

of such Servant's Age and shall have Remedy to the Ages aforementioned.

And forasmuch as Disputes have formerly arose at what Time Servants Time of Servitude, whether by Indentures or otherwise, should commence, *Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That all Servants Transported into this Province, whether by Indenture, or otherwise, and so Bound, or adjudged as aforesaid, shall commence their Times of Servitude from the first Anchoring of the Vessel within this Province.

Small Servitude to commence from first anchorage.

*Provided,* That the said Vessel tarry not above Fourteen Days after her Entry within the Capes, and her first Anchorage within this Province; and all the Days such Ship or Ships shall tarry in Virginia above fourteen Days, shall be adjudged part of the Service of such Servant which shall be afterwards brought into Maryland, and there Sold, any Law, Usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.

*And be it also Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That every Indenture made by any Servant, during the Time of his Service, by former Indenture or Judgment of the County-Court, according to the Tenour 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 and appointed.

Small Indentures made by servants in their Terms Void.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That for all such Run-aways, Servants or Slaves, that shall be apprehended and taken up in the Province of Pennsylvania, or Colony of Virginia, and from thence brought into this Province, and delivered unto a Magistrate of the County into which they shall be brought, the person for so doing shall have paid and allowed him by the Master or owner of such Run-away, *Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and Cask, or Forty Shillings* in Money, upon his producing a Certificate, from the Justice or Sheriff of the Delivery of such Run-away, except Servants or Run-aways brought from Accomack into Sommerset County, for such only *Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or Twenty Shillings,* and the like from that side of Virginia next the River Patowmock; for which said Sum or Sums paid, such Run-away shall make Satisfaction when free, by Service or otherwise, besides what shall be adjudged as a Recompence for the Absence of such Run-away Servant, as aforesaid, as the Court shall adjudge.

Small Servants taken up in Virginia or Pennsylvania how to be paid for

But if such Person, so apprehended, brought and delivered, as aforesaid, be a Free-man, and refuse to pay such Sum or Sums of Tobacco or Money, then and in such Case, the Magistrate before whom he or she shall be brought, shall forthwith commit the said Person so refusing, to Prison till he or she give Sufficient Security, or make full Satisfaction by Servitude, or otherwise.

Small (If a Free-man how to be dealt with

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any Master or Mistress of any Servant whatsoever, or Over-seer, 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 and Sleep, or excessively beat and abuse them, shall give them above ten Lashes for any one Offence, the same being sufficiently proved before the Justices of the County-Court, the said Justices have hereby full Power and Authority for the first and 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 his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government;

Small Masters that provide not sufficiently for their Servants.

Small Or over-burthen them with labour.

Small Or beating with above 10 Stripes To be fined.