

and others where Masters and Mistresses of Families are and have
been very much demnified and abused, for the prevention of y^e
like misdemeanors for the future. **Be** it further Enacted by y^e
Authority aforesaid, That no person whatsoever shall Trade
Barter Commerce or any wayes deal with any Servant
whether byre or Indented or Slave belonging or appertaining
to any Inhabitant in this Province without leave or Licence
first had and obtained from such servant Masters Mistresses
or Game or overseer for hi^e, doing under the penalty of two
thousand pounds of Tobacco, the one half thereof to their Majest^{ies}
for the support of Government, the other half to the Master
Mistress or true owner of such Goods so purloyned or
conveyed away when proved by sufficient witness or con-
fession of the party to be recovered in any Court of Record in
this Province, by Action of Debt Bill plaint or Information
wherein no Escoign protection or wager of Law to be allowed,
And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by
and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid That if the Goods
so Traded or Bartered for as aforesaid shall exceed the sum
of one thousand pounds of Tobacco that then the Party or
Parties whose goods shall be Embezzled or Bartered away as
aforesaid, shall have his Action at Law for his damages sus-
tained against the person or persons so dealing or Bartering for
the same any thing in this Act to the contrary hereof not with-
standing **And** forasmuch as disputes have formerly
arise