

2. **S**ERVANTS unlawfully absenting themselves from their masters, &c. shall make satisfaction by servitude or otherwise, at the discretion of the county court, not exceeding ten days service for one day's absence; besides reasonable costs for taking up.—*ibid.* § 2.

5. No person shall deal with any servant, whether hired, or indentured, or with any slave, without leave or licence from the master or owner, under penalty of 2000lb. tobacco; one half to the support of government, the other to the master, mistress, or true owner of the goods.—1715, c. 44, § 10.

6. If the goods so dealt for, exceed the value of 1000lb. tobacco, the owner thereof shall have action of damage against the party dealing for the same; and offenders, not being able to satisfy the same, shall be bound over to the provincial or county court; and, on conviction, shall be punished by whipping with 30 stripes.—*ibid.* § 11, 12.

7, 8. Servants, imported without indentures, if above 22 years old shall serve five years; if between 18 and 22, six years; if between 15 and 18, seven years; and if under 15, they shall serve till they arrive at the full age of 22 years; and servants transported out of *Virginia*, shall complete such time of servitude here, as they ought to have served there, and no more.—*ibid.* § 13, 14.

9. Owners of such servants, claiming more than 5 years servitude, shall bring them into the county court, within 6 months after receiving them into their custody; which court shall adjudge their ages, and cause the same to be recorded. Every owner, neglecting or refusing so to do, shall not only stand to the determination of the court, but also forfeit 1000lb. tobacco for the support of government; and either master or servant aggrieved by such determination, shall have remedy, by producing, within the time determined for their service, an authentic certificate of such servant's age.—*ibid.* § 15.

10. The time of servitude of all servants imported, shall commence from the first anchoring of the vessel within this province; but all the days such vessel shall tarry in *Virginia*, within the capes, above fourteen days, shall be adjudged part of the service.—*ibid.* § 16, 17.

11, 12. Indentures made by any servant, during servitude, shall be void; and masters, &c. not providing sufficient food, lodging and cloathing, for their servants, or burdening them beyond their strength, debarring them of necessary rest, or excessively beating and abusing them, or giving them above 10 lashes for any one offence, may, on conviction in the county court, be fined a sum, not exceeding 1000lb. tobacco, to the support of government, for the first and second offence; and, for the third offence, the court shall set such servant free, but if the master think the servant deserves greater correction, he may carry such servant
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