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lattoes shall be found travelling without Passes as aforesaid, and shall be taken up as suspected Run-aways, and by any Justice of Peace committed to the Custody of any Sheriff or Jailor within this Province, it shall not be lawful for any such Sheriff or Jailor to hold such Person in Custody longer than Six Months; and if such Person can, at any Time within the said Six Months, procure a Certificate, or other Justification, that he or she is no Servant, he or she shall and may, by Order of any Two Justices of the County where such Person is committed to Prison, be discharged from any further Imprisonment, he, she or they serving such Sheriff or Jailor, or his Assigns, so many Days as he, she or they were in Custody of such Sheriff or Jailor, or otherwise paying Ten Pounds of Tobacco per Day, to such Sheriff or Jailor for their Imprisonment-Fees and no more; and paying unto such Person or Persons who took up such Person, Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or serving him, her or them, Twenty Days in Lieu thereof. And if any such Sheriff or Jailor shall detain such Person in Prison after such Order of Two Justices as aforesaid, or the Expiration of Six Months, and Payment of Ten Pounds of Tobacco per Day as aforesaid, such Sheriff or Jailor shall be liable to an Action of False Imprisonment; Any Law, Statute or Usage to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*vid. fo. 109*

*An ACT to confirm and make valid in Law, all manner of Process and Proceedings in the several Courts of this Province, from the Demise of her late Majesty, Queen ANNE, of pious Memory, to the End of this present Sessions of Assembly.*

**W**HEREAS by the great Distance between this Province and the Kingdom of Great-Britain, it was not possible to have Notice of the Demise of our late Sovereign Lady Queen ANNE, of pious Memory, which happened on the First of August last, until several Months were elapsed, during which Space of Time, many and various Proceedings were had and made in the several Courts of Justice in this Province, and Judgments, Decrees and Sentences awarded on sundry Writs, Pleas, Indictments, Informations, Bills, Suits and Actions in her said Majesty's Name, and by her Authority; which, by Reason of his present Majesty, our now Sovereign Lord King GEORGE's Accession to the Crown (which could not be Notified,) are subject and liable to be reversed by Writs of Error or otherwise; wherefore this General Assembly do humbly pray that it may be Enacted, *And be it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That all Writs, Pleas, Process, Actions, Bills, Suits, Indictments, Informations, Judgments, Decrees and Sentences given or awarded of and concerning any Matter or Thing whatsoever, which was sued or prosecuted to Judgment in any of the Courts of Record, Chancery, Commissary's and Admiralty's Courts within this Province, at any Time or Times from the Demise of her*