

Anno 1700

41 Towards Runaway servants provided in section 20
Sufficiently provide encouragement for such persons servants who in
other provinces should seize such runaway or servants in this
Runaway Servants for the better discovery Seizing and apprehension
runaways

Be it Enacted by the Queenes most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of Her Majestys Governor Council and Assembly of this province and the Authority of the same

That from and after the publication hereof no servant or Servants whatso-
ever within this province whether by Indenture or according to the custom
of the Country or hired for wages shall travel by Land or water from thence
from the place of his hire or Master Mistress or Dame without a Note
under 1000 Pounds or under the hand of his or their Master if any be under
the penalty of being taken for a runaway and to suffer such penalties and
as follows for ~~penalties~~ against Runaway.

And it is hereby further Enacted by the authority advice and con-
sent aforesaid that any servant or Servants unlawfully absenting themselves or
removeth from this place or land said Master Mistress Dame or Overseer shall pay
him days for every one days absence and shall satisfy or pay to his Master or Dame
Master Mistress or Dame all such Costs and Charges as shall be laid and and ex-
pended by his Master or Dame Master Mistress or Dame for their taking up by
process to be adjudged when such Master Mistress or Dame shall bring
them to reward before the Justices of the provincial or County Court where the
Owner Master Mistress or Dame or Overseer of such Servant shall have during the
sitting of the Court to be before or after the expiration of such Servants first term
of servitude by Indenture or otherwise. —

And it is further Enacted by the authority advice and conse-
nt aforesaid that any person or persons whatsoever that shall witness
any entailing any such Servant or Servants unlawfully absented
or them sent as aforesaid shall be fined from hundred pounds of more
every night or twenty four hours that such person or persons given
money to such Servant or Servants unlawfully absented.
Also as aforesaid the one half to the King the other to the