

for every such person or persons so taken to please the Generals
 and give this Act and the special matter in Evidence
 and in case of Non suit Discontinuance or Default against
 the Plaintiff the Court shall award double Costs of Suit
 And forasmuch as that the Encouragement provided
 by this Act for the taking up such Runaway Negroes as
 aforesaid may not be sufficient to deter such Negroes
 from running away in manner aforesaid without inflicting
 some Corporal punishment on them such as may render
 them an Example to others if they should be guilty of the like
 offence Be it therefore enacted by the Authority
 Advice and Consent aforesaid that every Runaway Negro
 that shall be taken up to the Northward of Monocacy River
 from the Mouth thereof up the said River to the Landing
 place near Albino's plantation where the Conestogoe
 path crosses Monocacy and so to the Northward of said
 Conestogoe path till it meets with Susquehanna River
 for the first offence shall have one of his ears cut off by
 such person as such Commissioners as aforesaid for that
 purpose authorize and if afterwards he shall be guilty of
 a second offence in the same kind that then he shall have
 the other ear cut off and be branded on the Cheek with the
 Letter R by such person authorized as aforesaid by such
 Commissioners as aforesaid always excepting from the
 aforesaid punishments young Negroes that are not
 arrived to the years of discretion and new Negroes twelve
 Months after their arrival here in the Country.

October the 20th 1725
 Read and Assented to by the
 Lower House of Assembly
 M^r Jenifer Secy. Ho.

October the 24th 1725
 Read and Assented to by the
 Upper House of Assembly and
 M^r Jenifer Secy. Ho.

November the 6th 1725
 On behalf of the Right Hon^{ble} the
 Privy Council
 I will this Seal
 Chas. Calvert
 Secy. of the Privy Council
 The Great Seal of the Province of Maryland

An Act for the Relief and Release of poor
 distressed Prisoners for Debt.

Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord
 Proprietor by and with the Advice and Consent of his

(Lords High)

Reported in 1726
 May 13