

of themselves, shall be deemed and taken as Runaways, and suffer the same Fines and Penalties.

EVERY Person seizing or taking up such Runaways travelling without Passes, shall have *Two Hundred Pounds* of Tobacco, to be paid by their Masters; and if such suspected Runaways be not Servants, and refuse to pay the same, they shall satisfy by Servitude, as the Justices of the Provincial and County Courts, where taken up, shall think fit. If taken up by an *Indian*, he shall have therefor a Match Coat paid him, or the Value thereof, to be paid him by the County, the Runaway reimbursing the County by Servitude or otherwise as the Justices shall think fit.

UPON apprehending such Runaways, the Taker up shall bring them before the next Justice, who is impowered to take them into Custody or otherwise secure them, till they find sufficient Security to answer the Premises the next Court, which Court shall secure them, till they satisfy the Party who apprehended them: A Note of the Names of such Runaways, is to be set up at the next adjacent County Courts, Provincial Court and Secretary's Office, that their Owners may have Notice of them.

EVERY Man Servant shall at the Expiration of his Servitude, have allowed and given him one new Hat, a good Suit, that is to say, Coat and Breeches, either of Kersey or Broad Cloth, one new Shirt of white Linnen, one new pair of Shoes and Stockings, two Hoes and one Ax and one Gun, of *Twenty Shillings* Price, not above four foot by the Barrel, nor less than three foot and a half, which Gun shall be delivered in the Presence of the next Justice, under the Penalty on the Master or Mistress, of *Five Hundred Pounds* of Tobacco, and the like Penalty on the Freeman, selling or disposing thereof in the Space of One Year thereafter; one half of said Fines to go to the Support of the Government, and the other half to the Informer. All Women Servants shall, at the Expiration of their Servitude, have allowed and given them a Waste Coat and Petticoat, of new Half Thick or Pennystone, a new Shift of white Linnen, Shoes and Stockings, a blew Apron, two Caps of white Linnen and three Barrels of Indian Corn.

No Person whatever shall trade, barter, commerce or any ways deal with any Servant, whether hired or indented or Slave, belonging to any Inhabitant, without Leave or Licence from their Owners, under the Penalty of *Two Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco, one half towards the Support of the Government, the other half to the Owner of the Goods purloined or bartered.

IF the Goods taken away, exceed *One Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco, the Party grieved shall have his Action at Law for his Damage, and in case the Person offending is unable to pay, then he shall be bound over by one Justice of Peace, either to appear at next Provincial or County Court, where, upon Conviction, he shall be punished by whipping on the bare Back, with Thirty Stripes.

WHOSOEVER shall import any Servant into the Province, without Indenture, such Servant, being above the Age of *Twenty Two* Years, shall be obliged to serve *Five* Years; if between *Eighteen* and *Twenty Two* Years of age, *Six* Years; if between *Fifteen* and *Eighteen*, *Seven* Years.