

cept Servants or Runaways brought from Accamack into Sentenel County for such only two hundred pounds of Tobacco or Twenty Shillings, and the like from that side of Virginia next the River Potomack for which said sum or sums paid such Runaway shall make satisfaction when free by service or otherwise, more than the ten days for one in the Court shall adjudge, but if such person so apprehended brought & delivered as aforesaid be a Freeman and refuse to pay such sum or sums of Tobacco or Money, then and in such case the Magistrate before whom he shall be brought shall forthwith commit the said person so refusing to Prison till he give sufficient Security, or make full satisfaction by servitude or otherwise.

*Accamack to Sentenel  
sent tobacco  
runaway to be sold*

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Master or Mistress of any Servant whatsoever or Overseer by order or consent of any such Master or Mistress shall deny and not provide sufficient Meat Drink Lodging and Cloathing, or shall unreasonably burthen them beyond their Strength with Labour, or debar them of their necessary Rest & Sleep or excessively beat & abuse them, the same being sufficiently proved before the Justices of the County Courts the said Justices have hereby full power & authority for the first & second offence to levy such Fine upon such offender as to them shall seem meet not exceeding one thousand pounds of Tobacco to the use of her Majesty her Heirs & Successors for the support of Government & for the third offence to set such Servant so wrong'd at liberty & free from servitude.

*Not provided for  
with meat drink lodging and  
Cloathing  
Overburthened with work  
Not permitted to have sleep  
or sufficient meat or cloathing  
and excessive fined by Justices  
3. set free*

And be it also Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Negro's & other Slaves already imported or hereafter to be imported into this Province and all children now born or hereafter to be born of such Negro's & Slaves shall be Slaves during their natural Lives.

*Negroes and their children  
shall be slaves*

And forasmuch as many people have neglected to Baptize their Negro's or suffer them to be Baptized on a vain apprehension that Negro's by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism are manumitted and set free.

*Not manumitted by receiving  
the Sacrament of Baptism*

be it hereby further Declared & Enacted by & with the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid, that no Negro or Negro's by receiving the Holy Sacrament of Baptism is hereby manumitted or set free nor hath any right or title to freedom or manumission more than he or they had before any Law usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Not manumitted by receiving  
the Sacrament of Baptism*

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any white Woman whether free or a servant that shall suffer herself to be begot with child by a Negro or other Slave or free Negro such woman so begot with child as aforesaid if free shall become a servant for & during the term of seven years, if a servant shall finish her time of servitude together with the damage that shall accrue to such person to whom she is a servant by occasion of any child or children begotten as aforesaid in the time of her servitude as aforesaid, and after such satisfaction made shall again become a servant for and during the term of seven years aforesaid, and if such begetter of such child as aforesaid be a free Negro he shall become a servant for & during the term of seven years as aforesaid to be adjudged by the Justices of the County Court where such fact is committed according to this Law in the clause made and provided against such servants as have Bastards, & the issues or children of such unnatural & inordinat copulations shall be servants until they arrive at the age of thirty one years, and any white Man that shall beget any Negro Woman with child whether Freewoman or Servant shall undergo the same penaltys as white Women all which times of servitude by this Act imposed upon the persons having so offended to be dispos'd of or imploy'd as the Justices of such County shall think fit the produce whereof shall be appropriated towards the Relief of the Poor.

*White woman with child by Negro  
7 yrs.*

*Free Negro  
7 yrs  
if manumitted till 31 yrs old*

*White man beget any Negro  
Woman with child, 7 yrs.*

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any Servant Woman having a bastard child and not able sufficiently to prove the party charged to be the begetter of such child, in every such case the mother of such child shall be only lyable to satisfy the damage so sustain'd by servitude or otherwise as the Court before whom such matter is brought shall see convenient, provided that where the mother of any such child as aforesaid do prove her charge by sufficient testimony of witness confession, of the party charged or pregnant circumstances agreeing with her declaration in her extremity of her pains or throws of travel & her Oath taken by some Magistrate before the time of her delivery of every such Bastard Child or after her delivery, then the party charged if a servant shall satisfy half the said damage, if a Freeman shall satisfy the whole damage by servitude or otherwise as the Court before whom such matter is brought as aforesaid shall think fit, and if any such mother as aforesaid be able to prove by such testimony or confession of the party charged that he being a single person & a Freeman did before the begetting of such child promise her Marriage, that then he shall be at his choice either to perform his promise to her or recompence her abuse according

*Woman having bastard & not able  
to prove the father, make good  
the whole damage.*

*proof by  
1. Confession  
2. Confession of party  
3. pregnant circumstances  
4. her oath before or after her  
delivery  
if party charged is not half, if free  
man whole charge*