

within this Province, of Seventeen feet or upwards by the Keel, and shall carry the same Ten Miles or upwards, from the Place whence it shall be stolen, or who shall steal any Negro or other Slave, or who shall counsel, hire, aid, abet or command any Person or Persons, to commit the said Offences; or who shall be accessories to the said Offences, and shall be thereof legally convicted, as aforesaid, or outlawed; or who shall obstinately, or of malice stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above Twenty, shall suffer Death as a Felon or Felons and be excluded the Benefit of Clergy.

PROVIDED always, that when and as often as any Slave or Slaves shall be convict for any Offence, contrary to this or any other Law, and shall be actually executed, or who shall die after Condemnation, and under Confinement, in order for Execution, that the Owner shall be paid the full Value, of such Slave or Slaves; such Value to be adjudged by the Court, before whom the Fact shall be tried, at the Time of the Condemnation of such Slave or Slaves; such Value to be adjudged by the Court, before whom the Fact shall be tried, at the Time of the Condemnation of such Slave or Slaves.

AND be it enacted that the Treasurer or Treasurers of this Province for the Time being, upon a Certificate from the Sheriff, of the Execution of any such Slave or Slaves, or the Death of such Slave or Slaves after Conviction and under Confinement, in order for Execution, immediately shall pay the Owner or Owners of such Slave or Slaves, what such Slave shall be valued at as aforesaid, out of the publick Stock of this Province, in the Hands of such Treasurer or Treasurers without Fee or Reward.

THIS Act to continue Three Years, &c. and is from time to time continued down till October 1757, when its again continued for the like Space of time.

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*Passed May 18,* } An ACT for punishment of Horse-  
*1744. P. A.* } Stealers and other Offenders.

**B**E it enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordships Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, that all and every Person or Persons, who shall hereafter feloniously take or steal any Horse or Horses, Mare or Mares, Gelding or Geldings, Colt or Colts within this Province, and all Aiders, Abettors and Accessories either before or after the Fact, of any such Takers or Stealers, and all and every Person or Persons, who shall buy, take or receive any stolen Horse, Mare, Gelding or Colt, knowing the same to be feloniously taken or stolen, and shall be thereof convicted,