

But not as to Life or Member,

or Indian Native of this or the Neighbouring Provinces, may be heard and received as Evidence according to the discretion of the several Courts of Record or Magistrate before whom such matter or thing against such Negro, Mullatto Slave, &c. shall depend, provided such Evidence or Testimony do not extend to the depriving them, or any of them, of Life or Member.

Slaves Guilty of Capital Crimes.

And whereas it too often happens that Negro Slaves, &c. commit many Heinous and Capital Crimes, which are endeavoured to be smothered, and concealed, or else such Negroes, &c. are conveyed to some other Province, and Sold by their Owners, who for the sake of the Interest they have in their Lives and Services, suffer them to escape Justice,

Convict and Executed to be valued,

And partly paid for per the Publick

*Be it therefore Enacted, by and with the Authority, advice and Consent aforesaid,* That if any Negro or Mullatto Slave, or Mullattos born of a white Woman, during the time of his Service by Law or Indian Slave, shall hereafter be convicted of any Capital Crime, for which they shall suffer Death, the Court before whom they shall be convicted shall immediately, upon such Conviction, value such Negro or Mullatto Slave, or Mullatto born of a white Woman, before the expiration of their Service appointed by Law, in Tobacco, and three fourths of their Value to be allowed in the Publick Levy, to be paid to the Owner or Owners, or such Negro or Mullatto Slave, or Mullatto born of a white Woman.

Negroes and Whites not to Inter-Marry.

And whereas in the Law relating to Servants and Slaves, there is not Punishment or penalties laid upon Negroes or Mullattos inter-marrying with any white Person,

*Be it therefore Enacted by and with the Authority, advice and Consent aforesaid,* That if any Free Negro or Mullatto Inter-marry with any white Woman, or if any white Man shall inter-marry with any Negro or Mullatto Woman, such Negro or Mullatto shall become a Slave during Life excepting Mullattos born of white Women, who for such inter-marriage shall only become Servants for Seven Years, to be disposed of as the Justices of the County-Court where such Marriage so happens shall think fit, to be applied by them towards the support of a Publick-School within the said County. And any white Man or white Woman who shall inter-marry as aforesaid, with any Negro or Mullatto, such white Man or white Woman shall become Servants during the term of Seven Years, and shall be disposed of by the Justices as aforesaid, and be applied to the Uses aforesaid.

*And further,* whereas many Negroes, Indians and Mullatto Slaves are often found guilty of pilfering and Stealing, and other Misdemeanors, for which they either escape without punishment, or else the Owners of Such Indian, Negroes or Mullattos are put to considerable Charge by bringing them to Tryal, and receiving their punishment for such Crime before the County Court.

Sneedy Punishment of Slaves for Stealing &c. by a single Justice.

*Be it Enacted, by and with the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That whensoever any Negro, Indian or Mullatto Slave shall hereafter be charged with any Pilfering or Stealing, or any other Crime or Misdemeanor, whereof the County-Court might have Cognizance; It shall and may be lawful for any one of the Justices of the Provincial or County-Courts, upon Complaint made before him, to cause such Negro, Indian or Mullatto Slave so offending, to be brought immediately before him, or any other Justice of Peace for the County where such Offence is committed, who upon due proof made against any such Negro or Mullatto Slave, of any the Crimes, as aforesaid, such Justice is hereby autho-