

of Tobacco the one half thereof to her Majesty her Heirs & Successors for the support of Government the other half to the Matter Mistress or true Owners of such Goods so purloyn'd barter'd or convey'd away when proved by sufficient witness or confession of the party to be recover'd in any Court of Record of this Province by Action of Debt Bill Plaintiff or Information wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that if the Goods so traded or barter'd for as aforesaid shall exceed the Sum of one thousand pounds of Tobacco then the party or partys whose goods shall be imbezled or barter'd away as aforesaid shall have his Action at Law for the damage sustain'd again't the person or persons so offending dealing or bartering for the same any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And in case such person or persons so offending shall not be able to satisfie the same then such person or persons shall be bound over by some one Justice of the Peace and put in security either to appear at the next Provincial or County Court where upon conviction by confession or sufficient witness the offender shall be punish'd by whipping on the bare back with thirty stripes.

And for the ascertaining & limiting Servants times of servitude, Be it Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that whosoever shall transport any Servant into this Province without Indenture such Servant being above the age of twenty two years shall be oblig'd to serve the full space & term of five years, if between eighteen & twenty two years without Indentures six years, if between fifteen & eighteen without Indentures seven years, if under fifteen without Indentures shall serve till he or they arrive at the full age of twenty two years.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that all Servants transported out of Virginia into this Province shall compleat their time of servitude here which they ought to have served in Virginia & no more.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that ev'ry Master Mistress Dame Allignee or Trustee whatsoever owning or keeping any such Servants as aforesaid whether by vertue of transportation purchase or otherwise shall within six Months after the receiving such Servants into their custody within this Province except he she or they claim but five years service of such Servants bring the said Servants into the respective County Courts where they do inhabit and ev'ry of the said Courts are hereby Authorized to Judge and Determin of the Age of such Servants so brought and cause the same to be Entred upon Record, and ev'ry owner as aforesaid neglecting or refusing to bring such servant or servants before the Court as aforesaid shall not only stand to the determination of the Court but also forfeit the Sum of one thousand pounds of Tobacco to the Queen her Heirs & Successors for the support of Government, and if any Master or Servant aforesaid be grieved with the determination of the Court he shall within the time determin'd for their service produce an authentick Certificate of such Servants age and shall have remedy to the ages aforesaid.

And forasmuch as disputes have formerly arose at what time Servants time of servitude whether by Indenture or otherwise should commence, Be it Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that all Servants transported into this Province whether by Indenture or otherwise and so bound or adjudg'd as aforesaid shall commence their time of servitude from the first Anchoring of the Vessel within this Province provided that the Vessel tarry not above fourteen days after her Entry within the Capes and her first anchorage in this Province and all the days such Ship or Ships shall tarry in Virginia above fourteen Days shall be adjudg'd part of the service of such Servant which shall be afterwards brought into Maryland & there sold any Law Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it also Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid that ev'ry Indenture made by any Servant during the time of service, by former Indenture or Judgment of the County Court according to the tenor of this Act shall be void and not any ways oblige any servant for longer time than by his first Indenture or Judgment of the Court shall be limited & appointed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that for all such Runaway Servants or Slaves that shall be apprehended & taken up in the Province of Pennsylvania or Colony of Virginia and from thence brought into this Province and deliver'd to a Magistrate of the County in which they shall be brought the person so taking shall have paid and allow'd him by the Master or Owner of such Runaway four hundred pounds of Tobacco & Cask or Forty Shillings in Money upon his producing a Certificate from the Justice or Sheriff of the deliv'ry of such Runaway,

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*[Handwritten notes and scribbles in the left margin, including phrases like 'And Be it further Enacted...', 'Servants time of servitude...', and 'runaway servants...']*