

out of the Province any Servant by Condition, for Wages, Indenture or Custom of the Country, shall be liable to pay and satisfy to the Master or Owner of such Servant carried away, all such Damages as the Master or Owner shall make appear at the Court where tried, to be justly due them for the Want of such their Servant, and as the Court shall think fit.

No Person or Persons inhabiting or being at the Head of the Bay or in any other Part of the Province, shall transport or convey, or cause to be transported or conveyed, over *Susquehanna* River or any part of the Bay, above the North side of *Sassafras* River, on the Eastern Shore of the Bay, or over *Potomack* or *Pocomoke* Rivers into the Colony of *Virginia*, any Person or Persons not having Passes as above or a Certificate under the Hands of two Justices of the Peace of the County where they reside, and the County Seal affixed, certifying their Freedom, and that (to the best of their Knowledge) they are clear from any Engagements impeding their Travelling as aforesaid, on Penalty of answering all such Debts or Damages to Creditors, Masters or other Owners of Servants, to be recovered, as by this Law is provided against such, as shall actually set them out of the Province.

WHATEVER Person or Persons shall entice, transport or secretly carry out of the Province, any Apprentice or other Servant or Slave belonging to any Inhabitant, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay to the Employer or Owner of such Apprentice or other Servant or Slave, treble Damages and Costs, to be adjudged by the Justices of the County or Provincial Court, for the Time they had to serve.

ACT to prevent Masters of Ships and
Passed October } **Vessels, from clandestinely carrying**
2d, 1753. } **away Servants and Slaves or Persons**
indebted, out of the Province.

WHEN and as often as any Commander or Master of a Vessel, above Eighteen Foot by the Keel, shall come to enter with or take out permit from the Naval Officer, it shall not be lawful to suffer him to enter or grant him a Permit to trade in the Province, until he shall take the following Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, or Affirmation of a Quaker, which Oath or Affirmation, such Naval Officer or Officers are by this Act impowered to administer; viz.

I A. B. *Commander of the Ship or Vessel*—will not clandestinely conceal or permit to be concealed, on board my Ship or Vessel, during my stay within this Province, any Servant or Slave belonging to any Inhabitant or Inhabitants thereof, nor will willingly carry away out of this Province, any Servant or Slave or Servants or Slaves belonging to any Inhabitant or Inhabitants therein, or any Person or Persons indebted therein, (common Sailors excepted,) contrary to the Laws of this Province.

So he'p me G O D.

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