

pay the same, shall suffer One Year's Imprisonment, without Bail or Mainprize. And that if any White Servant shall entice or periwade any such Slave to run away, and who shall actually run away, that the Offender shall, after the Expiration of his Time of Servitude, become a Servant to the Master or Owner of such Slave, for and during the Term of Four Years, or satisfy and pay to the Master or Owner, the Value of such Slave, to be adjudged in either Case at the Trial, by the Court before whom the Fact shall be tried; and that the Fact may be tried, either in the County where the Offences shall be committed, or where the Offender or Offenders shall be taken or apprehended. And to the End, that this Act may be known by all Sorts of People:

*BE IT ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Sheriffs within this Province, shall read, or cause this Act to be read, at each of the Four County Courts in every Year, during the Continuance of this Act, on Pain of forfeiting Five Pounds Current Money for every Neglect: To be recovered, as aforesaid, with Costs of Suit, by Indictment or Information, in the Court of the County where such Neglect shall happen, and applied to defray the County Charge.*

THIS Act to continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

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*An ACT to encourage the apprehending some Felons; and for trying Accessories to Felonies by them committed, before Conviction of the Principals.*

**W**HEREAS, *William Turner*, late of *Queen Anne's County*, Planter, and *Edward Turner*, late of the said County, Labourer, have, in the most daring Manner, for many Years past, frequently committed, and do still continue to commit, within this Province, near to the Borders of it, Felonies, which, by the Laws of *England*, and this Province, are and ought to be punished with Death. And whereas, the said *William* and *Edward* stand indicted for feloniously breaking and entering the Store-house of *Isaiab Robinson*, in *Queen Anne's County*, in the same Province, and stealing, taking, and bearing away, out of the same House, divers Goods and Chattels of the same *Isaiab*, of a considerable Value; upon which Indictment, many Writs have, in vain, issued for their Apprehension. And whereas, many Attempts, in divers Parts of this Province, to take the said Offenders, have been rendered fruitless, by their threatening to kill their Pursuers with Pistols and other dangerous Weapons, with which they always ride armed; and the Apprehensions of those Pursuers, that it may be a Transgression of the Laws to kill the said Offenders, in such Attempts to take them; which Disparity, in Favour of the said Offenders, will, probably, for ever enable them to escape the Punishment justly due to their Crimes. And whereas it is greatly feared, that the Difficulty of apprehending these Offenders, notwithstanding their Publick Appearance in divers Parts of this Province in the Day Time, will encourage other Persons, flying from Justice, to join with them, in committing Felonies and Robberies, to the manifest and apparent Danger of the Lives and Properties of all His Majesty's Subjects within this Province. For Prevention and Remedy thereof:

*BE IT DECLARED AND ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lord-*