

upp of servants and other Runaways out of this Province into those parts  
 Be it further enacted by the advice consent and Authority aforesaid that the  
 Sum of four hundred pounds of Tobacco shall from henceforth be allowed  
 and paid to those Colonys of Virginia Delaware and the Northern parts  
 of America that shall so seize or take up such servants or other Runaways  
 and carry and cause them to be carryed before some Magistrate of any  
 County of this Province upon whose certificate of Delivering of such  
 Runaways the said sum of four hundred pounds of Tobacco to be paid  
 or provided to be paid by the M<sup>r</sup>. Mistress or Dame to whom such servants  
 shall of right belong or appertain, and the servant to reimburse the  
 said M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>s</sup>. Dame or owner by service or otherwise to the full satisfac-  
 tion and content of the said M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>s</sup>. Dame or owner But if the Runaway  
 so taken up and delivered to the Magistrate as aforesaid be a freeman  
 then such Runaway to be Imprisoned till such tyme as he hath made  
 satisfaction of the said sum of four hundred pounds of Tobacco or  
 shall give good security for the same or shall make satisfaction by servi-  
 tude or otherwise, Provided that any servant that Run away out of  
 Somersett County into Accomack such person that takes him up shall  
 have two hundred pounds of Tobacco and no more

And whereas some masters mistresses and Overseers void of humani-  
 ty and Christian Comission have barbarously dimembered and  
 authorized their slaves not only to the scandall of Christianity but by  
 such cruelties keep them from embracing the same Be it therefore  
 enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the advice and consent aforesaid  
 that if any master mistress or overseer with the privy consent or  
 procurement of such master or mistress as aforesaid shall after this Act  
 dimember or authorize any such slave it shall be lawfull for the Justices  
 of the County Court upon proofs thereof to manumitt and sett free such  
 slave to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and in case any M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>s</sup>. or  
 Overseer with the knowledge or consent of such M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>s</sup>. as aforesaid shall  
 deny sufficient meat drink lodging and bathing or shall unreasonably  
 burden them beyond their strength with labour or deny them nec-  
 cessary rest and repose Be it to any English servant or