

done by this Act, he shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds Current-Money, and the Clerk of the County-Court so neglecting, as aforesaid, shall forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds Current-Money, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, his Heirs and Successors, towards the Support of his Lordship's Government within this Province; to be recovered in any County-Court within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed. Penalty.

This Act to continue until the Twenty-Ninth Day of *September*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord God, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty. Continuance.

A Supplementary ACT to the Act relating to Servants and Slaves.

WHEREAS it may be of very dangerous Consequence to admit and allow as Evidences in Law, in any of the Courts of Record, or before any Magistrate within this Province, any Negro, or Mullatto Slave, or Free Negro or Mullatto born of a White-Women, during their Servitude appointed by Law, or any Indian Slave, or Free Indian Natives of this or the Neighbouring Provinces :

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, no Negro or Mullatto Slave, Free Negro or Mullatto born of a White-Woman, during his Time of Servitude by Law, or any Indian Slave or Free Indian, Natives of this or the Neighbouring Provinces, be admitted and received as good and valid Evidence in Law, in any Matter or Thing whatsoever depending before any Court of Record, or before any Magistrates within this Province, wherein any Christian White-Person is concerned. Negroes &c. not to be Evidence against Christian Whites.

Yet nevertheless, where other sufficient Evidence is wanting against any Negro or Mullatto Slaves, Free Negro or Mullatto born of a White-Woman, during their Servitude by Law, or against any Indian Native of this or the Neighbouring Provinces, in such Case the Testimony of any Negro or Mullatto Slave, Free Negro, Mullatto born of a White-Woman, or Indian Native of this or the Neighbouring Provinces, may be heard and received as Evidence, according to the Discretion of the several Courts of Record, or Magistrate, before whom such Matter or Thing against such Negro, Mullatto Slave, &c. shall depend, provided such Evidence or Testimony do not extend to the depriving them, or any of them, of Life or Member. Yet good Evidence against Negroes, &c.

And whereas it too often happens that Negro Slaves, &c. commit many Heinous and Capital Crimes, which are endeavoured to be smothered and concealed, or else such Negroes, &c. are conveyed to some other Province, and Sold by their Owners, who for the sake of the Interest they have in their Lives and Services, suffer them to escape Justice: But not as to Life or Member,

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