

Years; and if below Fifteen Years of age, shall serve till attaining the Age of Twenty Two Years.

SERVANTS transported out of *Virginia* into the Province, shall only serve the Time they ought to have served in *Virginia*.

EVERY Owner of such Servants, whether by Virtue of Transportation, Purchase or otherwise, shall within Six Months after receiving them, (except the Owner claims only Five Years Service,) bring the said Servants into the County Court, where the Justices are empowered to judge and determine the Age of such Servants, and cause enter the same on Record. The Owner neglecting or refusing so to do, shall not only stand to the Determination of the Court, but also forfeit *One Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco, towards the Support of the Government. If any Master or Servant be grieved by the Determination of the Court, upon producing an authentick Certificate of the Age, they shall have Remedy.

THE Time of Servitude of all Servants imported, shall commence from the first Anchoring of the Vessel in the Province, Provided that the said Vessel tarry not above Fourteen Days after her entring the Capes, and all the Days such Ship shall tarry in *Virginia* above Fourteen Days, shall be adjudged part of the Service of such Servants, bro't into *Maryland*.

EVERY Indenture entered into by any Servant, during the Time of his former Service by Indenture or Judgment of Court, shall be Void, and oblige such Servant for no longer time than he was obliged to serve formerly.

WHOEVER takes up in *Pennsylvania*, a Runaway from *Maryland*, and brings him back, and delivers him to a Magistrate, shall have paid him by the Owner *Four Hundred Pounds* of Tobacco, or *Forty Shillings*, upon his producing a Certificate from the Justice or Sheriff of his delivering such Runaway: But if taken up in *Accomack* County, and brought into *Somerset*, only *Two Hundred Pounds* of Tobacco, or *Twenty Shillings*, and the like Sum, if brought from that side of *Virginia*, next the River *Potomack*: For which Sums so paid, the Runaway when free, shall satisfy by Service, besides what shall be adjudged for his Absence; but if any Person so apprehended, brought and delivered, be a Freeman, and refuse to pay such Sum, he shall be committed till he find Security, or make Satisfaction by Servitude or otherwise.

If any Master, Mistress or Servant, by their Order, shall deny and not provide sufficient Meat, Drink, Lodging and Cloathing, or burthen their Servants unreasonably, beyond their Strength, with Labour, or debar them of their necessary Rest and Sleep, or excessively beat and abuse them, or give them above ten Lashes for any one Offence, the same being sufficiently proved before the Justices of the County Court, the Justices are empowered for the first and second Offence, to levy on the Offender such a Fine as they shall think meet, not exceeding *One Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco, towards the Use of the Government; and for the third Offence, to set such Servant wronged at Liberty; but if the Owner of any Servant, thinks the Servant deserves greater Correction, he shall carry such Servant before any Justice of the Peace, who