

Offenders  
may be  
whipped.

SEC. 13. *And*, in case such person or persons so offending shall not be able to satisfy the same, then such person or persons shall be bound over by some one justice of the peace, and put in security, either to appear at the next provincial or county court, where, upon conviction, by confession or sufficient witness, the offender shall be punished by whipping on the bare back with thirty stripes.

SEC. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. Are not deemed applicable to the present condition of the state. All indentures for services, by foreigners, are now purely conventional between the parties thereto, except so far as they are restrained by 1817, ch. 226, relating to German and Swiss redemptioners.

SEC. 20. Supplanted by 1834, ch. 161—1833, ch. 111.

Penalty on  
masters for  
not provid-  
ing food,  
&c.

SEC. 21. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if any master or mistress of any servant whatsoever, or overseer by order or consent of any such master or mistress, shall deny, and not provide sufficient meat, drink, lodging and clothing, or shall unreasonably burthen them beyond their strength with labour, or debar them of their necessary rest and sleep, or excessively beat and abuse them, or shall give them above ten lashes for any one offence, the same being sufficiently proved before the justices of the county courts, the said justices have hereby full power and authority for the first and second offence, to levy such fine upon such offender as to them shall seem meet, not exceeding one thousand pounds of tobacco, to the use of his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of government, and for the third offence, to set such servant so wronged at liberty, and free from servitude; but in case the master or owner of any such servant shall think that he or they deserves greater correction, then the said master or owner of such servant or servants shall or may carry them before any justice of the peace, who, hearing the complaint, shall order such correction as he shall see fit, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes for any one offence.

Slaves, &c.  
to be slaves  
for life.

SEC. 22. *And be it also enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That all negroes and other slaves already imported, or hereafter to be imported into this province, and all children now born, or hereafter to be born, of such negroes and slaves, shall be slaves during their natural lives.

No negroes  
to be free,  
&c.

SEC. 23. *And*, forasmuch as many people have neglected to baptize their negroes, or suffer them to be baptized, on a vain apprehension that negroes, by receiving the sacrament of baptism, are manumitted and set free; *Be it hereby further declared and enacted, by and with the authority, advice and consent aforesaid*, That no negro or negroes, by receiving the holy sacrament of baptism, is thereby manumitted or set free, nor hath any right or title to freedom or manumission, more than he or they had before, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.