

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Servant Woman having a Bastard Child, and not able sufficiently to prove the Party charged to be the Begetter of such Child, in every such Case the Mother of such Child, shall be lyable to satisfy the Damage so sustained, by Servitude, or otherwise, as the Court before whom such Matter is brought shall see convenient.

Bastard bearing Servants not proving their charge to satisfy damage.

Provided, That where the Mother of any such Child, as aforesaid, does prove the Charge by sufficient Testimony of Witness, Confession of the Party Charged, or Pregnant Circumstances agreeing with her Declaration in her Extremity or her Pains or Throws of Travail, and her Oath taken by some Magistrate before the Time of her Delivery of every such Bastard Child, or after her Delivery, then the party charged, if a Servant, shall satisfy half the said Damage; if a Freeman, shall satisfy the whole Damage, by Servitude, or otherwise, as the Court before whom such matter is brought, as aforesaid, shall think fit; but if the said Freeman cannot be brought to Justice, then and in every such Case, she shall make the same Satisfaction as if she could not prove the Begetter, as aforesaid. And if any such Mother, as aforesaid, be able to prove by such Testimony, or Confession of the Party Charged, that he being a single Person, and a Freeman, did before the begetting of such Child, promise her Marriage, that then he shall be at his Choice, either to perform his Promise, to her or Recompence her Abuse, according as the Court before whom such Matter is brought, shall adjudge.

Their Charge how to be proved,

The Consequence if against a Servant

If a Freeman.

If Contract of Marriage proved.

The Consequence

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That after the End of this Sessions of Assembly, it shall and may be Lawful for the Provincial and County Courts of this Province to hear and determine any Complaints between Masters and Servants, by way of Petition, to give Judgment and award Execution upon the same. And that upon Appeal or Writ of Error brought upon the same, from any County Court of this Province, to the Provincial Court, or from the Provincial Court to the Governour and Council, no such Judgment shall be reversed for want of Judicial Procefs, or that the same was not tryed by a Jury, or any Matter of Form either in the Entry or giving Judgment, provided that it appears by the Record, that the Defendant was legally Summoned, and not condemned unheard.

Courts may determine complaints twixt Master and Servant by Petition

without Appeal or Error.

Save of Defendant not summoned

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Matter of Dispute arises concerning Servants Imported into this Province, or any Servant that binds himself for Years within this Province, or any Bound out by the County Courts of this Province, in relation to their Indentures, Contract or Wages, or any other Matter of Difference between the said Master and Servant, the same shall be tryed, heard and determined by Petition, as aforesaid, any Law, Statute or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

All other Matters to be so determined.

And be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Negro or other Slave within this Province, shall be permitted to carry any Gun, or any other offensive Weapon from of their Masters Land, without License from their said Master; and if any Negro or other Slave shall presume so to do, he shall be lyable to be carried before a Justice of Peace, and be Whipt, and his Gun or other Offensive Weapon shall be forfeited to him that shall seize the same, and carry such Negro so Offending, before a Justice of Peace.

Slaves not to carry Guns, &c.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the End of this Sessions of Assembly, any Servant or Servants whatsoever, within this Province, that shall feloniously take or purloin his or their Master, Mistress or

Servants stealing their Masters Goods.