

of those Slaves, then it shall and may be lawful for the said several and respective County-Courts to put the said Slaves out upon other Terms to any other Person, so that the said Original Stock of Slaves be not sold, nor any of their Increase, but in the best manner Preserved for the Orphans, till they come to their several Ages, by this Act limited and appointed, to the Intent they may have their first stock made good to them, in Number, Value and Ability of Body, if it may be.

County Courts may put out Slaves to other Persons, preserving the first stock.

*Eighthly*, That all Servants for years be likewise returned in kind to the Orphans at their full Age (that is to say) the same Number of the same Age and Sex, and by like Number of years to serve, and of the same ability of Body, as near as can be estimated, as the Servants were when received by the Guardian or Trustee.

Servants for years to be returned in kind.

*And* to the End that after an Account or Distribution made, as aforesaid, the Ballance of such Account, or the Distribution of such Ballance may not be neglected to be Transmitted to the several and respective Justices of the County-Courts, as before is directed.

*Be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid*, That if such Judge for Probate of Wills Commissary or Commissaries General shall not, within three Months after such Account made up, exhibited and past in his Office, or after Distribution made by him, as aforesaid, Transmit the Ballance or Account thereof, as before by this Act is directed, to the several and respective Justices of the County-Courts where the Estate shall be and remain, he or they shall forfeit and pay to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, the Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds of Tobacco*, of which one moiety for the support of Government of this Province, the other moiety to him or them that shall sue for the same, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Esloyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Balances to be Transmitted within three Months after account past

or distribution made.

The Penalty.

*Ninthly*, Whereas every Administrator in an Inventory inserts what Debts are sperate, and what Debts are desperate, the Judge for Probate of Wills, shall transmit those desperate Debts of the Estate unto the several and respective Justices of the County-Courts where the Estate shall lie, to the end the said Justices may enquire whether the Administrator hath by fraud, or otherwise, neglected to recover the same, or hath received and never accounted for the same, and shall with the residue of the said Estate, commit the said desperate Debts to the care of the said Guardian, or other Trustees by them Employed, and shall yearly, and every Year, call the said Guardians to account for the same, and duly Inspect what of the said Debts they have recovered or might have received; and if the said Guardian or Trustee fail to give in his Account yearly, or by fraud or Covin, neglect or forbear to recover the same, the said Guardian or Trustee shall stand and be accountable for every such Debts by him received, and not accounted for, or neglected or forborn to be recovered, under the Penalty of *Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco* each Justice present in Court, One half to his Majesty, the other half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, to be Recovered as aforesaid.

Inventory of Debts sperate and desperate, supposed,

And those Desperate to be transmitted to County Courts, and enquired of. And committed to the Guardians Care, who are to be called to Account yearly.

And the Guardian neglecting, shall stand accountable.

And the Justices be fined.

*Tenthly*, That the Justices of the County-Courts take able and sufficient security for Orphans Estates, and Enquire yearly of the Security; and if there be Just cause that they require new and better security, and upon refusal to give new and better security, that they remove the Orphans Estates out of their Hands. And further, that the Justice of the County Courts shall yearly in *June* Court, enquire by a Jury of good and lawful

Justices to take Security, and inspect it yearly. And take better or remove the Estates on failure. The Duty of June Court Jury.