

the Justice or Sheriff of the Delivery of such Runaway; except Servants or Runaways brought from *Accomack* into *Somerset* County, for such, only Two hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or Twenty Shillings; and the like from that Side of *Virginia* next the River *Potomack*; for which said Sum or Sums paid, such Runaway shall make Satisfaction, when Free, by Service, or otherwise, besides what shall be adjudged, as a Recompence for the Absence of such runaway Servant, as aforesaid, as the Court shall adjudge; but if any such Person, so apprehended, brought, and delivered, as aforesaid, be a Freeman, and refuse to pay such Sum or Sums of Tobacco, or Money, then, and in such Case, the Magistrate, before whom he or she shall be brought, shall forthwith commit the said Person, so refusing, to Prison, till he or she give sufficient Security, or make full Satisfaction, by Servitude, or otherwise.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Master or Mistress of any Servant whatsoever, or Overseer, by Order or Consent of any such Master or Mistress, shall deny, and not provide sufficient Meat, Drink, Lodging, and Clothing, or shall unreasonably burthen them, beyond their Strength, with Labour, or debar them of their necessary Rest and Sleep, or excessively beat and abuse them, or shall give them above Ten Lashes for any one Offence, the same being sufficiently proved before the Justices of the County-Courts; the said Justices have hereby full Power and Authority, for the First and Second Offence, to levy such Fine upon such Offender, as to them shall seem meet, not exceeding One thousand Pounds of Tobacco, to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government; and for the Third Offence, to set such Servant, so wronged, at Liberty, and free from Servitude: But in case the Master or Owner of any such Servant shall think that he or they deserve greater Correction, then the said Master or Owner of such Servant or Servants, shall, or may, carry them before any Justice of the Peace, who hearing the Complaint, shall order such Correction, as he shall see fit, not exceeding Thirty nine Lashes for any one Offence.

AND be it also Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Negroes, and other Slaves, already imported, or hereafter to be imported, in this Province, and all Children, now born, or hereafter to be born, of such Negroes and Slaves, shall be Slaves during their Lives.

AND forasmuch as many People have neglected to baptize their Negroes, or suffer them to be baptized, on a vain Apprehension, that Negroes, by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, are manumitted, and set free: Be it hereby further Declared and Enacted by and with the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That no Negro or Negroes, by receiving the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, is thereby manumitted, or set free, nor hath any Right or Title to Freedom, or Manumission, more than he or they had before; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted, That all Ministers, Pastors, and Magistrates, or other Persons whatsoever, who, according to the Laws of this Province, do usually joyn People in Marriage, shall not, upon any Pretence, joyn in Marriage any Negro whatsoever, or Mulatto Slave, with any White Person, on the Penalty of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco; the one Half to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Use of the Free-Schools, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, to be allowed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any White Woman, whether Free, or a Servant, that shall suffer her self to be begot with Child by a Negro, or other Slave, or Free Negro, so begot with Child, as aforesaid, if Free, shall become a Servant for and during the Term of Seven Years; if a Servant, shall finish her Time of Servitude, together with the Damage that