

and discharged from their Servitudes and Bondages, Be it Declared & enacted by the King and Queen most Excellent Majesties by and with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the same That whereas any Negro or Negroes Slave or Slaves being in Servitude or Bondage is or shall become Christian or Christians and hath or have received or shall at any tyme receive the holy Sacrament of Baptisme before or after his her or their Importacion into this Province the same is not nor shall or ought the same to be deemed adjudged construed or taken to be or amount unto a manumission or free enlarging or discharging any such Negro or Negroes Slave or Slaves or any his her or their issue or issues from his her or their or any of their Servitudes or servitudes Bondage or Bondages But this notwithstanding becoming Christian or Christians or receiving the Sacrament of Baptisme every such Negro or Negroes Slave and Slaves and all and every the issue and issues of every such Negro & Negroes Slave and Slaves is and be and shall at all times hereafter be adjudged reputed deemed & taken to be and remaine in Servitude and Bondage and subject to the same Servitude and Bondage to all intents and purposes as if hee shee or they or every or any of them was or were in and subject to before such his her or their becoming Christian or Christians or receiving the Sacrament of Baptisme any Opinion or matter or thing to the contrary notwithstanding ~

N<sup>o</sup>. 9.  
An Act for securing the Rights of severall persons ~

Whereas many and frequent Complaints have been made by diverse good people of this Province who of late years have procured of the Lord Proprietor of this Province warrants for the laying out and taking up severall quantities of land within the same and have past their bonds to his Lordship according to his late Conditions of plantacions for the same, and by vertue of their Warrants the severall Surveyors of this Province had before the Revolution of affairs within the same Surveyed and layd out pursuant to the said warrants severall tracts and parcels of land for them or to their Assignes, and either had returned the certifiats of the same unto the Examiner or had it in ~