lawful for any one of the justices of the provincial or county courts, upon complaint made before him, to cause such negro, Indian or mulatto slave, so offending, to be brought immediately before him, or any other justice of peace for the county where such offence is committed, who upon due proof made against any such negro or mulatto slave, of any of the crimes as aforesaid, such justice is hereby authorized and empowered to award and cause to be inflicted, according to the nature of the crime, such punishment by whipping as he shall think fit, not exceeding forty lashes.

CHAPTER 15.

An Acr for the Publication of Marriages, and to prevent Unlawful Marriages.

The whole of this act is merged in February, 1777, ch. 12, save the 4th section.

Minister's fee.

Sec. 4. And, for ascertaining to the minister a fee for marriages, in other cases than the act for establishment of religious worship provides for, Be it enacted, That in case any persons married by license, and that shall be married in the parish church or chapel of ease, or come to such minister's house to be married, there shall be paid as a fee, by the persons to be married, for such marriage, the sum of ten shillings, and no more; and in case of publication of bands, the persons so to be married shall come to the minister's dwelling-house to be married, there shall be paid to the minister as a fee for such marriage, one hundred pounds of tobacco, or six shillings and eight pence current money, ready pay, and no more; And it is hereby declared, That whenever any fee is allowed for marrying persons whose bands are published, such fee shall be taken as a full fee for the publication of the bands, as well as for the solemnization of such marriage.

APRIL, 1718.—CHAPTER 5.

A SUPPLEMENTARY act to the act for the better administration of justice in testamentary affairs, &c.

The whole of this law is deemed to be inconsistent with 1798, ch. 101.

MAY, 1719.—CHAPTER 2.

A SUPPLEMENT to the act relating to Servants and Slaves. Repealed by 1802, ch. 96, sec. 5.

CHAPTER 3.

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.

Repealed by 1823, ch. 64,