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of debt in which case a freeman or freewoman is to be judged such as are in covenant for wages or hyre for their work or service. And where any house keeper as aforesaid payes for any apprentice as belonging to his family w<sup>ch</sup> apprentice as hyred of or belonging to some other person such house keeper so paying may charge the said paym<sup>t</sup> to the acco<sup>t</sup> of the person whose the apprentice is. And where it is uncertain to what family any artificer Seaman or other person having no certain abiding place doth belong he shall be charged to that family where he had his last abiding afore the time of the certificate touching the person, belonging to every family. And every house keeper and house keepers or one of them in habiting in any County of the province shall at some time betw<sup>en</sup> the 25<sup>th</sup> of July and the 25<sup>th</sup> of August next certifie under his or their hands unto the collector or Collectors of that County or one of them in particular of all the persons belonging to his her or their family or families within the province on the said 25<sup>th</sup> day of July upon pain of forfeiting 30 of Tobacco for every person whereof he she, or they shall fail to make such certificate as aforesaid. And every person coming to inhabite within the province after the said 25<sup>th</sup> of July and before the 10<sup>th</sup> of August following not being a house keeper nor afore charged w<sup>th</sup> the said paym<sup>t</sup> shall be accounted to that family where he shall abide or sojourn for the greatest part of his abiding after such his coming into y<sup>e</sup> Colony.

An Act against Fugitives

It shall be felony in any apprentice Servant to depart away secretly from his or her Master or dame w<sup>th</sup> intent to convey him or her self away out of the province. And in any other person