

give good and sufficient security to answer the premises the next court that shall first ensue in the said county, which court shall secure such person or persons till he or they can make satisfaction to the party that shall so apprehend or seize such runaways, or other persons, as by this act is required, except such person shall make satisfaction as aforesaid before such court shall happen; and that notice may be conveniently given to the master, mistress, dame, or overseer of runaways taken up as aforesaid; the commissioners of the counties shall forthwith cause a note of the runaway's name, so seized and apprehended as aforesaid, to be set up at the next adjacent county courts, and at the provincial court and secretary's office, that all persons may view the same, and see where such their servants are, and in whose custody.

X. AND, furthermore, for ascertaining what each servant, according to the custom of the country, shall have at the expiration of their servitude, BE IT ENACTED, *by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid*, That every man servant shall, at such time of expiration of his servitude as aforesaid, have allowed and given him one new hat, a good suit; that is to say, coat and breeches, either of kersey or broad cloth, one new shift of white linen, one new pair of French fall shoes, and stockings, two hoes and one axe, and one gun of twenty shillings price, not above four foot by the barrel, nor less than three and an half, which said gun shall, by the master or mistress, in the presence of the next justice of the peace, be delivered to such free man, under the penalty of five hundred pounds of tobacco on such master or mistress omitting so to do, and the like penalty on the said free man selling or disposing thereof within the space of twelve months, the one half whereof to our sovereign lord the king, his heirs and successors, the other to the informer; all women servants, at the expiration of their servitude as aforesaid, shall have allowed and given a waistcoat and petticoat of new half-thick, or pennystone, a new shift of white linen, shoes and stockings, a blue apron, two caps of white linen, and three barrels of Indian corn.

Freedom dues,
&c.

XI. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, *by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid*, That no person whatsoever shall trade, barter, commerce, or any way deal with any servant, whether hired or indentured, or slave, belonging or appertaining to any inhabitant within this province, without leave or licence first had and obtained from such servant's master, mistress, dame or overseer, for his so doing, under the penalty of two thousand pounds of tobacco, the one half thereof to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of government, the other half to the master, mistress, or true owners of such goods so purloined, bartered or conveyed away, when proved by sufficient witness, or confession of the party, to be recovered in any court of record of this province by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law to be allowed.

Penalty on persons dealing with servants, &c.

XII. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, *by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid*, That if the goods so traded or bartered for as aforesaid shall exceed the sum of one thousand pounds of tobacco, then the party or parties, whose goods shall be embezzled or bartered away as aforesaid, shall have his action at law for the damage sustained against the person or persons so offending, dealing or bartering for the same, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Party grieved may have action of damage.

XIII. AND, In case such person or persons so offending shall not be able to satisfy the same, then such person or persons shall be bound over by some one justice of the peace, and put in security, either to appear at the next provincial or county court, where, upon conviction, by confession or sufficient witness, the offender shall be punished by whipping on the bare back with thirty stripes.

Offenders may be whipped.

XIV. AND, for the ascertaining and limiting servants times of servitude, BE IT ENACTED, *by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid*, That whosoever shall transport any servant into this province without indenture, such servant being above the age of twenty-two years, shall be obliged to serve the full time of five years; if between eighteen and twenty-two years, without indentures, six years; if between fifteen and eighteen, without indentures, seven years; if under fifteen, without indentures, shall serve till he or they arrive at the full age of twenty-two years.

Times of servitude settled.

XV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, *by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid*, That all servants transported out of Virginia into this province, shall complete their time of servitude here which they ought to have served in Virginia, and no more.

To be completed.

XVI. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, *by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid*, That every master, mistress, dame, assignee or trustee whatsoever, owning or keeping any such servants as aforesaid, whether by virtue of transportation, purchase, or otherwise, shall, within six months after the receiving such servants into their custody, within this province, (except he, she or they, claim but five

Servants ages to be adjudged.