

A Mouth to All Suspected Slaves within his hundred And if at any such place he shall find any Negroes or Other Slaves besides the Negroes or Other Slaves ~~belonging to the Owner of such Place~~ belonging to the Owner of such Place not having anyone under their Owner or Owners hand, that it shall and may be lawfull for the Constable And he is by this Act required to whip every such Negro on the bare back at his Discretion not Exceeding thirty Nine Stripes And to the end that every Constable may be enabled to put this Act in due Execution. Be it enacted that it may be lawfull for the Constable to require as many persons as may be necessary to repair with him to such places And that every person that shall be so required and shall refuse shall forfeit One hundred pounds of Tobacco to be recovered and applied as hereafter Express And all white persons being free that shall be present shall Aid and Assist such Constable on pain of forfeiting One hundred pounds of Tobacco to the Lord Proprietor One half to the use of the County and the other to the Performer on being Convict by the Oath of the Constable or other lawfull witnesses or Confession of the Party before any Magistrate And that all Negroes and Other Slaves belonging to the Owner of the Place where such Assembly shall be if required shall Aid and Assist the Constable in putting this Act in Execution on pain of being whipped each of them with thirty Nine Stripes on the bare back And be it enacted that every Constable that shall be appointed to put this Act in Execution shall be allowed five hundred pounds of Tobacco in the County hee And if it shall so happen at any time that any Negro or Other Slave shall Strike any white person it shall and may be lawfull upon Proof made thereof either by the Oath of the Party so Struck or otherwise before any Justice of the Peace for such Justice to Cause One of the Negroes or Other Slaves so offending to be Cropt

And be it likewise enacted that the Owner of any Plantation or Plantations that shall at any time Discover any strange Negro or Other Slaves upon any of their Plantations (unless they are sent by their Owners on lawfull Business) And shall with such Negroes or Other Slaves to belonge home to their Masters or Owners any Negroes or Other Slaves refusing or delaying so to do it shall and may be lawfull for the Owner of such plantation to Convent such Negro by whipping not Exceeding thirty Nine Lashes And any person that shall wilfully encourage any Negro or Other Slaves to meet in Companies on their plantations unless on lawfull Business shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence One thousand pounds of Tobacco to the use aforesaid to be recovered as aforesaid

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid and Consent aforesaid that any Master or Owner of any Negro or Other Slaves that shall suffer any such Slaves to them belonging to keep any horses or Mares or to Raise any Cattle or Hogs as the proper Right of such Slaves, the Master or Owner of such Slaves shall forfeit and pay five hundred pounds of Tobacco to be recovered and applied as aforesaid, And also all such Horses and Mares Cattle and Hogs shall likewise be forfeited One half to the Performer the other half to be applied as aforesaid

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that whereas many Negroes and Other Slaves absent themselves from their Masters Service and Run out into the woods And there remain killing and Destroying of Hogs and Cattle belonging unto the People of this Province if that such Negro or Negroes or Other Slaves so absent lying as aforesaid shall refuse to surrender themselves making resistance against such persons as attempt to apprehend and take them up being thereunto legally empowered it shall be lawfull to and for such persons upon such resistance made to shoot kill and Destroy such Negro or Negroes or Other Slaves as aforesaid

This Act to be read in every County Court by the Sheriff or his Deputy on pain of forfeiting five hundred pounds of Tobacco for every Omision to the Lord Proprietor One half to the use of the County where the Omision shall happen And the other half to the Performer to be recovered by Action of Debt Bill plaint or Information wherein no Speake Protection or Wagon of Law shall be allowed

October the 16th 1729
Read and Reported to by the lower house of assembly & signed
Maiden M. Jenifer & Co

October the 26th 1729
On behalf of the Rt Honble the Lord Proprietor of this Province
I will this be a Law

October the 16th 1729
Read and Reported to by the upper house of assembly and signed
Samuel Skippon Secy. Geo.



Chc: Calvert