

Liber B. L. C. such Slave, which shall be intended to take Place in futuro, shall be good to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever, from the Time that such Freedom or Manumission is intended to commence by the said Deed or Writing, so that such Deed and Writing be not in Prejudice of Creditors, and that such Slave, at the Time such Freedom or Manumission shall take Place or commence, be not above the Age aforesaid, and be able to work, and gain a sufficient Livelihood and Maintenance, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; which Instrument of Writing shall be acknowledged before one Justice of the Peace of the County wherein the Person or Persons granting such Freedom shall reside; which Justice shall Indorse, on the Back of such Instrument, the Time of the Acknowledgement, and the Party making the same; which he or they, or the Parties concerned shall cause to be entered among the Records of the County Court, where the Person or Persons granting such Freedom shall reside, within six Months after the Date of such Instrument of Writing: And the Clerk or Clerks of the respective County Courts within this Province shall, immediately upon the Receipt of such Instrument, Indorse the Time of his receiving the same, and shall well and truly enroll such Deed or Instrument in a good and sufficient Book in Folio, to be regularly Alphabetted in the Names of both Parties, and to remain in the Custody of the said Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, among the Records of the respective County Courts; and that the said Clerk or Clerks shall, on the Back of every such Instrument, in a full legible Hand, make an indorsement of such Inrollment, and also of the Folio of the Book in which the same shall be enrolled, and to such Indorsement set his Hand, the Person or Persons requiring such Entry, paying the usual and legal Fees for the same.

And be it likewise Enacted, That a Copy of such Record, duly attested under the Seal of such Office, shall, at all Times hereafter, be deemed, to all Intents and Purposes, good Evidence to prove such Freedom.

[Duty of Justices, for the due Observance of this Act.] And to the End that this Act may be duly observed, the Justices of every County Court within this Province respectively, shall, at their respective County Courts to be held in March yearly, give in Charge to the respective Grand Juries of each respective County, to enquire into any Breaches made contrary to this Act.

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

22.<sup>d</sup> June 1752  
Read and Assented to  
by the/Lower House of  
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Signed p Order  
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23 June 1752  
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