

Secretarys Office for the full space of three whole months, and that if in that
time no person shall underwrite the person respectively so holding up his name as
aforesaid. It shall then be lawfull for the Governour (Chancellor or Secretary of
this Province for the time being) to sign a pass to any such person to depart this
Province for which pass the party shall pay to the person signing the same the
sum of two shillings and six pence sterling.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That any Master of
Shipp or vessels or other persons whatsoever that shall Transport or convey
out of this Province by land or water any freemen being indebted by bill bond
account or otherwise unto any Inhabitant without such pass under the hand of the
Governour (Chancellor or Secretary of this Province for the time being) as aforesaid
shall be liable to satisfy all such debts engagements and damages to the person
or persons to whom such debt or Damages respectively shall be due within this
Province except the same be otherwise satisfied in some convenient time or that
in one month he cause or procure such freeman to returne againe to this
Province whereby he may be liable to Justice here, and every such person as
aforesaid as shall Transport or convey away out of this Province any servant
or servants being servants hereby Condition for wages Indenture or customs
of the Countrey shall be liable to pay and satisfy unto the Master or owner of
such servant or servants so carryed away all such damages as he or they shall
make appear to be justly due unto such Master or owner for want of such
servant or servants as the Court before whom such cause shall be tryed
shall think fitt.

AN Act for the Encouragement of the Importacion of Negroes into
this Province.

Whereas severall of the good people of this Province haue been discouraged
to import into or purchase within this Province any Negroes and other Slaves
and such as haue imported or purchased any such Negroes or Slaves haue to the
great displeasure of Almighty God, and the prejudice of the soules of those poor
people neglected to instruct them in the Christian faith or to induce or permit them
to receive the holy Sacrament of Baptism for the Remission of their sinnes
upon a mistake and ungrounded apprehension that by becoming Christians
they and the issue of their bodies are actually manumitted and made free.