

Against dealing  
with Servant.

The Fine

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Person whatsoever shall trade, Barter, Commerce, or any ways deal with any Servant, whether hired or Indented, or Slave belonging or appertaining to any Inhabitant within this Province, without leave or Licence first had and obtained from such Servant's Master, Mistress, Dame or Over-seer, for his so doing, under the Penalty of *Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco*, the one half thereof to his Majesty; his heirs and Successors, for the support of Government, the other half to the Master, Mistress or true Owner of such Goods so Purloyned, Bartered or Conveyed away, when proved by sufficient Witness, or Confession of the party to be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Esloyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And Action to the  
Party grieved.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if the Goods so traded or bartered for, as aforesaid, shall exceed the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco*, then the Party or Parties whose Goods shall be embezelled or bartered away, as aforesaid, shall have his Action at Law for the Damage sustained against the Person or Persons so offending, dealing or bartering for the same, any Thing in this Act to the Contrary notwithstanding.

For want of Pence  
to pay fine, must  
be whipt.

And in Case such Person or Persons, so Offending, shall not be able to Satisfy 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 punished by Whipping on the bare Back *with Thirty Stripes*.

Term of servitude  
ascertained.

And for the ascertaining and limiting Servant's Time of Servitude, Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That whosoever shall transport any Servant in to this Province, without Indenture, such Servant being above the Age of *Twenty Two Years*, shall be obliged to serve the Full Time of *Five Years*; if between *Eighteen* and *Twenty two Years*, without Indentures, *Six Years*; if between *Fifteen* and *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*.

Virginia Terms  
observed in their  
Servant.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and 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*, and no more.

Servants to be  
abjudged and how

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That ever Master, Mistress, Dame Ailignee or Trustee whatsoever, owning or keeping any such Servants, as aforesaid, whether by Virtue 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 Year's Service* of such Servants) bring the said Servants into the respective County - Courts, where they do inhabit, and every of the said Courts are hereby Authorized to judge and determine of the Age of such Servants, so brought and cause the same to be entered upon Record; and every owner neglecting, as aforesaid, 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 *One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco* to the King, his Heirs and 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 Determined for their Service, produce an Authentick Certificate of