

Negroes discovered on Plantations without Leave, to be whipt on their Refusal to go off.

Encouragers of Negroes Meetings, to be fin'd.

Masters of Negroes who suffer them to raise Horses, Cattle, or Hogs, for themselves, to be fin'd.

Negroes running into the Woods, and refusing to surrender, may be shot.

Publication of this Act.

Negroes discovered on Plantations without Leave, to be whipt on their Refusal to go off. groe Slaves upon any of their Plantations, unless they are sent by their Owners on lawful Occasions, and shall warn such Negroes or other Slaves to be gone Home to their Masters or Owners, any Negroes or other Slaves, refusing or delaying so to do, it shall and may be lawful for the Owner of such Plantation to correct such Negro by Whipping, not exceeding Thirty Nine Lashes. And any Person that shall wittingly encourage any Negroe or other Slaves to meet in Companies, on their Plantation, unless on lawful Occasions, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, to the Use aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Master or Owner of any Negroe or other Slaves, that shall suffer any such Slaves to them belonging, to keep any Horses or Mares, or to raise any Cattle or Hogs, as the proper Right of such Slaves, the Master or Owner of such Slaves shall forfeit and pay Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid; and also all such Horses and Mares, Cattle and Hogs, shall likewise be forfeited, one Half to the Informer, the other Half to be applied as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That whereas many Negroes and other Slaves, absent themselves from their Masters Service, and run out into the Woods, and there remain killing and destroying Hogs and Cattle belonging unto the People of this Province; if that such Negroe or Negroes, or other Slaves, so out lying as aforesaid, shall refuse to surrender themselves, making Resistance against such Persons as pursue to apprehend and take them up, being thereunto legally empowered, it shall be lawful to and for such Pursuers, upon such Resistance made, to shoot, kill and destroy such Negroe or Negroes, or other Slave as aforesaid.

This Act to be read at every County-Court by the Sheriff or his Deputy, on Pain of forfeiting Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every Omission to the Lord Proprietor; One Half to the Use of the County where the Omission shall happen, and the other Half to the Informer; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

An ACT to punish Blasphemers, Swearers, Drunkards and Sabbath-Breakers; and for repealing the Laws heretofore made for the punishing such Offenders.

BE it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That if any Person shall hereafter, within this Province, wittingly, maliciously, and advisedly, by writing or speaking, blaspheme or curse God, or deny our Saviour Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, or shall deny the Holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, or the Godhead of any of the Three Persons, or the Unity of the Godhead, or shall utter any profane Words concerning the Holy Trinity, or any the Persons thereof, and shall be thereof convict by Verdict, or Confession, shall for the first Offence be bored thro' the Tongue, and fined Twenty Pounds Sterling, to the Lord Proprietor, to be applied to

Any Person blaspheming the Name of God, or any Person in the Trinity,

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