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Negroes or other Slaves already within this Province and all Negroes and other Slaves
to be hereafter imported into this Province shall be Slaves during their Lives And all Persons
born of any Negro or other Slave shall be Slaves as their fathers were for the term
of their Lives And forasmuch as divers freeborn English women forgotfull of their
free Condition and to the disgrace of our Nation did intermarry with Negro Slaves by
which aforesaid divers suits may arise touching the Issue of such women and agreeable
damage doth befall the Masters of such Negroes for prudention whereof for deterring
such freeborn women from such shamefull matches Bee it further enacted
by the Authority advice and Consent aforesaid That whatsoeuer freeborn woman shall
intermarry with any Slave from and after the last day of this present Assembly shall
serve the master of such Slave during the life of her husband And that all the Issue
of such freeborn women so married shall be Slaves as their fathers were And Bee it
further enacted that all the Issues of English or other freeborn women that have
already married Negroes shall serve the Masters of their Parents till they be Thirty
yeards of age and no longer —

C. It's made at a Session of Assembly begun Aprill the
xth MDCXVII: By the Hon^{ble} Charles Calvert Esq^r —

Gouverneur —

An Act prohibiting Trade with the Indians for any flesh dead or
alive except deer and wild fowls —

Whereas sundry Complaints have been made by severall Inhabitants of this
Province alledging that the Indians under pretence of killing wild Hogs doo
slay and drive away their tame Hogs and Cattle and doe mordoues kill and
Trade with the Inhabitants of this Province and likewise with foreigners and
Strangers for beefs and Porkes And whereas there is an Act already provided which
is thought Insufficient Bee it enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietaroy
by and with the Assent of the upper and lower house of this present Generall
Assembly That no person or persons whatsoever either Foreigner or Inhabitant
shall buy Trade or Barter with any Indian or Indians whomsoever for any flesh
dead or living Except venison or wild fowl upon penality of five Thousand pounds
of Tobacco the one moyle to the Lord Proprietaroy the other to the Informer or to him
or them that shall sue for the same the said fine to be recovered in any Court of
Record within this Province by Bill plaint or otherwise who win not obtain
Protection or wager of law to be allowed this Act to continue for three yeards or
to the end of the next Generall Assembly —

An Act for appointing Coroners in each respective County
Whereas there haue many inconveniences happened in this Province for want of