

satisfy the whole Damage, by Servitude or otherwise, as the Court before whom such Matter is brought as aforesaid, shall think fit; but if the said Free-Man cannot be brought to Justice, then and in every such Case, she shall make the same Satisfaction as if she could not prove the Begetter as aforesaid. And if any such Mother as aforesaid, be able to prove by such Testimony, or Confession of the Party charged, that he being a single Person, and a Free-Man, did, before the begetting of such Child, promise her Marriage, that then he shall be at his Choice, either to perform his Promise to her, or recompence her Abuse, according as the Court before whom such Matter is brought, shall adjudge.

The Con-  
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against a Ser-  
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If a Free-  
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If Contra<sup>ct</sup>  
of Marriage  
proved,  
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sequence.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That after the End of this Session of Assembly, it shall and may be lawful for the Provincial and County-Courts of this Province to hear and determine any Complaints between Masters and Servants, by Way of Petition, to give Judgment and award Execution upon the same. And that upon Appeal or Writ of Error brought upon the same, from any County-court of this Province, to the Provincial Court, or from the Provincial Court to the Governour and Council, no such Judgment shall be reversed for Want of judicial Process, or that the same was not tryed by a Jury, or any Matter or Form either in the Entry or giving Judgment; provided that it appears by the Record, that the Defendant was legally summoned, and not condemned unheard.

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and Servant  
by Petition,  
Without Ap-  
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And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Matter of Dispute arises concerning Servants imported into this Province, or any Servant that binds himself for Years within this Province, or any bound out by the County-courts of this Province, in Relation to their Indentures, Contract or Wages, or any other Matter of Difference between the said Master and Servant, the same shall be tryed, heard and determined by Petition as aforesaid; Any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary, notwithstanding.

All other  
Matters to be  
so determin-  
ed.

And be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Negroe or other Slave within this Province, shall be permitted to carry any Gun, or any other offensive Weapon from off their Masters Land, without License from their said Master; and if any Negroe or other Slave shall presume so to do, he shall be liable to be carried before a Justice of Peace and be Whipt, and his Gun or other offensive Weapon shall be forfeited to him that shall seize the same, and carry such Negroe so offending, before a Justice of Peace.

Slaves not to  
carry Guns,  
&c.

And be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the End of this Sessions of Assembly, any Servant or Servants whatsoever, within this Province, that shall feloniously take or purloin his or their Master, Mistress or Dame's Goods or Chattles, under the Value of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, shall be adjudged Felony, and being thereof lawfully convicted in any County-court of this Province, shall be adjudged to pay Four Times the Value of such Goods so purloined, to his or their Master, Mistress or Dame, which he, she or they shall make good by Servitude, after the Expiration of their first Time of Service; and shall also suffer such Pains of Whipping or Pilloring, as the Justices before whom such Matter is brought, shall adjudge.

Servants  
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To pay four  
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And be  
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And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That when any Person or Persons, (except Negroes and Mulattoes)