

Pensilvania or Colony of Virginia and from thence brought into this province and delivered to a Magistrate of the County into which they shall be brought the person for so doing shall have paid and allowed him by the master or owner of such runaway four hundred pounds of tobacco and Cash or forty shillings in money upon his producing a Certificate from the Justice or Sheriff of the delivery of such runaway Except Servants or Runaways brought from Accomack into Somerset County for such only two hundred pounds of tobacco or twenty shillings and the like from that Side of Virginia next the river Potomack for such said sum or sums paid such runaway shall make satisfaction when free by Service or otherwise besides what shall be adjudged as a recompense for the absence of such runaway servant as if as the Court shall judge but if such person so apprehended brought and delivered as a free man or freeman and refuse to pay such sum or sums of tobacco or money then and in ^{such} case the magistrate before whom he or she shall be brought shall forthwith Commit the said person so refusing to prison till he or she give suff^{icient} security or make full satisfaction by servitude or otherwise.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that if any Master or Mistress of any servant whatsoever or Overseer by order or Consent of any such master or Mistress shall deny and not provide sufficient meat drink Lodging and Coaling or shall unreasonably burthen them beyond their strength with Labour or debarre them of their necessary Rest and Sleep or Excessively beat and abuse them or shall give them above town Catches for any one offence the same being sufficiently proved before the Justice of the County Court the said Justice have hereby full power and authority for the first and second offence to Levy such fine upon such offender as to them shall seem meet not exceeding one thousand pounds of tobacco to the use of his majesty his heirs and successors for the support of Government and for the third offence to set such offender at Liberty and free from servitude But in case the master or owner of any such servant shall think that he or they deserve greater Correction than the said Master or owner of such servant or servants shall or may carry them before any Justice of the peace who hearing the Complaint shall order such Correction as he shall see fitt not exceeding thirty nine lashes for any one offence.

And be it also Enacted by the authority
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