

be lawfull in such cases upon due proofs thereof to the Justices of the County Courts for the first and second Offence to fine the said M^r. M^r. or Dame or Overseer as to them shall seem meet, and for the third Offence to sett them free from their said forfeitures,

And whereas Thomas Courtney of the County of Marye hath lately most barbarously dismembred and cut off both the Ears of a certain molattoed Girl called *Bonny* a servant according to a law of this Province for one and thirty years Be it therefore further Enacted that the said Molattoed Girl for the reasons and causes aforesaid hereby manumitted and sett free from her said Master as a recompence for the Injuriy so of him Received as aforesaid

N. 59.
An Act for Encouragement of such persons as will undertake to build watermills

Dayly Experience showing that the want of watermills is the true cause that hinders in tilling the ground and for sowing of wheate and barley is but coldly prosecuted though the advantage thereby in raising the stock of water cattle be great and forasmuch as for the most part the places fitt for setting up of watermills are alway in the hands of persons under age or unable to be at the charge of building a watermill or else such as are wilfully obstinate in forbidding and hindering such persons as would purchase the said places fitt for building watermills and sett them up to the increase of our trade and Navigation much to the publick Damage of the Province, Be it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of their present Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the same that if any person or persons from and after the tenth day of June next ensuing shall desire to sett up a watermill upon any land next adjoining to any Run of water within this Province not being the proper possession or freehold of such person or persons nor leased to them to the intent thereon to sett a watermill they shall purchase a writt out of their