

Yeares if under fifteen & without Indenture shall serue till he or they arrive to the full age of two & twenty yeares -

And Bee itt further Enacted by the Authority & by and with the advice & Consent aforesaid That all Servants transported out of Virginia into this Province shall compleat their time of Servitude here which they ought to have serued in Virginia & no more -

And Bee itt further Enacted that every Master mistresse or dame assignee or Trustee of what kind soever owning or keeping any such Servant as aforesaid whether by vertue of transportation purchase or otherwise shall within six moneths after the receiving such Servant into their Custody within this Province except he she or they claime but five yeares service of such Servant bring the said Servant into the Respective County Court where they doe Inhabitt And every of the said Courts and hereby Authorized to Judge and determine of the ages of such Servants soe brought and cause the same to be entred uppon Record. And every owner as aforesaid neglecting or refusing to bring such Servant or Servants before the Court as aforesaid shall not only stand to the Determinacon of the Court but alsoe forfeit the sume of one thousand percents of Tobacco to the Lord Proprietary for depriving the Court of such opportunity of viewing the partyes And if any master or Servant aforesaid be grieved with the determination of the Court he shall within the time determined for their service produce an Authentick Certificate of such Servants age & shall have Remedy to the age & aforesaid -

And Bee itt further Enacted by the Authority & by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid That no Indenture made by any Servant during the time of service due by former Indenture or by determination of the Court according to the Tenor of this Act shall any wayes oblige any Servant for longer time than by his first Indenture or determination of the Court shall be limited & appointed Provided that this Act nor any thing therein Contayned shall not give or be construed to give any Benefit to any Slave whatsoever, Provided that neither this Act nor any thing therein Contayned Repeals or be construed to Repeale An Act made at a Generall Assembly the thirtenth day of Aprill Anno 1679 Entituled an Act concerning Servants that have bastards, And for Encouragement of our Neighbouring Colonys of Virginia Delaware & the Northern parts of America for the taking upp of Servants & others Runnawayes out of this Province into those parts Bee itt further Enacted by the Authority advice and Consent aforesaid That the sume of four hundred pounds of Tobacco shall from henceforth allowed & payd to any person in those Colonys of Virginia Delaware & the Northern parts of America that shall soe seize or take upp such Servants or others

Runnawayes