

An act limiting servants being

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Forasmuch as the great charge of hazard
that the people of this province are at for
procuring servants for their necessary employ-
ment in regard to them that had hitherto been allowed
by the former law to furnish or have transported servants
into this province without indenture being above one
and twenty years of age was but four years
service in which time it is conceived by masters and
owners of such servants that it is reasonable
satisfactory for the charges and great hazard
which all masters and owners of servants are compelled
necessity be at with their servants this assembly
do therefore pray that it may be enacted, And be
it therefore enacted by the Right Honorable the Lord
Lynn & by the advice and consent of the upper
and lower house of this present goodly assembly that
whosoever shall transport any servant into this
province without indenture of such servants being a
bove the age of twenty two years shall be obliged
to serve the full space of three years
if between eighteen and twenty without in-
denture without indenture six years, if between
fifteen and eighteen without indenture seven
years, if under fifteen coming in out of for-
eign parts as aforesaid such servants shall serve till he or
she arrive to the full age of two and twenty years
And be it further enacted that all servants trans-
ported out of Virginia into this shall complete
their terms of service which they ought