

byed, or other servants or Slaves unlawfully transporting
 or carrying away, as aforesaid. And Whereas many
 and great grievances have happened and ^{ruin} arrived unto
 many Masters, Mistresses or Dames, within this Province,
 by the wickedness and infidelity of their servants: pur-
 loyning their Masters, mistresses or Dames goods: and
 then, by Bartering, Selling, and Conveying away the
 same, unto Seamen, and others; whereby Masters and
 Mistresses of families, are, and have been very much
 Damned and abused. For Prohibition of the like
 Misdoings, for y^e future. Be it further Enacted
 by the authority; and by, and with y^e advise & consent
 aforesaid. That no Person whatsoever shall Trade, Barter,
 Commerce, or (any wayes) Deal, with any servant, whether
 byed, or Indented; or Slave, belonging or appertaining
 to any Inhabitant, within this Province, without Letters
 or Licence first had, and obtained, from such Servant's
 Master, Mistress, or Dame, or Overseer; for his, see
 doeing: under y^e penalty of Two Thousand Pounds of
 Tobacco; y^e one halfe thereof, to y^e Lord Prop^{ty}; the other
 halfe, to y^e Master, Mistress, or true Owner of such
 goods, so Purloyned, Bartered, and Conveyed away; when
 Proved by sufficient Witnesses, or Confession of y^e Party.
 To be recoverd in any of his Lordps Courts of Record,
 by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information; wherein
 no Essoyne, Wager, or Protection in Law to be allowed.
 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
 Prob^{all}, or County Court, where, upon Conviction by
 Confession