an actual Inhabitant within this Province, at the Time of such Fact committed. *Ibid.* §. 12.

49. The several Sheriffs, shall cause this Act to be read at the Court House Door, on the second Day of each County Court, on Forfeiture of 5*l.* Current Money for every Neglect; to be recovered with Costs, in the County Court, and applied to the County Charge. *Ibid.* §. 11.

50. No Property in any Slave, whereof the Donor shall retain the Use and Possession, shall be transferred to any Donee, unless the Gift be under Hand and Seal, acknowledged before a Provincial Justice, or one Justice of the County wherein the Donee resides, and recorded in the County Records within Twenty Days after Execution of the Deed. But this Act shall not make void any Parol Gift, where there shall be an express Delivery of such Slave in pursuance thereof, and where the sole Use and Possession of such Slave shall be transferred to the Donee, nor any Bequest of a Slave by Will. 1763, *ch.* 13.

See *Administrators*, 6, 7. *Country Bottoms*, 2, 7. *Fieri facias*, 6. *Guardians*, 10—12. *Harbourers of Servants and Slaves*, 4, 5. *Manumission of Slaves*, per Tot. *Marriage*, 12, 13. *Masters of Ships*, 3—5. *Militia*, 3. *Orphans*, 9. *Quakers*, 6. *Runaways*, per Tot. *Taxables*, 1, 2.

NEXT OF KINDRED. See *Administrators*, 13. *Intestates Estates*, 1. *Widows*, 2, 3.

NON APPEARANCE. See *Inspectors*, 45.

NON COMPOSITIS. See *Administration Bonds*, 3. *Bankrupts*, 5. *Limitation of Actions*, 3, 6, 8. *Specialties*, 2.

NON EST INVENTUS. See *Administration Bonds*, 2. *Arrests*, 1. *Attachment*, 1, 2. *Small Debts*, 1.

NON-RESIDENTS. See *Accounts*, 1. *Administrators*, 14. *Bacon*, &c. per Tot. *Discount in Bar*, 2.

## NON-SUIT.

1. The Plaintiff, in any Action in the County Court, shall be Non-sued, where the just Balance of the Demand doth not exceed 400*l.* Tobacco, or 33*s.* 4*d.* in Money. 1715, *ch.* 41, §. 4.

2. In the Provincial Court the Plaintiff shall be Non-sued, where the just Balance is under 1500*l.* Tobacco, or 6*l.* 5*s.* in Money. *Ibid.* §. 5.

See *Administrators*, 18. *Arrests*, 2. *Discount in Bar*, 2. *Guardians*, 26. *Hemp and Flux*, 3. *Jurors*, 12. *Officers Fees*, 1. *Records*, 5, 8. *Runaways*, 10. *Suits at Law*, 1. *Tobacco Debts*, 3, 4. *Tobacco Run*, 5.

NOTICE. See *Administration Bonds*, 4. *Boundaries of Land*, 6—8. *Delegates*, 4, 8. *Demand of Debts*, per Tot. *Fornication*, 3, 4. *Musters*, 2. *Runaways*, 6. *Small Debts*, 3.

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OATHS TO THE GOVERNMENT. See *Attorneys*, 3. *Constables*, 3. *Delegates*, 9, 10, 11, 13. *Inspectors*, 12. *Irish Servants*, 4. *Protestant Interest*, per Tot. *Quakers*, 1. *Schools*, 17. *Surveyors*, 1. *Vestry*, 4, 5, 6, 12, 26.

OATH OF OFFICE. See *Constables*, 3. *Inspectors*, 12. *Judge or Justice*, 1. *Schools*, 4, 17. *Surveyors*, 1. *Tobacco Run*, 7. *Vestry*, 4, 12, 21.

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