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Act concerning Negro slaves.

Be it enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent
Majesties by and with the advice and consent of their High
Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same, That
all Negroes and other Slaves already imported or here-
after to be Imported into this Province, shall serve their
Naturall lives and all the Children born already or here-
after to be born of any Negroes or other Slaves within
this Province shall be Slaves to all intents and purposes
as their parents were for the terme of their naturall
lives And forasmuch as diverse free born English
and white women, sometimes by the Instigation pro-
curement or Conivance of their Masters Mistres or
Dames, and alwayes to the Satisfaction of their Lecherous
lustfull desires, and to the disgrace not onely of the English
but also of many other Christian nations, do some-
times intermarry with and sometimes permit them-
selves to be gotten with child by Negroes or other Slaves
by which means diverse Inconveniencies and tri-
versies and suits may arise touching the issue of Children
of such English or white women as aforesaid, for pre-
vention of which Inconveniencies and others of the like
nature and qualitye Be it enacted by and with the
advice and consent aforesaid, That any free born Eng-

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