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XIV.

Testimony of
other Slaves
in what Man-
ner to be re-
ceived.

of this Act, Try every such Offender or Offenders according to Law; and upon the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders, upon his, her, or their voluntary Confession, or the Verdict of a Jury, upon the Testimony of one or more legal or credible Witness or Witnesses, or even the Testimony, or the Evidence of other Slaves, corroborated with such pregnant Circumstances as shall convince and satisfy the Jury who shall try the Fact, of the Guilt of such Slave or Slaves, to give Judgment according to the Nature and Quality of the Offence.

Giving false
Testimony in
such Cases,
how punish-
able.

V. And be it further Enacted, That any Slave or Slaves, who shall give any false Testimony against any Slave or Slaves who shall be Prosecuted as aforesaid, and shall be thereof legally convict, shall have one Ear cut off on the Day of his or her Conviction; and receive Thirty-nine Stripes on the bare Back; and that the other Ear shall be cropped the next Day, and the like Number of Stripes given the Offender on his or her bare Back.

Shall be ad-
monished by
the Court,
when produ-
ced as Wit-
nesses.

VI. And to the End, that such Slave or Slaves as shall be produced as a Witness or Witnesses against other Slave or Slaves, may be deterred from giving false Testimony; Be it Enacted, That the Justices of Assize, or either of them then sitting, or the Justice of the County Court who shall preside, shall admonish and charge such Witness or Witnesses to declare the Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth; and acquaint him, her, or them, with the Danger and Consequence of giving false Testimony.

On Condem-
nation shall
be valued by
the Court,
and the whole
paid to the
Owner.

VII. And be it further Enacted, That when any Slave shall be condemned to suffer Death, that such Slave shall be valued by the Justices of Assize, or either of them then present, or County Court, according to the best of their Knowledge; which said whole Value shall be paid by the Treasurer of the respective Shore on which such Execution shall be, on the Certificate of such Sheriff, out of the Public Stock of this Province in the Hands of such Treasurer, without Fee or Reward, to the Master or Owner of such Slave, in case the said Slave be actually Executed.

How punish-
able by the
County Court
for Night-
Rambling,
&c.

VIII. And be it further Enacted, That where any Slave shall be guilty of rambling, riding, or going abroad in the Night, or riding Horses in the Day-time without Leave, or Running away, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the County Court, and they are hereby obliged, upon the Application or Complaint of the Master or Owner of such Slave, or to his, her, or their Order, or on the Application or Complaint of any other Person who shall be any Ways damnified or injured by such Slave, immediately such Slave to punish by Whipping, Cropping, or Branding in the Cheek with the Letter R, or otherwise, not extending to Life or to render such Slave unfit for Labour.

Persons Kil-
ling any Slave
refusing to
surrender,
&c. shall be
indemnified.

Slaves so Kil-
led, in what
Manner to be
valued.

The whole
Value to be
paid by the
Public to the
Owner.

IX. And be it likewise Enacted, That if any Slave shall happen to be Slain for refusing to surrender him or herself, contrary to Law, or in unlawful resisting any Officer, or other Person, who shall apprehend or endeavour to apprehend such Slave or Slaves, and such Officer, or other Person, so Killing such Slave as aforesaid making Resistance, shall be, and he is by this Act, indemnified from any Prosecution for such Killing aforesaid: And that in every such case, such Slave or Slaves shall be valued by Two reputable Persons, not being of Kin to the Master or Owner of such Slave, upon Oath to be administered unto them, and to be appointed by the then nearest Magistrate, "Well and truly to Value what such Slave was Worth, to the best of their Knowledge, without Favour or Partiality;" and that the whole Value of such Slave or Slaves, shall be certified by such Persons to such Magistrate; and that the same shall be paid to the Owner or Owners of such Slave or Slaves, or to his, her, or their Order, by the Treasurer of the respective Shore of this Province on which the same Death happened, upon a Certificate