

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; 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 *Susquehanna* River aforesaid, or any Part of the Province above the North-Side of *Sassafras* 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 thereto, 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 and Damages to Creditors, Masters, or other Owners of Servants, to be recovered, as by this Law is provided, against such as shall actually set themselves out of this Province.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That whatsoever Person or Persons shall, from henceforth, intice, transport, or secretly carry or send away, out of this Province, any Apprentice, or other Servant 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 carried away, as aforesaid.

*Pass'd June 3d, 1715.*



*No 68. An Act, relating to the Standard of English Weights and Measures.*

WHEREAS the Standards of *English* Weights and Measures are very much impaired in several of the Counties of this Province, and in some wholly lost and unfit for Use; Be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of the several County-Courts shall, by all convenient Speed, at the Charge of their respective Counties, cause the Standards they already have, to be made compleat, and purchase new Standards where they have none; and for the better Preservation of them for the future, that they take good and sufficient Security, in His Majesty's Name, for the Use of the County where taken, from the Person that shall be intrusted by them to keep such Standard, in the penal Sum of Fifty Pounds *Sterling*, for the safe Keeping such Standard, and for the due Execution of the Office of Standard-Keeper, and for the delivering the same up in the like good Order they receive the same, when they shall be legally discharged from such Trust, under the Penalty of Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco for each Justice of that County-Court that shall omit to do what is required of them by this Act; the One half to His Majesty, His Heirs and