

all such dammages as he or they shall make appear to be justly due to such Master or Owner for want of such servants as the Court before whom such cause shall be tried shall think fit.

And whereas several ill minded people inhabiting & residing at the head of the Bay have commonly set persons over the head of the Bay & *Susquehanna* River being either Felons Debtors or Runaway servants from the more remote parts of this Province for some small advantage they have in buying or getting such Money Goods or Apparel as such persons to absenting or flying from Justice aforesaid have with them generally Money Goods or Apparel by them feloniously purloyn'd from their Masters & other Owners by which means they may more easily travel to any other Government in expectation of Justice and to the great damage of such Creditors Masters or Owners aforesaid.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by & with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, that from & after the publication hereof no person or persons inhabiting or being at the head of the Bay or in any other part of this Province shall transport or convey or cause to be transported or conveyed over *Susquehanna* River aforesaid or any other part of the Bay above the North side of *Sassafras* River on the Eastern Shore of the Bay or over *Potomack* or *Pocomoke* Rivers into the Colony of *Virginia* not having Passes so procured as aforesaid, or a Certificate from under the hands of two Justices of the Peace of the County where such person or persons intending to travel shall inhabit and the County Seal affix'd thereto certifying the freedom of such persons, and that he she or they are clear to the best of their knowledge from any engagements impeding their travelling as aforesaid on penalty of answering all such debts or damages to Creditors Masters or other Owners of servants to be recover'd as by this Law is provided against such as shall actually set them out of this Province.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid that whatsoever person or persons shall from henceforth either transport or privately carry or send away out of this Province any Apprentice hired or other servants or Slaves belonging to any Inhabitant 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 & costs to be adjudg'd by the Justices of each respective County Court or the Justice of the Provincial Court for the time of such Apprentices hired or other servants or Slaves unlawfully being transported or carry'd away as aforesaid.

An Act relating to Servants & Slaves.

W H E R E A S there have been severall Acts provided against Servants Runaways which have heretofore proved ineffectual in regard they do not sufficiently provide encouragement for such person or persons Inhabitants of this Province as should seize such Runaways or Servants by this Act deemed Runaways therefore for the better discovery seizing & apprehending such Runaways.

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice & Consent of her Majesty's Governour Council & Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same, that from & after the publication hereof no servant or servants whatsoever within this Province whether by Indenture or according to the custom of the Country or hired for Wages shall travel by Land or Water ten miles from the House of his her or their Master Mistress or Dame without a Noat under their hands or under the hand of his or their Overseer if any be under the penalty of being taken for a Runaway and to suffer such penalties as are hereafter provided against Runaways. And

It is hereby further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that any servant or servants unlawfully absenting him her or themselves from his her or their said Master Mistress Dame or Overseer shall serve ten days for every one days absence and shall satisfy or pay to his her or their Master Mistress or Dame all such costs and charges as shall be laid out & expended by his her or their Master Mistress or Dame for their taking up by servitude to be adjudg'd when such Master Mistress or Dame shall bring their said servant before the Justices of the Provincial or County Court where the Owner Master Mistress Dame or Overseer of such servant shall live during the sitting of the Court be it before or after the expiration of such Servants first time of servitude by Indenture or otherwise.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that any person or persons whatsoever that shall wittingly or willingly entertain any such servant or servants unlawfully absenting him her or themselves as aforesaid shall be fined five hundred pounds of Tobacco for every Night or twenty four Hours that such person or persons shall give entertainment to such servant or servants unlawfully absenting him her or themselves as aforesaid, the one half to her Majesty her Heirs & Successors for the support of Government and the other half to the Informer or him or them

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Servants either
1. by Indenture
2. Custom Country
3. hired for Wages
Not to travel 10 Miles
from Masters house
without a Noat, under
pain of being taken for
Runaway & suffering
penalty.
10 Days for duty
if absent and pay
charges &c
... entertain such
servants
... penalty.
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