

Or Overseer for his soe doing under the penalty of two hundred
pounds of tobacco, the one halfe thereof to the Lord Proprietor
other halfe to the Master Mistres or true Owner of such goods
purloyned bartered & conveyed away when proved by sufficient
Witnesses or confession of the party to be recovered in any of
Lordps Courts of Record by Action of Debt Bill plaint or Informacion
wherein noe Escoyne Wager or protection in Lawe to be allowed
And in case such person or persons soe offending shall not be able to
satisfie the same Then such person or persons shall be bound
by some one Justice of the place & put in security either to appear
at the Provinciall or County Court to shew upon conviction by
confession or sufficient witness such Offender shall be punished
by whipping on the bare back with thirty stripes And for the just
ascertaining & limiting of Servants by me of Servitude Be it
Enacted by the Authority by & with the advice & consent aforesaid
That whosoever shall transport any Servant into this Province
without Indenture, such Servant being above the age of two
Twenty years shall be Obliged to serve the full space & terme
of five years, if betwene Eighteen & two & Twenty without
Indenture six years, if betwene fifteen & Eighteen without
Indenture seven years, if under fifteen & without Indenture
shall serve till he or they arrive to the full age of two & Twenty
years And be it further Enacted by the Authority by & with
the advice & consent aforesaid That all Servants transported out
Virginia into this Province shall complet their time of
Servitude here which they ought to have served in Virginia & no
more And be it further Enacted that every Master Mistres or
Dane Assignee or Trustee of what kinde soever owning or keeping
any such Servant as aforesaid whether by vertue of transportation
purchase or otherwise shall within six Months after the bringing
such Servant into their Custody within this Province
or they claime but five years Service of such Servant bring the
said Servant into the respective County Court where they doe
Inhabit And every of the said Courts are hereby Authorized to
Judge & determine of the Age of such Servants soe brought
cause the same to be entred upon Record And every Owner
aforesaid neglecting or refusing to bring such Servant or
Servants before the Court as aforesaid, shall not only stand to
determination of the Court, but also forfeit the Sum of
Thousand pounds of tobacco to the Lord Proprietary for
the Court of such opportunity of viewing the party
Master or Servant aforesaid be given with the
of the Court he shall within