

*An Act against Imbezement of Wills or Records within this Province.* R<sup>o</sup> 76.

FORASMUCH as there is not any sufficient Remedy provided against such as shall imbezel, alter, or rase any Records of Deeds, or Conveying of Land, within this Province, or any Will, or Records of Wills, or other Deeds or Instruments, that shall any ways touch or concern the Estate of Inheritance, or Freehold, of any Person whatsoever; and for that it is found Necessary to make some Provision against such evil Practices; Be it therefore 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 in case any Person whatsoever, shall at any time hereafter be legally convicted, by Confession, or otherwise, of wilfully or corruptly imbezelling, impairing, rasing, or altering any Will or Record within this Province, whereby the Estate of Inheritance, or Freehold, of any Person whatsoever shall be defeated, injured, or any ways altered, such Person so convict, shall forfeit all his Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements; the one Half to our Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, the other Half to the Party grieved; and shall also be set in the Pillory for the Space of Two Hours, and have both Ears nailed there-to, and cut from off his Head.

*Pass'd June 3d, 1715.*



*An Act relating to Servants and Slaves.*

R<sup>o</sup> 77.

WHEREAS there have been several Acts provided against Servants, Runaways, which have hitherto proved ineffectual, in Regard they do not sufficiently provide Encouragement for such Person or Persons, Inhabitants of this Province, as should seize such Runaways, or Servants, by this Act deemed Runaways; therefore, for the better Discovery, Seizing, and Apprehending such Runaways, 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 from and after the Publication hereof, no Servant or Servants whatsoever, within this Province, whether by Indenture, or according to the Custom of the Country, or hired for Wages, shall travel by Land or Water Ten Miles from the House of his, her, or their Master, Mistress, or Dame, without a Note under their Hands, or under the Hand of his, her, or their Overseer, if any be, under the Penalty of being taken up for a Runaway, and suffer such Penalties as are hereafter provided against Runaways.

AND it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That any Servant or Servants, unlawfully absenting him, her, or themselves, from his, her, or their Master, Mistress, Dame, or Overseer, shall make such Satisfaction by Servitude, or otherwise, at the Discretion of the Justices of the County-Court where such runaway Servant did dwell; not exceeding Ten Days Service for One Day's Absence; with such reasonable Costs