

On Pain of being deemed a run-away.

try, or hired for Wages, shall Travel by Land or by Water Ten Miles from the House of his, her or their Master, Mistress or Dame, without a Note under their Hands, or under the Hand of his or their Overseer, if any be, under the Penalty of being taken for a Run-away and to suffer such Penalties as are hereafter provided against Run-aways.

Run-aways to Serve 10 days for one or less at discretion. and for Costs.

And it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Servant or Servants unlawfully absenting him, or themselves from his, her or their said Master, Mistress, Dame or Overseer, shall make such Satisfaction by Servitude, or otherwise, at the Discretion of the Justices of the County Court, where such Run-away Servant did dwell, not exceeding Ten Day's Service for any One Day's Absence, with such Reasonable Cost for his, her or their taking up as the Court shall think fit, be it before or after the Expiration of such Servant's first Time of Servitude by Indenture or otherwise,

Persons that entertain Servants or Slaves to be fined 500 l. of Tobacco for every 24 Hours.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Person or Persons whatsoever, that shall wittingly or willingly Entertain any such Servant or Slave 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 such Entertainment as aforesaid, the one half to his Majesty His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, and the other half to the Informer or him or them that shall sue for the same, to be Recovered in any County-Court of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Negro or Mullatto Entertaining as aforesaid fined 1000 l. Tobacco.

And be it futher Enacted, That if any Free-Negro or Mulatto shall harbour or entertain any such Servant or Slave, as aforesaid, in every such case he or they so offending shall forfeit and pay, as aforesaid, for every such Offence the Sum of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, the one half to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, for the use of the Free-Schools, the other half to the Party grieved, to be recovered as aforesaid. And if any such Offending Negro or Mulatto hath not an Estate Sufficient wherewith Immediately to Satisfy and pay such Penalty, as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices, before whom such matter is tryed, to order Satisfaction by Servitude, or otherwise, as they shall seem meet.

or make satisfaction by Servitude.

Persons Travelling without Passes deemed runaways

And for the better discovery of Run-aways Be it hereby further Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid. That any Person or Persons whatsoever within this Province, travelling out of the County where he, she or they shall reside or live, without a Pass under the Seal of the said County for which they are to pay Ten Pounds of Tobacco, or One Shilling in Money, such Person or Persons, if apprehended, not being sufficiently known, or able to give a good Account of themselves, shall be left to the discretion and Judgment of such Magistrate or Magistrates before whom such Person or Persons, as aforesaid, shall be brought, to judge thereof; and if before such Magistrate, such Person or Persons, so taken up, shall be deemed and taken as a Run-away or Run-aways, he, she or they shall suffer such Fines and Penalties as are hereby Provided against Run-aways.

Encouragement to seize run-aways. &c.

And for better Encouragment of all Persons to seize and take up such Run-away's, It is hereby further Enacted by the Authority, advice and Consent aforesaid, That all and every such Person or Persons, as aforesaid, seizing or taking up such Run-aways, travelling without Passes, as aforesaid, not being able to give a sufficient account of themselves, as aforesaid, shall have and