

the next 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.

Term of  
Servitude as-  
certained.

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 Years, without Indentures, Six Years; if between Fifteen and Eighteen, without Indentures, Seven Years; if under Fifteen, without Indentures, shall serve 'till he or they arrive at the full Age of Twenty Two Years.

Virginia  
Terms ob-  
served in  
their Servants.

*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.

Servants to  
be adjudged,  
and how.

*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 Servants so brought, and cause the same to be entered upon Record; and every Owner neglecting as aforesaid, 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 Servants Age, and shall have Remedy to the Ages aforesaid.

And forasmuch as Disputes have formerly arose, at what Time Servants Time of Servitude, whether by Indentures or otherwise, should commence,

Servitude  
to commence  
from first  
Anchorage.

*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 Times 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 Anchorage within this Province; and all the Days such Ship or Ships 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.

Indenture  
made by Ser-  
vants in their  
Terms, void.

*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 Tenour of this Act, shall be void, and not any ways  
oblige