

away, all such Damages as he or they shall make appear to be justly due to such Master or owner, for want of such Servants, as the Court before whom such Cause shall be tryed, shall think fit.

And whereas several ill minded People inhabiting and residing at the Head of the Bay, have commonly set Persons over the *Head of the Bay* and *Susquabanna River*, being either Felons, Debtors or Run-away Servants from the more remote parts of this Province, for some small advantage they have in buying or getting such Money, Goods or Apparel as such Persons, so absenting, or flying from Justice aforesaid, have with them generally Money, Goods or Apparel by them, feloniously purloyned from their Masters, and other Owners, by which means they may more easily travel to any other Government, in Prevention and Delay of Justice, and to the great Damage of such Creditors, Masters or Owners aforesaid.

Debtors, Felons, or Servants not to be set over the head of the Bay or Potomack or Pocomoke Rivers.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority, aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the Publication hereof, no Person or Persons Inhabiting or being at the head of the Bay, or in any other part of this Province, shall Transport or Convey, or cause to be Transported or Conveyed over *Susquabanna River* aforesaid; or any part of the Bay, above the North-side of *Sassa-fras-River* on the Eastern-shore of the Bay, or over *Potomack* or *Pocomoke Rivers*, into the Colony of *Virginia*, not having Passes, so procured as aforesaid, or a Certificate from under the Hands of two Justices of the Peace of the County where such Person or Persons intending to travel, shall inhabit, and the County Seal affixed, Certifying the freedom of such Persons, and that he, she or they are Clear, to the best of their knowledge, from any Engagements Impeding their travelling, as aforesaid, on penalty of answering all such Debts or Damages to Creditors, Masters, or other Owners of Servants, to be Recovered as by this Law is provided against such as shall actually set them out of this Province.

The Penalty,

None to Entice or Carry away Apprentices, &c.

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That whatsoever Person or Persons shall from henceforth, Entice, Transport or secretly Carry or send away, out of this Province, any Apprentice or other Servants or Slaves belonging to any Inhabitants in this Province, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the Employer or Owner of such Apprentice, or other Servant or Slave, Treble Damages and Costs, to be adjudged by the Justices of each respective County-Court, or the Justices of the Provincial Court, for the time of such Apprentices, or other Servants or Slaves unlawfully being transported or carryed away, as aforesaid.

An Act for securing Person's Rights to Town-Lands.

Act made in 1683.

And in 1684.

Whereas it is represented to this General Assembly, that several Persons of this Province, and others that have taken up Lots in several Town-Lands, laid out and surveyed for Towns, according to the directions of several Laws of this Province heretofore made (that is to say) one Law made at a General Assembly held at the *Ridge* in *Anne-Arundel County*, the second Day of *October*, One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Three, entituled, *An Act for Advancement of Trade*, and one other Act made at a General Assembly held at the *City of St. Mary's* the first Day of *April*, One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Four, entituled, *An Additional*