

forwards, defraying the Charge thereof of any late Statute
Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding

October the 29th 1725.
Read and approved by the
Lower House of Assembly
Signed by Order
in Jennifer Hall

October the 29th 1725
Read and approved by both
Upper House of Assembly and
Signed by
Geo. Bladen Esq.

November the 6th 1725
On behalf of the
of the right Hon^{ble}
the Proprietors of this Province

I will this be a Law
An Act to encourage the taking up of
Runaway Slaves that shall be taken up by any
Person and brought in from the back woods.

Whereas many of the Slaves belonging to several of the
Inhabitants of this Province have of late years run away into the
back Woods some of which have there perished and others who
hold it out as to their Lives have been entertained and encouraged
to live and inhabit with the Shawan Indians and forasmuch as
many Negroes upon hearing the Success some of their fellow
Slaves have met with and daily making Attempts to go the same way
which if not timely and effectually prevented may be of very ill
and fatal Consequences to the Inhabitants of this Province for
prevention whereof it is humbly prayed that it may be enacted
And be it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord
proprietor of this Province by and with the Advice and Consent
of his Lordships Governor and the Upper and Lower houses of
Assembly and the Authority of the same That any person
whosoever either Indian or other that shall take up any Runaway
Slave (already runaway or that shall hereafter ^{runaway} in any part of the back
woods to the Northward of Monocacy Ridge from the mouth thereof
up the said River to the fording place where the Conestogas path crosses
the same near one Caines plantation and then to the Northward
of the said Conestogas Path until it meet with Susquehanna River
and by them shall be brought in and delivered to the person appointed
and Commissioned according to the directions of this Act to receive
such runaway Negroes shall be paid by the said Commissioner
as a reward for each runaway slave taken up brought in & delivered
as aforesaid the sum of five pounds Current money And be
it further enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent