

For the 3d Offence  
Servant to be freed

and for the Third Offence, to set such Servant, so Wronged, at Liberty and free from Servitude.

But may be further  
Corrected by  
Magistrates.

But in Case the Master or Owner of any such Servant shall think that he or they deserves greater Correction, then the said Master or owner of such Servant or Servants, shall or may carry them before any Justice of the Peace, who hearing the Complaint, shall Order such Correction as he shall think fit, not exceeding Thirty nine Lashes for any one Offence.

Who shall be  
Slaves for Life.

And be it also Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Negroes and other Slaves already Imported, or hereafter to be Imported into this Province, and all Children now born or hereafter to be born of such Negroes and Slaves, shall be Slaves during their Natural Lives.

Baptism no Manu-  
mission.

And forasmuch as many People have neglected to Baptize their Negroes, or suffer them to be Baptized, on a vain apprehension, That Negroes by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism are manumitted and set Free,

Be it hereby further Declared and Enacted by and with the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Negroe or Negroes 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.

Negroes or Mulat-  
toes not to Marry  
Whites.

And be it further Enacted, That all Ministers, Pastors and Magistrates, or other Person whatsoever, who, according to the Laws of this Province, do usually joyn People in Marriage, shall not upon any Pretence joyn in Marriage any Negroe whatsoever, or Mulatto Slave with any White Person, on the Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco the one half to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the Use of Free-Schools, the other half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, be accovered 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.

Penalty on the  
Person joyning in  
Marriage.

White Women  
got with Child by  
Negroes how to  
be punished,

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any White Woman whether Free or Servant, that shall suffer herself to be got with Child by a Negroe or other Slave, or Free-Negro, such Woman so begot with Child, as aforesaid, if Free, shall become a Servant for and 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 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, as aforesaid.

Free-Negro be-  
getting such Child  
to serve 7 Years.

And if such Begetter of such Child, as aforesaid, be a Free-Negro, he shall become a Servant for and 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; and the Issues or Children of such unnatural and Inordinate Copulation, shall be Servants till they arrive at the Age of Thirty one Years.

their Issue till 31  
Years of Age.

White Men getting  
Mullatto Children  
to be punished as  
White Women  
bearing them.

And any White Man that shall beget any Negroe Woman with Child whether Free Woman or Servant, shall undergo the same Penalties as White Women; all which Times of Servitude by this Act Imposed upon the Persons having so offended, to be disposed of or employed as the Justices of such County shall think fit, the Produce whereof shall be appropriated towards defraying the County Charge.

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