

sisting any Officer or other Person who shall apprehend, or endeavour to apprehend such Slave or Slaves; and such Officer or other Person, to killing such Slave as aforesaid making Resistance, shall be, and he is by this Act indemnified from any Prosecution for such killing aforesaid: And that in every such Case, such Slave or Slaves shall be valued by two reputable Persons, not being of Kin to the Master or Owner of such Slave, upon Oath to be administered unto 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, or to his, her, or their Order, 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 Public Stock of this Province in the Hands of such Treasurer, without Fee or Reward.

Slaves killed in refusing to surrender, to be paid for by the Public.

*And be it further Enacted*, That if any free Person shall entice and persuade 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 pay the same, shall suffer one Year's Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize. And that if any white Servant shall entice or persuade 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 Tryal, 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.

Free Persons or white Servants enticing Slaves to run away.

And to the End 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 the Court-House Door, on the second Day of 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 be applied to defray the County Charge.

Sheriffs to read this Act at County Courts.

*Provided always*, That where any Money shall be paid by Virtue of any Act or Acts of this Province, for any Slave or Slaves who shall die in Goal after Sentence, or shall be executed; *It is hereby Declared and Enacted*, That such Payment shall be made for such Slave or Slaves who were actual Inhabitants within this Province, at the Time of such Fact committed, and not otherwise.

Proviso.

This Act to continue for three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said three Years.

Continuance of this Act.

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