

Shall be Lyable to satisfy all such debts engagements & damages as the said person or persons so transported Carried or Conveyed away should be Lyable to satisfy to any persons to whom the same shall be Respectively due in this Province unless the same be otherwise satisfied in Convent, or that in short tyme he cause or procure such person or persons so Carried & Conveyed away to returne again into this Province whereby he may be lyable to Justice here and any person or persons whatsoever that shall from hence forth Entice and Transport Carry or privately convey away out of this Province any apprentices hired or other Servant or Slave belonging to any Inhabitant in this Province shall for every such offence forfeit & pay to the Employer or owner of such apprentices hired or other Servant or Slave treble damages & costs to be Judged by the Justices of each Respective County Court or the Justices of the Provinciaall Court for the tyme of such apprentices hired or other Servants or Slaves unlawfully Transporting or Carrying away as aforesaid

And whereas many and great grievances have happened & accrued unto many masters mistris or Dames within this Province by the wickedness and Infidelity of their Servants Purloining their masters mistris or Dames goods & then by Counterfeiting Selling & Conveying away the same unto Strangers others whereby masters & mistris of families are & have been very much damaged & abused for prevention of the like misdemeanors for the future Be itt further enacted by the Authority and by and with the advice & Consent aforesaid That no person whatsoever shall Trade barter Comere or any wayes deal with any Servant whether hired or Indented or Slave belonging or appertaining to any Inhabitant within this Province without leave or License first had & obtained from such Servants master mistris or Dame or Overseer for his so doing vnder the penalty of two thousand pounds of Tobacco the one halfe thereof to the Lord Proprietary the other halfe to the master mistris or true owner of such goods so purloined bartered & Conveyed away when proved by sufficient witnesses or Confession of the party to be recovered in any of his Lordshippes Courts of Record by action of debt bill plaint or Information wherein no Essayne wager or Protection in Law to be allowed 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 & putt in Security either to appear at the Provinciaall or County Court where upon Conviction by Confession or sufficient witnesses such offender shall be punished by whipping on the bare back with thirty Stripes

And for the Just ascertaining & Limiting of Servants tyme of servitude Be itt Enacted by the Authority by & with the advice & Consent aforesaid That whosoever shall Transport any Servant into this Province without Indenture such Servant being above the age of two & twenty yeares shall be obliged to serve the full space & Terme of five yeares if betwixen Eighteene & two & twenty without Indenture Six yeares if betwixen fiftene & Eighteene without Indenture Seven yeares