

21. All fees due on the prosecution of imported servants, at the suit of the proprietary, shall be paid by the owners of such servants, which owners (unless in case of conviction and execution for capital offences) shall have recompence for such fees, by such servitude, not exceeding three years, as the county court shall think proper, if such servant cannot make payment otherwise.---1727, c. 2, § 2, 3.

22. Bastard children of women servants shall be maintained by the master or owner of such servants, during the mother's servitude; and if the father is unknown, or incapable to make satisfaction, the mother shall be adjudged to make recompence by servitude, or otherwise, but if the father be a resident, of ability to maintain the child, and convicted of begetting the same, the county court may oblige him to maintain it. *ibid.* § 4, 6.

23. Imported servants, committing offences punishable by imprisonment, shall serve their owners day for day, and no more, which their owners shall lose of their servitude by such imprisonment. 1750, c. 5, § 1.

24. Such servants being fined for breach of the peace, their owners shall pay the fine, and the servants shall make satisfaction for the same, by service or otherwise, at the expiration of their first time of servitude. ---*ibid.* § 2.

25. The several county courts, where the case shall happen, shall determine any disputes which may arise between owners and their servants in the above cases, and adjudge them according to this act.---*ibid.* § 3.

26. Any person who shall permit and authorise any slave belonging to him or herself in his or her own right, or possessed in the right of another, to go at large or hire him or herself within this state, shall incur the penalty of 5l. current money per month, except 10 days at harvest. April, 1787, c. 33, § 1.

27. Any person who shall hire a slave by contract with such slave, shall incur the penalty of 5l. current money per month, except as before excepted; provided, that any person may permit his slave, being a pilot, to hire himself in such capacity, and any person may employ as a pilot, any slave known, or generally reputed to be a pilot, before the passing of this act.---*ibid.* § 2.

28. All the penalties aforesaid shall be recovered before a single justice of the peace, as small debts out of court are, and any sum so recovered shall be to the sole use and benefit of the informer; provided the offence be sufficiently proved without his or her own testimony; otherwise such recovery shall be to the use and benefit of the poor of such county where the offence shall be committed.---*ibid.* § 3. See *County courts*, 17, 18. *Criminal jurisdiction &c.* 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.