

Provincial or County-Court, where, upon Conviction, by Confession, or sufficient Witness, the Offender shall be punished, by whipping on the bare Back with Thirty Stripes.

AND for the Ascertaining and Limiting Servants Time of Servitude; Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That whosoever shall transport any Servant into this Province without Indenture, such Servant, being above the Age of Twenty two Years, shall be obliged to serve the full Time of Five Years; if between Eighteen and Twenty two, without Indentures, Six Years; if between Fifteen and Eighteen, and without Indentures, Seven Years; if under Fifteen, without Indentures, shall serve till he or they arrive at the full Age of Twenty two Years.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That all Servants, transported out of *Virginia* into this Province, shall compleat their Time of Servitude here, which they ought to have served in *Virginia*, and no more.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That every Master, Mistress, Dame, Assignee, or Trustee whatsoever, owning or keeping any such Servants, as aforesaid, whether by Virtue of Transportation, Purchase, or otherwise, shall, within Six Months after the receiving such Servants into their Custody within this Province, except he, she, or they, claim but Five Years Service of such Servants, bring the said Servants into the respective County-Courts where they do inhabit, and every of the said Courts are hereby authorized to judge and determine of the Age of such Servant so brought, and cause the same to be entred upon Record; and every Owner, as aforesaid, neglecting or refusing to bring such Servant or Servants before the Court, as aforesaid, shall not only stand to the Determination of the Court, but also forfeit the Sum of One thousand Pounds of Tobacco to the King, His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government: And if any Master or Servant aforesaid, be grieved with the Determination of the Court, he shall, within the Time determined for their Service, produce an authentick Certificate of such Servant's Age, and shall have Remedy to the Ages aforesaid.

AND forasmuch as Disputes have arose formerly, at what Time Servant's Time of Servitude, whether by Indenture, or otherwise, should commence; Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That all Servants transported into this Province, whether by Indenture, or otherwise, and so bound or adjudged, as aforesaid, shall commence their Time of Servitude from the first Anchoring of the Vessel within this Province: Provided, That the said Vessel tarry not above Fourteen Days after her Entry within the Capes, and her first Anchoring within this Province; and all the Days such Ship or Vessel shall tarry in *Virginia* above Fourteen Days, shall be adjudged part of the Service of such Servant which shall be afterwards brought into *Maryland*, and there sold; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it also Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That every Indenture, made by any Servant, during the Time of his Service, by former Indenture, or Judgment of the County-Court, according to the Tenor of this Act, shall be void, and not any ways oblige any Servant for longer Time than by his first Indenture, or Judgment of the Court, shall be limited and appointed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That for all such runaway Servants or Slaves, that shall be apprehended and taken up in the Province of *Pensylvania*, and thence brought into this Province, and delivered to a Magistrate of the County into which they shall be brought; the Person for so doing, shall have paid him, and allowed him, by the Master or Owner of such Runaway, Four hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and Cask, or Forty Shillings in Money, upon his producing a Certificate from the