

An Act limiting the times of Servants

Be it enacted by the Lord Proprietary
of this Province of and with the advice and appro-
bation of the freemen of the same that all persons being
Christians slaves excepted of the age of eighteen years
or above and brought into this Province at the charge
and adventure of some other person shall serve such
person at whose charge they were so transported for the
full term of four years only to commence from this
or their arrival in the Province except any other time
were contracted for by Covenant

And the charge shall be accounted and adjudged
that persons by whom or whose order the passage mo-
ney was paid to the merchant or master

And all persons under the age of eighteen years
transported into this Province at the charge and ad-
venture of some other Province shall serve such Per-
son at whose charge he or they were so transported
until such person or persons so transported shall be
of the full age of twenty four years except likewise
any other time were contracted for by Covenant

And every maid servant being Christian
except before excepted of the age of twelve years old
or under shall be bound to serve the party or parties
transporting her or them for seven years and if she
above the age of twelve years she shall serve for four
Years only (except it were otherwise conditioned) and
at the end of any the said terms of Service expired
the master or misters of such Servant at the time