

for his, her, or their taking up, as the Court shall think fit, be it before or after the Expiration of such Servant's first Time of Servitude, by Indenture, or otherwise.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That any Person or Persons whatsoever, that shall wittingly or willingly entertain any such Servant, or Slave, unlawfully absenting him, her, or themselves, as aforesaid, shall be fined Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every Night, or Twenty four Hours, that such Person or Persons shall give such Entertainment, as aforesaid; the one Half to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered in any County-Court within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

AND be it further Enacted, That if any Free Negro, or Mulatto, shall harbour or entertain any such Servant, or Slave, as aforesaid; in every such Case, he or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay, as aforesaid, for every such Offence, the Sum of One thousand Pounds of Tobacco; the one Half to our Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors, for the Use of the Free-Schools, the other Part to the Party grieved, to be recovered, as aforesaid: And if any such Offender, Negro or Mulatto, hath not an Estate sufficient, wherewith immediately to satisfy and pay such Penalty, as aforesaid; it shall and may be lawful for the Justices before whom such Matter is tried, to order Satisfaction, by Servitude, or otherwise, as they shall seem meet.

AND for the better Discovery of Runaways; It is hereby further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That any Person or Persons whatsoever, within this Province, travelling out of the County where he, she, or they shall reside or live, without a Pass, under the Seal of the said County, for which they are to pay Ten Pounds of Tobacco, or One Shilling in Money; such Person or Persons apprehended, not being sufficiently known, or able to give a good Account of themselves, shall be left to the Discretion and Judgment of such Magistrate or Magistrates, before whom such Person or Persons, as aforesaid, shall be brought, to Judge thereof; and if before such Magistrate, such Person or Persons so taken up, shall be deemed and taken as a Runaway or Runaways, he, she, or they, shall suffer such Fines and Penalties, as are hereby provided against Runaways.

AND for the better Encouragement of all Persons to seize and take up such Runaways; It is hereby further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That all and every such Person or Persons, as aforesaid, seizing or taking up such Runaways, travelling without Passes, as aforesaid, not being able to give a sufficient Account of themselves, as aforesaid, shall have and receive Two hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to be paid by the Owner of such runaway Servant, Negro, or Slave, so apprehended and taken up; and if such suspected Runaway or Runaways be not Servants, and refuse to pay the same, he, she, or they, shall make Satisfaction, by Servitude, or otherwise, as the Justices of the Provincial and County-Courts, where such Persons shall be so apprehended and taken up, shall think fit. And for the better Discovery of, and Encouragement of our Neighbour *Indians*, to seize, apprehend, or take up any runaway Servants, or Slaves, and bring them before a Magistrate, they shall, for a Reward, have a Match-coat paid him or them, or the Value thereof; which said Reward shall be paid and satisfied by the County where such Person shall be so apprehended; and such Runaway, if not a Slave, to reimburse the said County, by Servitude, or otherwise, as the Justices of the Provincial or County-Courts shall think fit.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That at what Time soever any of the said Persons, Runaways, shall be seized by any Person or Persons within this Province, such Person or Persons,

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