

To pay four fold
and be Whipt, &c.

Dames Goods or Chattles, under the Value of *One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco* shall be adjudged Felony, and being thereof lawfully convict in any County Court of this Province, shall be adjudged to pay *Four times the Value* of such Goods so purloined, to his or their Master, Mistress or Dame, which he, she or they shall make good by Servitude, after the Expiration of their first Time of Service, and shall also suffer such Pains of *Whipping* or *Pilloring*, as the Justices, before whom such matter is brought, shall adjudge.

How suspected
Run-aways to be
dealt withal.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That when any Person or Persons (except Negroes and Mullattoes) shall be found travelling without Passes, as aforesaid, and shall be taken up as Suspected Run-aways, and by any Justice of Peace Committed to the Custody of any Sheriff or Goaler within this Province, it shall not be lawful for any such Sheriff or Goaler to hold such Person in Custody longer than Six Months; and if such Person can, at any Time, within the said Six Months procure a Certificate, or other Justification, that he or she is no Servant, he or she shall and may, by Order of any Two Justices of the County where such Person is committed to Prison, be discharged from any further Imprisonment, he, she or they serving such Sheriff or Goaler, or his Assigns so many Days as he she or they were in Custody of such Sheriff or Goaler, or otherwise paying *Ten Pounds of Tobacco per Day*, to such Sheriff or Goaler for their Imprisonment Fees, and no more; and paying unto such Person or Persons who took up such Person *Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco*, or serving him, her or them Twenty Days in lieu thereof. And if any such Sheriff or Goaler shall detain such Person in Prison after such Order of two Justices as aforesaid, or the Expiration of Six Months, and Payment of *Ten Pounds of Tobacco per Day*, as aforesaid, such Sheriff or Goaler shall be liable to an Action of *False Imprisonment*, any Law, Statute or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act to confirm and make valid in Law all manner of Process and Proceedings in the several Courts of this Province, from the Demise of her late Majesty, Queen *ANNE*, of Pious Memory, to the End of this present Sessions of Assembly.

WHereas by the Great Distance between this Province and the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, it was not possible to have Notice of the Demise of our late Sovereign Lady Queen *ANNE*, of Pious Memory, which happened on the first of *August* last, until several Months were Elapsed, during which Space of Time, many and Various Proceedings were had and made in the several Courts of Justice in this Province, and Judgments, Decrees and Sentences awarded on sundry Writs, Pleas, Indictments, Informations, Bills, Suits and Actions in her said Majesty's Name and by her Authority, which, by Reason of His present Majesty, our now Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*'s Accession to the Crown (which could not be notified) are subject and liable to be reversed by Writs of *Error*, or otherwise; wherefore this General Assembly do humbly Pray that it may be Enacted,

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