

in putting this Act in Execution, on pain of being whipt with Thirty Nine Lashes, as above.

EVERY Constable appointed to put this Act in Execution, shall be allowed *Five Hundred Pounds* of Tobacco, in the County Levy: And if at any Time any Negro or other Slave shall strike any white Person, it shall and may be lawful, upon proof made thereof, either by the Oath of the Party so struck or otherwise, before any Justice of Peace, for the said Justice of Peace to cause one of the Negros Ears, so offending, to be cropt.

THE Owner of any Plantation who shall at any time discover any strange Negro or Negro Slaves upon any of their Plantations, (unless sent by their Owners or Overseers) and shall warn them to be gone home to their Masters or Owners, if they refuse so to do, it shall and may be lawful for him, to correct such Negro or Negroes by whipping them, not exceeding Thirty Nine Lashes.

ANY Person or Persons who shall willingly encourage any Negro or other Slaves to meet in Companies on their Plantations, unless on lawful Occasions, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, *One Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco, to the Use aforesaid.

ANY Master or Owner of any Negro or other Slaves, who shall suffer any such Slaves, to them belonging, to keep any Horses or Mares, or to raise any Cattle or Hogs, as the Property and Right of such Slaves, shall forfeit and pay *Five Hundred Pounds* of Tobacco, to be applied as above.

IF any Negro or other Slaves shall runaway from their Masters and shall refuse to surrender themselves, making Resistance against such Persons as pursue to apprehend them, (being thereunto legally empowered,) it shall and may be lawful for such Pursuers, upon such Resistance made, to shoot, kill or destroy them.

THIS Act is ordered to be read at every County Court by the Sheriff or his Deputes, on pain of forfeiting *Five Hundred Pounds* of Tobacco, one half to the Use of the County, and the other half to the Informer or Suer for the same.

ACT for the more effectual punishing  
*Passed July* }  
*10th, 1729.* } **Negros and other Slaves, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders.**

**W**HEN any Negro or other Slave shall be convicted by Confession or Verdict of a Jury, of any Petit Treason or Murder, or willful burning