

shall not be of force to debar her or her heirs except
upon her Acknowledgment of the same and the person
or persons taking such her Acknowledgment shall exa-
-mine her privately out of the hearing of her husband -
whether she do make her Acknowledgment of the same
willingly and freely and without being duced therunto
by fear or threats of or used by her husband or fear of
his displeasure and the person or persons so Examining
her shall in a Vouch or Certificate of the said Caption
of the said Acknowledgment Certifie her Examina-
-tion and Acknowledgment thereupon and That -
Such Certificate be Likewise Enrolled upon Record -
in which Case and by such feme covert shall be
Barred and not otherwise any thing herein before
Contained to the contrary Notwithstanding -

An Act relateing to Servants and Slaves

Whereas There have been severall Acts -
provided against Servants Runaways which have
hereto proved ineffectuall in regard they do not -
sufficiently provide Encouragem^t for such person
or persons Inhabitants of this province as shall
Seize such Runaways or Servants by this Act -
Deemed Runaways therefore for the better discovery
Seizing and Apprehending such Runaways Be it
Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maty by and
with the Advice and Consent of his present Generall Assembly
and by the Authority of the same That from and after