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to the Master, or Owners of such Ser-
vants, and are lawfully provided where
that Damages shall be recoverable by the
whereof Birth Enacted by the Lord
Proprietary, by and with the Consent of
this present Generall Assembly, That
Every such Mother if a Bastard Child not
able sufficiently to prove the party charged
to be the begotten of such Child, in every
such Case the Mother of such Child shall
only be liable to satisfy the Damages for
Sustained by Servitude, or other ways
as the Court before whom such matter is
brought shall see Convenient
Provided that where the Mother of any
such Child as aforesaid shall be able to pro-
ve her Charge either by sufficient Testimon-
of witnesses or Confession. Then the pa-
charged, if a Servant to satisfy halfe
said Damages, if a freeman then the
Damages by Servitude or otherwise as
aforesaid. And if any such Mother a-
foresaid be able to prove by such Testi-
mony or Confession as aforesaid that the
party charged being a Single person an
freeman) did before the begetting of such
Child promise her Marriage, that then hee
shall performe his promise to her, or com-
pense her abuse, as the Court before whom
such matter is brought shall see Convenient,
the quality and Condition of the persons
considered. This Act to continue for three
years or to the End of the next

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