

this Law in the Cause made and provided against such Servants as have Bastards and the Issues or Children of such unnatural and Inordinate Copulations shall be Servants until they arrive at the age of one and thirty years and any white man that shall beget any Negre woman with Child whether freewoman or Servant shall undergo the same Penalties as white women all w^{ch} kinds of Servitude by this Act imposed upon the persons having so offended to be disposed of or employed as the Justice of such County shall think fit the Produce whereof shall be appropriated towards defraying the County Charge -

And be it further enacted by the authority afo^r that any Servant woman having a Bastard Child and not able sufficiently to prove the party charged to be the begetter of such Child in every such Case the mother of such Child shall be liable to satisfy the Damage so sustained by Servitude or otherwise as the Court before whom such matter is brought shall see convenient provided that where the mother of any such Child as afo^r do prove her Charge by sufficient Testimony of witnesses Confessⁿ of the Party charged or pregnant Circumstances agreeing with her Declaration in her Expressly of her Pain or Throws of Travail and her oath taken by some Magistrate before the time of her Delivery of every such Bastard Child or after her Delivery then the party charged if a Servant shall satisfy half the said damage if a freeman shall satisfy the whole damage by Servitude or otherwise as the Court before whom such matter is brought as afo^r shall think fit, but if the said freeman cannot be brought to justice then and in every such Case he shall make the same Satisfaction as if he could not prove the begetter as afo^r and if any such mother as afo^r be able to prove by such Testimony or Confessⁿ of the party charged that he being a single person and a freeman did before the begetting of such Child promise her Marriage that then he shall be at his Charge either to perform his promise to her or recompense her above according as the Court before whom such matter is brought shall adjudge -

And be it further enacted by the authority advice and Council afo^r after the End of this Session of Assembly it shall and may be lawful for the provincials and County Courts of this province to hear and determine any Complaints between Masters and Servants by way of petition to give Judgment and award Execution upon the same and that upon appeal or writt of Error brought upon the same from any County Court of this province to the provincials Court or from the prov^l Court to the Governour and Council no such Judgment shall be reviewed for want of Judiciale proofs or that the same was not tried by a Jury or any Matter of form either in the Entry or giving Judgment provided it appears by the record that the defnd was legally summoned and not condemned unheard -

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