

Every such Negro and Negroes Slave and Slaves and all and every the Issues  
 and Issues of every such Negro and Negroes Slave and Slaves Is and  
 be and shall att all tymes hereafter be adjudged Reputed deemed and taken  
 to be and Remayns in Servitude and Bondage and subject to the same  
 Servitude and Bondage to all intents and purposes as if hee see they  
 every or any of them was or were in and Subject unto beford such hee her  
 or their becoming Christian or Christians or Receiving of the Sacrament  
 of Baptizme any opinion or other matter or thing to the contrary in  
 any wise Notwithstanding —

An Act Impowering the Commissioners of the County  
 Courts to Levy and raise Tobacco towards the  
 defraying the Necessary Charges of their Counties

Forasmuch as in the Intervalls of Assemblys in this Province there have  
 been severall Necessary Charges laid out and expended in the severall and  
 Respective Counties of this Province by the severall and Respective Commissioners  
 of the said Counties and others for the good and welfare and Conservation of  
 the peace of and within the said Counties and which ought to be borne by the  
 severall and Respective Counties distinctly and have been formerly used  
 and accustomed to be Reimbursed defraid payd and satisfied by and out of  
 the County Levy levied and assessed by the Commissioners of the said Respective  
 Counties by an Equall Assessment upon the persons and Estates of the Inhabitants  
 of the said severall and Respective Counties But the said Commissioners of the  
 said County Courts not having sufficient warrant or Authority to raise such  
 Levy the freemen of this Province in their present Generall Assembly Doe  
 humbly pray that it may be enacted And Bee itt enacted by the Right Hon.<sup>ble</sup>  
 the Lord Proprietary of this Province by and with the advice and consent of  
 the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly And the authority  
 of the same that for the future itt shall and may be lawfull to and for the  
 Respective Commissioners of the severall and Respective County Courts within  
 this Province att their severall and Respective Courts to be held for the  
 said Counties upon Examination had beford them of the Publick Charges of  
 their said severall and Respective Counties and allowances by them made  
 of the same to Levy and Raise Tobacco for payment and satisfaction of  
 the said severall and Respective County Charges and the Sheriffs Sallary  
 for collecting thereof by a Levy upon the said Counties any and all Customs  
 freemen and Inhabitants of the said Counties any and all other ways  
 or usage heretofore used and to be used in any wise  
 Notwithstanding any and all Acts of the said County  
 Courts to the contrary in any wise  
 Charges