

find Bayle, as by Law Bayleable to answer his Crime at the Crowne Court of this Province who are to proceed against such Criminals according to the Lawes of England, & the Justices of the said County Courts are to bind over the partyes Prostrato: to prosecute at the said Crowne Court, & to send a Transcript of the Records of the first & second Convictions of the said Criminal under the Seal of the said County Court to the end the Justices of the Crowne Court may appoynt such punishment as the Crime & offence of such person Criminal shall justly deserve, & the Law will allowe of, Provided alsoe that the Justices of the County Courts, or although they have power to put offend: into the Pillory as aforesaid, yett they shall not have power to Cropp thier yeares or mutilate any member. This Act to endure for three yeares or to the end of the next session of Assembly, which shall first happen.

An Act concerning Negroes & Slaves.

Be it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Prop: by & with the Advice & Consent of the Upper & Lower houses of this present Gen: Assembly & the authority of the same, that all Negroes & other Slaves already imported or hereafter to be imported into this Province shall serve (durante vita) & all the Children already borne or hereafter to be borne of any Negroe or other Slave within this Province shall be Slaves to all intents & purposes as thier fathers were for the Term of thier naturall Lives.

And for as much as Divers Freeborne English or White woman Punished by the Justigation Procurer: or Contrivance of thier Masters Mistres or Servants, & always to the Satisfaction of thier Passions & justfull desires, & to the Disgrace not only of the English butt alsoe of many other Christian Nations, doe Intermarry with Negroes & Slaves by which means Divers Inconveniencies & Controversies & Sutes may arise Touching the Issue or Children of such Freeborne women aforesaid, for the prevention whereof for the future, Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Ma: or Dame having any Freeborne English or White woman Serv: as aforesaid in thier possession or property, shall by any Justigation procurer: knowledg: permission or Contrivance what soever, suffer any such Freeborne English or White woman Serv: in thier possession, wherein they have property as aforesaid to Intermarry or Contract in Matrimony with any Slave from and after the last day of this present session of Assembly, that then the said Ma: or Dame of any such Freeborne woman as aforesaid soe married as aforesaid shall for feitt: loose all thier Claim & Title to the Service & Servitude of any such Freeborne woman, & alsoe the said woman Serv: soe married shall be & is by this present Act absolutely discharged & manumitted & made free Inshewly upon her Intermarriage as aforesaid from the Services & Employment of the Claim: or Demands of any such Ma: or Dame soe offending as aforesaid, And all Children borne of such Freeborne women, soe manumitted & free as aforesaid shall be free as the women soe married as aforesaid, & alsoe the said Ma: or Dame shall forfeite the sume of Ten thousand pounds of Tobacco, one halfe thereof to the Lord Prop: & the other halfe to him or them that shall informe & sue for the same to be recovered in