

burning of Dwelling Houses, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices, before whom such Conviction shall be, to give Judgment against such Negro or other Slave, to have the right Hand cut off, to be hanged in the usual Manner, the Head severed from the Body, and the Body to be divided in four Quarters, the Head and Quarters to be set up in the most publick Places of the County, where such Fact was committed.

If any Person or Persons shall break into any Shop, Storehouse or Warehouse, although such Shop, Storehouse or Warehouse be not contiguous to or used with any Mansionhouse, and steal from thence any Goods, to the Value of *Five Shillings*, and be thereof convicted, by Confession or Verdict of a Jury, such Offender or Offenders shall suffer Death, as Felons, without Benefit of Clergy; any Law, Usage or Custom to the Contrary, notwithstanding.

Passed May 15th, 1751. } **ACT** for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and other Slaves, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders, and a Supplementary Act, to an Act to prevent the tumultuous Meetings and other Irregularities of Negroes and other Slaves, and directing the Manner of trying them.

IF any Slave or Slaves shall at any time consult, advise, conspire or attempt to raise any Insurrection within the Province, or to murder or poison any Person or Persons whatever, or to commit a Rape upon any white Woman, or to burn any House or Houses, and be thereof convicted, by Confession or Verdict, or who shall stand mute or peremptorily challenge above the Number of Twenty Jurors, such Slave or Slaves shall suffer Death, as in cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

ANY Slave who shall attempt to burn any Dwelling House or Out Houses contiguous to or used with any Dwelling House, or any other Houses wherein there shall be any Person or Persons, or any Goods, Merchandizes, Tobacco, Indian Corn or other Grain or Fodder, and shall be thereof convicted as aforesaid, shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

EVERY Slave committing any of the above Felonies, shall be committed to the Sheriff of the County, where the Offence was committed, and