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against any Negro or Molatto Slave free Negroe or Molatto  
 of a white woman during their evidence by Law or as any Indian Slave  
 or Slave or the Neighbouring Provinces in such case the Testimony of any negro or  
 Molatto Slave free negro or Molatto Born of a white woman or Indian Native of  
 this or the Neighbouring provinces may be heard and received as Evidence according  
 to the discretion of the several Courts of record or Magistrate before whom such  
 matter or thing against such Negro or Molatto Slave &c shall depend provided  
 such Evidence or Testimony do not Extend to the Depriving them or any of  
 their Life or Member - And whereas it so often happens that  
 negroes Slaves &c Commit many Heinous and Capital Crimes which are either  
 buried to be smothered and concealed or else such Negroes &c are Conveyed to  
 some Other province and sold by their owners who for the sake of the Interest they  
 have in their Lives and Services suffer them to escape Justice Be it therefore  
 Enacted by and with the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that if any Negro or  
 Molatto Slave or Molatto Born of a white woman During the time of his Service  
 by Law, or Indian Slave shall hereafter be convicted of any Capital Crime for  
 which they shall suffer death the court before whom they shall be Convicted -  
 shall immediately upon such Conviction Value such Negro or Molatto Slave or  
 Molatto Born of a white woman before the Expiration of their Service appointed  
 by Law in tobacco and three fourths of their value to be allowed in the publick  
 to be paid to the owner or owners of such negro or Molatto Slave or Molatto, born  
 of a white woman And whereas in the Law relating to Servants and Slaves  
 there is no punishment or penalty laid upon negroes or Molattoes Intermar-  
 rying with any white person Be it therefore Enacted by and with the  
 Authority Advice and consent aforesaid that if any free Negro or Molatto  
 intermarry with any white Woman or if any white man shall Intermarry  
 with any Negro or Molatto woman such Negro, or Molatto Shall become a  
 Slave during life Excepting Molattoes Born of white women, who for  
 such Intermarriage shall only become Servants for Seven years to be  
 disposed of as the Justices of the County Court where such Marry aforesaid to  
 happen shall think fit to be applied by them towards the Support of a  
 publick School within the said County and any white man or white woman  
 who shall Intermarry aforesaid with any Negro or Molatto such white  
 man or white woman shall become Servants During the Term of Seven  
 years and shall be disposed of by the Justices aforesaid and be applied to the  
 uses aforesaid further where many Negro Indians & Molatto Slaves  
 have been found guilty of Thieving and Stealing and other misdeame-  
 nours for which they either escape without punishment or else their