

An Acte limiting Masters & Servants

Whereas certain differences too frequently arise betwixt
 Masters and Servants in this Province in and about the
 time of Service and Custodes often pleaded on both sides
 in this minority of Standing for production of the bills & the
 Enacted And be it enacted by the said Proprietary with the
 consent of the upper and lower houses of this present gen-
 eral Assembly that every Servant transported into this
 Province after the end of this Assembly going of the full
 age of fourteen and two yeares or upwards not having
 indenture or other sufficient testimony for the warrant
 or time of his or her coming in, such Servant shall
 serve him or her that transported and paye the passage
 of the said Servant or their Assignes from and after
 their first arrival into this Province the full time
 of foure yeares if below the age of eighteene and
 two and twenty yeares such Servant shall serve five
 yeares if betwixt the age of eighteene and nineteene
 such Servant shall serve six yeares And every Servant
 of what age soever under fiftene yeares and coming
 in as aforesaid shall serve till he or she arriveth to
 the age of four and twelve yeares

And be it further enacted that every Master, Mistress
 or Assignes or Trustees of what kind soever whome
 or to whom any such Servant as aforesaid whether by
 article of transportation purchase or otherwise shall
 within three monthes next after the receiving such
 Servant into their custody within this Province bring
 the said Servant into their respective County Court
 within the day next in habit And every of the said Court
 shall hereby authorized to Judge of and determine the
 age of such Servants, so brought and cause the same to be
 entered upon Record And every Officer as aforesaid in
 letting or refusing to bring such Servant or Servants
 before the Court as aforesaid shall loose and paye
 of the Court of the diaries aforesaid And if any Master
 or Servant aforesaid be aggrieved with the determi-
 nation of the Court he shall within the time & manner
 of the said Service produce an authentic certificate