

Servants into their Custody within this province (Except he sh^d or they claim but five years Service of such Servants) bring the said Servants into the respective County Courts where they do inhabit and every of the said Courts and hereby authorized Judge and Determine of the age of such Servants so brought and cause the same to be Entred upon record and Every owner as afores^d Neglecting or refusing to bring such Serv^t or Servants before y^e Court as afores^d shall not only stand to the Determination of the Court but also forfeit the Sum of one thousand pounds of Tobacco to the King his heirs and Successors for the Support of Government and if any master or servant afores^d be Griev'd with the Determination of the Court he shall within the time determined for their Service produce an authentic Certificate of such Servants age and shall have remedy to the ages afores^d mentioned

And forasmuch as disputes have formerly arose at what time Servants time of Servitude whether by Indenture or otherwise should commence Be it Enacted by the Authority advice and Consent afores^d that all Servants transported into this province whether by Indenture or otherwise and so bound or adjudged as afores^d shall commence their time of Servitude from the first Anchoring of the vessel within this province Provided that y^e said vessel tarry not above fourteen days after her Entry within the Capes and her first anchorage in this province and all the days such ship or ships shall tarry in Virginia above fourteen days shall be adjudged part of the Service of such Servant who shall be afterwards brought into Maryland and there sold any Law usage or Custom to y^e Contrary Notwithstanding

And be it also Enacted by the authority advice and Consent afores^d that every Indenture made by any servant during the time of his Service by former Indenture or Judgm^t of the County Court according to the Tenor of this Act shall be void and not any way obligo any Servant for longer time than by his first Indenture or Judgm^t of the Court shall be limited and appointed

And be it further Enacted by the authority advice and Consent afores^d that for all such runaway Serv^t or Slaves that shall be apprehended and taken up in the province of

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