

aforsaid that all Negroes and other Slaves already Imported or hereafter to be Imported in this province and all Children now borne or hereafter to be born of such Negroes and Slaves shall be Slaves during their Natural Lives - And forasmuch as many people stand neglected to baptize their Negroes or suffer them to be baptized on a vain apprehension that Negroes by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism are manumitted and set free -

Do we hereby further declared and Enacted by and with the Authority advice and Consent aforesaid that no Negro or Negroes by receiving the holy Sacrament of Baptism is thereby manumitted or set free nor hath any right or Title to freedom or Manumission more than he or they had before any Law usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding -

And be it further Enacted that all Ministers Pastors and Magistrates or other persons whatsoever who according to the Laws of this province do usually Join people in Marriage shall not upon any pretence Join in Marriage any Negro whatsoever or Mollato Slave with any white person on the penalty of five thousand pounds of Tobacco the one half to his Majesty his heirs and Successors for the use of free schools the other half to the Informer or him or them that shall see for the same to be recovered in any Court of record of this province by action of Debt bill Plaint or Information wherein no Escoyn protection or wager of Law to be allowed -

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that any white woman whether free or a Servant that shall suffer herself to be got with Child by a Negro or other Slave or free Negro such woman so begot with Child as aforesaid if free shall become a Servant for and during the Term of seven years if a Servant shall finish her time of Servitude together with the damage that shall accrue to such person to whom she is a Servant by occasion of any Child or Children begotten as aforesaid in the time of her Servitude and after such Satisfaction made shall again become a Servant for and during the term of seven years aforesaid and if such begetter of such Child as aforesaid be a free Negro he shall become a Servant for and during the term of seven years as aforesaid to be adjudged by the Justices of the County Court where such fact is committed according to