

39 province then the said person or persons any thing

And be it further enacted that any

persons or other persons what soever that shall transport or convey any person or persons by land or water any freeman being indebted by bill or account or otherwise to any inhabitant thereof without their assent and consent of the Governor or Secretary of the said Province shall be liable to satisfaction of such Debts Engagements and Damages to the person or persons to whom such Debts or Damages respectively shall be due within this Province except the same be otherwise satisfied or that the Transporter or Conveyer of such person or persons procure such person or persons to return again in one month after they may be liable to Justice there and every such person as aforesaid as shall transport or convey away out of this Province any Servant or Servants being bound there by Condition for wages Indenture or Custom of the Country shall be liable for to pay and satisfy unto the Master or Owner of such Servant or Servants so carried away all such Damages as he or they shall make appear to be justly due to such Master or Owner for want of such Servants as the Court of Justice in such Cause shall be tryd thereunto.

And whereas severall ill minded people inhabiting and residing at the head of the Bay have commonly let persons over the head of the Bay and Susquehanna River being either Felons Debtors or runaway Servants from the more remote parts of this Province for some small Advantages they receive in buying or getting such money goods or apparell as such persons have spent or flying from Justice for such Felonies with them generally many goods or apparell by them feloniously purloined from their Masters and Owners by which means they may now ravish people to any other Government in retardation of Justice and to the great Damage of such Creditors Masters and Owners aforesaid.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that from and after the first day of the month of the person or persons inhabiting or being at the head of the Bay or any part of this Province shall transport or convey or cause to be transported or conveyed over Susquehanna River aforesaid or any other part of this Province