

in the Christian Faith or to induce or permit them to receive
 the ^{holy} Sacrament of Baptisme for the remission of their sins upon
 a mistake and ungrounded apprehension, hereby becoming
 Christians, they and the Issues of their bodies are absolutely manumitted
 and made free and discharged from their servitudes bondage.
 Be it declared and enacted by the King and Queen most Excellent
 Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of this present Gen.
 assembly and by the Authority of the same, That where any
 Negro or Negroes Slave or Slave being in servitude or bondage
 is or shall become Christian or Christian and hath or have received
 or shall at any time receive the Holy Sacrament of Baptisme
 before or after his her or their importation 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 En-
 larging, and 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 servitude or servitudes bondage or bondages, But
 that notwithstanding any such becoming Christian or Christian
 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 and Negroes Slave and Slaves is are
 and be and shall at all times hereafter be adjudged reputed
 deemed and taken to be and remain in servitude and bon-
 dage and subject to the same servitudes and bondage to all
 intents and purposes as if he she or they or every or any of