

any Inhabitant of this Province that is or shall be indebted or engaged
 here and not having a sufficient licence or pass according to the law
 of this Province in such case made and provided shall be liable to pay
 all such debts engagements or Damages as the said person or persons so
 transported carried or conveyed away should be liable to satisfy to
 any persons to whom the same shall be respectively due in this Province
 unless the same be otherwise satisfied in convenient time or that
 in short time to cause or procure such person or persons so carried
 and conveyed away to return again into this Province whereby he
 may be liable unto Justice here and any person or persons whatsoever
 that shall from henceforth either transport or privately carry
 away out of this Province any apprentice hired or other servant
 or slave belonging to any Inhabitant in this Province shall for every
 such offence forfeit and pay to the Employer or owner of such
 apprentice hired or other servant or slave treble Damages and
 costs to be judged by the Justice of each respective County Court
 or the Justice of the Provincial Court for the time of such appren-
 tice hired or other servant or slave unlawfully transported or
 carried away as aforesaid and whereas many great Inconveniences
 have happened and accrued unto many Master M^r or Dames within
 this Province by the wickedness and infidelity of their servants purloyn-
 ing their M^r M^rss^{es} or Dames goods and then by bartering selling
 and conveying away the same unto persons and others whereby
 M^r and mistresses of families are and have been very much damaged
 and abused for the prevention whereof and of the like misdemeanors
 for the future Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that
 no person whatsoever shall trade barter Comere or any way deal
 with any servants whether hired or Indented or slave belonging or apper-
 taining to any Inhabitants within this Province without leave or licence
 first had and obtained from such servants Master M^r or Dame or Overseer
 for his doing under the penalty of two thousand pounds of Tobacco
 the one half thereof to their Majesties for Support of Government the
 other half to the Master M^r or true owner of such goods so purchas-
 ed bartered or conveyed away when proved by sufficient witnesses