

to be brought before the next Magistrate
... hereby empowered
... or down to secure and dispose as he shall
... person or persons so seized and apprehended shall give satisfaction
... the premises the next Court that shall first ensue in the
... is also to secure such person or persons till he or they can make
... the party that shall so apprehend or seize such runaway or other per-
... by this Act is required, except such person shall make satisfaction as afore-
... before such Court shall happen, & that notice may be conveniently given to
... the matter, mistress, dame or overseer of runaways taken up as aforesaid, the Just-
... of the peace or the Commissioners of County shall forthwith cause a noat of
... the runaways name so seized or apprehended as aforesaid, and also cause a noat to
... be set up at the next adjacent County Courts, and at the Provincial Court and Se-
... cterarys Office, that all persons may view the same, and see where such their Ser-
... vants are and in whose custody.

And furthermore, for the better ascertaining what each servant according to the
... of the Country shall have at the expiration of their servitude, Be it Enact-
... ed by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid, that every Man Servant shall
... at such time of expiration of his servitude aforesaid, have allowed and given him
... new hat, a good cloth suit either of kersey or broad cloth, a shift of white lin-
... hen to be new, one pair of new french fall shoes and stockings, two hoes and one
... ax, and one quart of twenty shillings price not above four foot by the barrel, nor less
... than three and a half; and Woman Servants at the expiration of their servitude as
... aforesaid, shall have allowed and given her the like provision of cloaths and three
... barrels of Indian corn, and to the intent the many great mischiefs and inconveni-
... ent carrying & conveying to divers good people of this Province by transporting
... or carrying away or causing to be transported carried or convey'd
... away out of this Province any inhabitant within this Province whether Master or
... or an Apprentice hired Servant or slave
... may be prevented,

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every person or persons
... that shall transport carry or convey away or cause to be transported carried or
... convey'd away out of this Province any inhabitant of this Province that is or shall
... be a white or negro here & not having a sufficient licence or pass according to
... the Law of this Province in such case made and provided, shall be liable to pay all
... such debts engagements or damages as the said person or persons for transported,
... carried or convey'd away should be liable to satisfy to any person to whom the
... same shall be respectively due in this Province, unless the same be otherwise sa-
... tisfied in some convenient time, or that in better time he cause or procure such per-
... son or persons to be carried and convey'd away to return again into this Province,
... and he may be liable unto further here, and any person or persons what so-
... ever that shall from henceforth hence, transport or privately carry away out of this
... Province any apprentice, hired or other servant or slave belonging to any inhabi-
... tant in this Province shall for every such offence forfeit and pay to the employer or
... owner of such apprentice hired or other servant or slave treble damages and cost,
... to be recovered by the Justices of each respective County Court, or the Justices of
... the Provincial Court for the time of such apprentice, hired or other servants or
... slaves so transported or carried away as aforesaid.

And whereas many great inconveniencies happened and accreed unto many
... of the Masters of Families within this Province by the wickedness & infidelity
... of their servants their hind Mastrs or Dames Goods, & then by bar-
... tering, and conveying away the same unto Seamen and others whereby
... of Families are or have been very much damaged & abused
... for the future Be it further Enacted by the Authority afore-
... said, that no person what soever shall trade, barter, commerce or any ways deal
... with any servant whether hired or indentured, or slave belonging or appertaining to
... any person within this Province without leave or licence first had & obtained
... from his Master, mistress, dame or overseer for his so doing under the pe-
... nalty of two thousand pounds of tobacco, the one half thereof to his Majesty for
... support of government, the other half to the master, mistress or the owner of such
... goods so purloined, bartered or conveyed away, when proved by sufficient witness