

Be it hereby further Declared and Enacted, by and with the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Negroe or Negroes by receiving the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, is hereby 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.

Negroes or
Mulattoes
not to Marry
Whites.

Penalty on
the Person
joyning in
Marriage.

White
Women got
with Child
by Negroes,
how to be
Punished.

Free-Negro
begetting
such Child
to serve 7
Years.

Their Issue
till 31 Years
of Age.

White Men
getting Mu-
latto Children
to be pu-
nished as
White Wo-
men bearing
them.

Bastard-
bearing Ser-
vants not
proving
their Charge,
to satisfy
Damage.

Their
Charge, how
to be proved.

And be it further Enacted, That all Ministers, Pastors and Magistrates, or other Person whatsoever, who, according to the Laws of this Province, do usually joyn People in Marriage, shall not upon any Pretence joyn in Marriage any Negroe 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 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 Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And be it further Enacted; by the Authority aforesaid, That any White Woman, whether Free or Servant, that shall suffer herself to be got with Child by a Negroe or other Slave, or free Negroe, such Woman 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 shall accrue to such Person to whom she is Servant, by Occasion of any Child or Children, begotten as aforesaid, in the Time of her Servitude, as aforesaid; and after such Satisfaction made, shall again become a Servant, for and during the Term of Seven Years, as aforesaid.

And if such Begetter of such Child, as aforesaid, be a free Negroe, he shall become a Servant, for and during the Term of Seven Years, as aforesaid; to be adjudged by the Justices of the County-court where such Fact is committed, according to this Law, in the Clause made and provided against such Servants as have Bastards; and the Issues or Children of such unnatural and inordinate Copulation, shall be Servants till they arrive at the Age of Thirty One Years.

And any White Man that shall beget any Negroe Woman with Child, whether free Woman or Servant, shall undergo the same Penalties as White Women; all which Times of Servitude by this Act imposed upon the Persons having so offended, to be disposed of or employed as the Justices of such County shall think fit, the Produce whereof shall be appropriated towards defraying the County Charge.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That any Servant Woman having a Bastard Child, and not able sufficiently to prove the Party charged, to be the Begetter of such Child; in every such case the Mother of such Child, shall be liable to satisfy the Damage so sustained, by Servitude, or otherwise, as the Court before whom such Matter is brought, shall see convenient.

Provided, That where the Mother of any such Child, as aforesaid, does prove the Charge by sufficient Testimony of Witness, Confession of the Party charged, or pregnant Circumstances agreeing with her Declaration in her Extremity of her Pains or Throws of Travail, and her Oath taken by some Magistrate before the Time of her Delivery of every such Bastard Child, or after her Delivery, then the Party charged, if a Servant, shall satisfy half the said Damage; if a Freeman, shall satisfy