

Nine Stripes on the bare Back; and that the other Bar shall be cropt the next Day, and the like Number of Stripes given the Offender on his or her bare Back. And to the End, that such Slave or Slaves as shall be produced as a Witness or Witnesses against other Slave or Slaves, may be deterred from giving false Testimony:

*BE IT ENACTED*, That the Justices of Assize, or either of them, then sitting, or the Justice of the County Court, who shall preside, shall admonish and charge such Witness or Witnesses to declare the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth; and acquaint him, her, or them, with the Danger and Consequence of giving false Testimony.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, That when any Slave shall be condemned to suffer Death, that such Slave shall be valued by the Justices of Assize, or either of them then present, or County Court, according to the best of their Knowledge; which said whole Value shall be paid by the Treasurer of the respective Shore, on which such Execution shall be, on the Certificate of such Sheriff, out of the Publick Stock of this Province, in the Hands of such Treasurer, without Fee or Reward, to the Master or Owner of such Slave, in Case the said Slave be actually executed.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, That where any Slave shall be guilty of rambling, riding, or going abroad in the Night; or riding Horses in the Day Time, without Leave; or running away; it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the County Court, and they are hereby obliged, upon the Application or Complaint of the Master or Owner of such Slave, or on the Application or Complaint of any other Person who shall be any ways damnified or injured by such Slave, immediately such Slave to punish, by whipping, cropping, or branding in the Cheek with the Letter R, or otherwise, not extending to Life, or to render such Slave unfit for Labour.

*AND BE IT LIKEWISE ENACTED*, That if any Slave shall happen to be slain, for refusing to surrender him or herself, contrary to Law; or in unlawful resisting any Officer, or other Person, appointed to apprehend him or her; that in every such Case, such Slave shall be valued by Two reputable Persons, not being of Kin to the Master or Owner of such Slave, upon Oath to be administered to them, and to be appointed by the then nearest Magistrate, well and truly to value what such Slave was worth, to the best of their Knowledge, without Favour or Partiality: And that the whole Value of such Slave or Slaves shall be certified by such Persons to such Magistrate; and that the same shall be paid to the Owner or Owners of such Slave or Slaves, by the Treasurer of the respective Shore of this Province, on which the same Death happened, upon a Certificate from the said Magistrate, of the Death and Value of such Slave or Slaves, out of the Publick Stock of this Province, in the Hands of such Treasurer, without Fee or Reward.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, That if any free Person shall entice and perswade any Slave within this Province to run away, and who shall actually run away from the Master, Owner, or Overseer, and be convicted thereof, by Confession, or Verdict of a Jury, upon an Indictment or Information, shall forfeit and pay the full Value of such Slave to the Master or Owner of such Slave; to be levied, by Execution, on the Goods, Chattels, Lands, or Tenements of the Offender; and in Case of Inability to

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