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clerk of the provincial court, and the clerk of such county where such name shall be set up as aforesaid, to sign a pass or passes to any such person or persons, to depart this province, for which the party shall pay to the secretary for signing the same the sum of two shillings and six pence, and to the clerk of the provincial and county courts twelve pence each; and if any person or persons, upon any sudden or emergent occasion, are necessitated to depart this province, not having set up his, her or their names at the secretary's office, and county court-house door as aforesaid, then such person or persons, giving good and sufficient security to the governor, keeper of the great seal, or secretary, to discharge and pay all debts, dues and demands whatsoever, due, owing, or demandable from the said person to any of the inhabitants of this province, then the said person or persons may have a pass, containing a certificate of such security given, for which shall be paid the same fee as aforesaid.

Penalty for transporting debtors, &c.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any master of ships or vessels, or other persons whatsoever, that shall transport or convey out of this province, by land or water, any person being indebted by bill, bond or account, or otherwise, to any inhabitant thereof, without such pass or passes under the hand of the governor, chancellor or secretary as aforesaid, shall be liable to satisfy all such debts, engagements and damages, to the person or persons to whom such debts or damages respectively shall be due, within this province, except the same be otherwise satisfied, or that the transporter or conveyer away of such person or persons, procure such person or persons to return again within one month after, whereby he may be liable to justice here.

Or servants, &c.

III. AND, Every such person as aforesaid as shall transport or convey away out of this province any servant or servants, being servants here by condition for wages, indenture, or custom of the country, shall be liable to pay and satisfy unto the master or owner of such servant or servants so carried away, all such damages as he or they shall make appear to be justly due to such master or owner, for want of such servants, as the court before whom such cause shall be tried shall think fit.

Persons conveying debtors, &c. into Pennsylvania, &c. shall be liable, &c.

IV. AND, whereas several ill-minded people, inhabiting and residing at the head of the bay, have commonly set persons over the head of the bay, and Susquehanna river, being either felons, debtors, or runaway servants from the more remote parts of this province, for some small advantage they have in buying or getting such money, goods or apparel, as such persons so absenting, or flying from justice aforesaid, have with them generally money, goods or apparel, by them feloniously purloined from their masters, and other owners, by which means they may more easily travel to any other government in prevention and delay of justice, and to the great damage of such creditors, masters or owners aforesaid; BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, That from and after the publication hereof, no person or persons, inhabiting or being at the head of the bay, or in any other part of this province, shall transport or convey, or cause to be transported or conveyed, over Susquehanna river aforesaid, or any part of the bay above the north side of Sassafras river on the eastern shore of the bay, or over Patowmack or Pocomoke rivers into the colony of Virginia, not having passes so procured as aforesaid, or a certificate from under the hands of two justices of the peace of the county where such person or persons intending to travel shall inhabit, and the county seal affixed thereto, certifying the freedom of such persons, and that he, she or they are clear, to the best of their knowledge, from any engagements impeding their travelling as aforesaid, on penalty of answering all such debts or damages to creditors, masters, or other owners of servants, to be recovered as by this law is provided against such as shall actually set them out of this province.

Penalty for enticing apprentices, &c.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That whatsoever person or persons shall from henceforth, entice, transport, or secretly carry or send away out of this province, any apprentice, or other servants or slaves belonging to any inhabitant in this province, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay to the employer or owner of such apprentice, or other servant or slave, treble damages and costs, to be adjudged by the justices of each respective county court, or the justices of the provincial court, for the time of such apprentices, or other servants or slaves, unlawfully being transported or carried away as aforesaid.

See the act of 1753, ch. 9.

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Passed 3d of June, 1715.

An ACT for the relief of Peter Sewell, a languishing prisoner in Calvert county. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 148. A Private Act.

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An ACT for relief of Ezekiel Parr, of Cecil county. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 152. A Private Act. C H A P.