

owners of such Indian Negroes or Molatto are put to (considerable) Charge by bringing them to trial and receiving their punishment for such Crimes before the County Courts. **Be it Enacted** with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council that whosoever any Negro Indian or Molatto slave shall hereafter be Charged without any Pilfering or Stealing or any other Crime or Misdemeanour, & if the County Court might have Cognizance of it shall and may be Lawfull for any One of the Justices of the provincie or County Court upon Complaint made before him to Cause such Negro Indian or Molatto Slave so Offending to be brought Immediately before him or any other Justice of peace for the County, where such Offence is Committed who upon due proof made against any such Negro or Molatto Slave of any the Crimes as aforesaid such Justice is hereby authorized and empowered to award and cause to be inflicted according to the Nature of the Crime such punishment by whipping as he shall thinke fitt not Exceeding forty Lashes.

June the 7th 1717 Read and Assented to by the Lower house of Assembly & Signed by Order
 June the 7th 1717 Read and Assented to by the Upper house of Assembly & Signed by Order
 Mic. Jenifer Esq. Tho. Howard Esq.

June the Eighth 1717 On behalfe of the Right honorable the Lord Proprietarie will this be a Law
 Seal of the Proprietarie

Examined

Whereas many Differences have and may hereafter arise and grow between the English and Indians which for want of a speedy way of Determining the same many great Charges and Ill Consequences have and may happen thereupon by the said Controversies being brought from the remotest parts of this Province to be heard and Determined before the Governour and Council to the very great Trouble of the persons concerned and the Publick Charge which to prevent and to give a speedy redress in all such matters. **Be it Enacted** by the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietarie by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Government and the upper and Lower houses of Assembly and of the