

thereof, to cause the said Slave to be whipt, not exceeding Forty Lashes.

Passed May 2 Supplement to the ACT relating to
14th, 1719. } Servants and Slaves.

EVERY Sheriff who now has or hereafter shall have committed into his Custody any Runaway, Servants or Slaves, after one Months Notice given to their Owner, if in the Province, or two Months Notice if living in any of the Neighbouring Provinces, if the Master or Owner does not appear, and pay the Imprisonment Fees, and the Charges of taking up, such Sheriff is impowered, (such time limited as above being expired) to give publick Notice to all Persons, by setting up Notes at the Church and Court House Doors of the County, where they are in Custody, of the Time and Place of the Sale of such Servants or Slaves, not less than Ten Days before such Sale, and then to sell them to the highest Bidder, and out of the Money to pay all Charges, being accountable to the Owner only for the Residue; if the Sheriff or Purchaser should be sued by the Owner for such Sale, it shall be lawful for them to plead the general Issue, and give this Act, and the special Matters in Evidence, and in case of Non suit, Discontinuance or Verdict against the Plaintiff, the Court shall award double Costs of Suit.

Passed October 6th, 1725. } ACT to encourage the taking up of
Runaway Slaves, that shall be taken
up, and brought in from the back
Woods.

ANY Person, either *Indian* or others, who shall take up any Runaway Slave, in any part of the back Woods to the North Westward of *Monocacy* River, from the Mouth thereof to the Fording Place where the *Conostogo* Path crosses the same, near one *Albine's* Plantation, and than to the North Westward of the said *Conostogo* Path, until it meet with *Susquehanna* River, and shall bring such Slave in, and deliver him to the Person appointed by this Act, shall be paid by the said Commissioner, as a Reward, the Sum of *Five Pounds* current Money.

ANY Person the Governor for the Time being, with consent of the Council, shall think fit to appoint and commission for that End, shall be authorized, impowered, and is by this Act required to receive all Runaway Slaves, from such Persons as shall take them in the back Woods, and bring them in, and shall out of the publick Stock lodged in his Hands, immediately pay them the Sums of Money allowed them by this Act.