

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 Run-aways, Servants or Slaves, that shall be apprehended and taken up in the Province of Pennsylvania, or Colony of Virginia, and from thence brought into this Province, and delivered unto a Magistrate of the County into which they shall be brought, the Person for so doing shall have paid and allowed him by the Master or Owner of such Run-away, Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and Cask, or Forty Shillings in Money, upon his producing a Certificate from the Justice or Sheriff, of the Delivery of such Run-away; except Servants or Run-aways brought from Accomack into Sommerset County, for such only Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or Twenty Shillings, and the like from that Side of Virginia next the River Pattowmack; for which said Sum or Sums paid, such Run-away shall make Satisfaction when free, by Service or otherwise, besides what shall be adjudged as a Recompence for the Absence of such Run-away Servant, as aforesaid, as the Court shall adjudge.

Servants taken up in Virginia or Pennsylvania how to be paid for &c.

But if such Person, so apprehended, brought and delivered, as aforesaid, be a free Man, 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, 'til he or she give sufficient Security, or make full Satisfaction by Servitude, or otherwise.

If a Freed man how to be dealt with.

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 Cloathing, 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-court, 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.

Masters that provide not sufficiently for their Servants,

Or overburthen them with labour.

Or beating with above 10 Stripes. To be fined.

For the 3d Offence, Servants to be freed.

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 think fit, not exceeding Thirty Nine Lashes for any one Offence.

But may be further corrected by Magistrates.

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

Who shall be Slaves for Life.

And forasmuch as many People have neglected to baptize their Negroes, or suffer them to be baptis'd, on a vain Apprehension, That Negroes by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism are manumitted and set free,

Baptism no Manumission.

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