

No man or woman shall be able unto Justice here and any person or persons whatsoever that shall from henceforth either Transporte or privately Carry away out of this Province any Apprentices hired or other Servant or Slave belonging to any Inhabitant in this Province shall for every such offence forfeit and pay to the Employer or Owner of such Apprentices hired or other Servant or Slave treble Damages and Cost to be adjudged by the Justices of each respective County Court or the Justices of the Provincial Court for the time of such Apprentices hired, Servants or Slaves unlawfully Transported or Carried away as aforesaid And whereas many great inconveniences happened and Accrued unto many Masters or Owners within this Province by the Wickedness and infidelity of Servants purloining their said Masters Mistresses or Owners Goods and then by Bartering Selling and Conveying away the same unto Seamen and others whereby Masters & Mistresses of Families are or have been very much Damaged & abused for the prevention whereof and of the like misdemeanors for ever future be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no person whatsoever shall Trade Barter Commerce or otherwise Deal with any Servant whether hired or Indented or Slave belonging or Appurtening to any Inhabitants within this Province without leave or licence first had and obtained from such Servants Masters, Mistresses Owners or Oversees for this to wit under the penalty of Two thousand pounds of Tobacco the one half thereof to His Majesty for Supporte of Government the other to the Master Mistress or true Owner of such Goods so purloined Bartered or Conveyed away when proved by sufficient Witnesses or Confession of the party to be recovered in any Court of law