

Sustained by Servitude or otherwise as the Court before whom such
 Matter is brought shall See Convention provided that where the
 Mother of any such Child as aforesaid shall be able to prove the Charge
 by sufficient Testimony of Witnesses Confession of the party Charged
 or pregnant Circumstances agreeing with her Declaration in the
 Extremity of her pains or throes of Travail and her oath taken by
 some Magistrate before the time of her delivery of every such
 Bastard Child or after her delivery then the party Charged if
 a Servant to satisfy halfe the said Damage if a Freeman then the
 whole Damage by Servitude or otherwise as the Court before
 whom such Matter is brought as aforesaid shall think fitt And if
 any such Mother as aforesaid be able to prove by such Testimony
 or Confession of the party Charged that he being a Single person
 and a Freeman did before the getting of such Child promise her Mar-
 riage that then he shall be at his choice either to performe his promise
 to her or recompence her abuse according as the Court before whom such
 Matter is brought shall adudge And be it further enacted by the
 Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that
 after the End of this present Session of Assembly it shall and may be
 Lawfull for the Provinciaall and County Courts of this Province
 to hear and determine any Complaints between Masters and Servants
 by way of petition to give Judgment and award Execution upon
 the same And that upon any Appeals or writt of Error brought
 upon the same from any County Court of this Province to the pro-
 vinciall Court or from the Provinciaall Court to his Excellency the
 Governor and Council no such Judgment shall be reversed for
 want of Judiciall proof or that the same was not tried by Jury
 or any Matter of forme either in the Entry or giving of Judgment
 provided it appears by the Record that the parties were duly
 summoned

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