

shall order such Correction as he shall think fit, not exceeding thirty nine Lashes, for any one Offence.

ALL Negroes and other Slaves already or hereafter to be imported into the Province, and all Children now born or hereafter to be born of such Negroes and Slaves, shall be Slaves during their Lives, nor shall they have any Right to be manumitted or set free by being baptized.

No Minister, Pastor, Magistrate or other Person whatsoever, shall join in Marriage any Negro or Mulatto Slave with any white Person, on Penalty of *Five Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco, one half to the Use of Free Schools, the other half to the Informer or Suer for the same.

ANY white Woman, who shall suffer herself to be got with Child by a Negro, if free, shall become a Servant for Seven Years, and if a Servant, shall finish her Servitude, with the Damages that accrues thereby to her Master, and shall thereafter become a Servant for the said Space of time

If the Begetter of such Child be a free Negro, he shall become a Servant for the Space of Seven Years; and the Issue shall become Servants till the Age of Thirty One Years.

ANY white Man who shall beget any Negro Woman with Child, shall undergo the same Penalties as white Women so offending do, the Profits arising therefrom, going towards the defraying the County Levy.

If any Servant Woman has a Bastard Child, and is not able sufficiently to prove the Party charged to be the Begetter of such Child, she shall be liable to satisfy the Damage by Servitude or otherwise as the Court shall adjudge; but where she proves the Charge, by sufficient testimony of Witness, Confession of the Party or pregnant Circumstances, agreeing with her Declaration in the Extremity of her pains or throws of travail, and her Oath before a Magistrate, then the Party charged, if a Servant, shall satisfy half the Damage, and if a Freeman the whole, by Servitude or otherwise as the Court shall adjudge; but if the said Freeman cannot be brought to Justice, then she shall satisfy the whole. If the Mother be able to prove, that the Begetter of such Child, before begetting the Child, promised her Marriage, then he shall have it in his Choice, either to perform his Promise or Recompence her for the Abuse, as the Court shall adjudge.

It shall and may be lawful for the Provincial and County Courts to hear and determine all complaints between Masters and Servants, and upon Appeal, no Judgments thereon past, shall be reversed for want of Judicial Process, or that the same was not tried by a Jury, if it appears by the Record that the Defendant was legally summoned and not condemned unheard.

If any matter of dispute arises concerning Servants, in Relation to their Indentures, Contracts or Wages, the same shall be tried, heard and determined by Petition.

No Negro or other Slave shall be permitted to carry a Gun or other offensive Weapon, from off their Master's Land, without Licence from their said Master, under the Pain of being carried before a Justice, and whipt, and forfeiting the Gun or other Weapon to the Seizer.

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The Statute of this Act for Negroes in the same
 as the Statute of 1699 - (July 22) - 1752 to 1796 gave
 the right of manumission.