

An Act concerning English Serv<sup>ts</sup>  
th<sup>t</sup> Runn away in Company of  
Negroes or other Slaves.

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Whereas div<sup>rs</sup> English Serv<sup>ts</sup> Runn away in Company w<sup>th</sup> Negroes & other Slaves, who are incapeable of makeing Stisfaccōn by Addicōn of Tyme Bee itt enacted by the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>orable</sup> the Lord Proprietary by & w<sup>th</sup> the consent of the vpp<sup>r</sup> & low<sup>r</sup> howse of this p<sup>r</sup>sent gen<sup>all</sup> Assembly th<sup>t</sup> any English Serv<sup>t</sup> or Serv<sup>ts</sup> th<sup>t</sup> shall run away in the Company of any Negroe or other Slaves shalbe able to pay either Singly or pporconably if more then one all such Just Dammage to the owners or Mast<sup>rs</sup> of the same as shalbee made appeare before any Co<sup>rt</sup> of Record in this p<sup>r</sup>vince

The vpp<sup>r</sup> house have Assented  
John Gittings Clke

The Low<sup>r</sup> howse have Assented  
W<sup>m</sup> Bretton Clke.

An Act Imposing a Penalty on  
all such who shall dispose of Tobacco  
seized & recd by the Sherriffe or oth<sup>rs</sup>

Whereas divers & great greiveances have happened within this Province through the many cheates & deceipts th<sup>t</sup> many have v<sup>s</sup>ed in disposing of & alte<sup>r</sup>ing the markes & Quallities of Tobacco after the sayde Tobacco hath been seized and received by the Sherriffe either for Fynes, Leavyes or his Lo<sup>pps</sup> Rente or hath beene payd away to Merchants or others & by them marked & received whereby both the Publique hath been much abused and wronged and many private p<sup>r</sup>sons have rec<sup>d</sup> great damages in their sayd Goods Bee it therefore Enacted by the Lord Proprietary by & w<sup>th</sup> the consent & Advice of the vpp<sup>r</sup> & low<sup>r</sup> howse of this p<sup>r</sup>sent gen<sup>all</sup> Assembly th<sup>t</sup> what p<sup>r</sup>son soever shall dispose of any Tobacco or other Goods Seized on or rec<sup>d</sup> by the Sherriffe for Fynes Leavyes or his Lo<sup>pps</sup> Rent or other Publique offic<sup>r</sup> ffees or th<sup>t</sup> shall alte<sup>r</sup> or Scratch out the markes of any Tobacco soe rec<sup>d</sup> or th<sup>t</sup> shall alter or change the Quality of any Tobacco soe rec<sup>d</sup> or by any Mercht or other rec<sup>d</sup> either by vncaseing or otherwise shalbee lyable being convicted by confession or sufficient Witnes in some Co<sup>rt</sup> of this p<sup>r</sup>vince to restore foure fold to the p<sup>r</sup>ty greived & to stand in the Pillory two full ho<sup>rs</sup> during the Co<sup>rt</sup> tyme w<sup>th</sup> his offence fairely written in a peece of pap & placed vppon his backe.

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