

be, under the penalty of being taken for a runaway, and to suffer such penalties as are hereafter provided against runaways.

Penalty for
absenting
themselves.

SEC. 3. *And it is hereby further enacted by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid,* That any servant or servants unlawfully absenting him, her or themselves, from his, her or their said master, mistress, dame or overseer, shall make such satisfaction by servitude or otherwise, at the discretion of the justices of the county court, where such runaway servant did dwell, not exceeding ten days' service for any one day's absence, with such reasonable cost for his, her or their taking up, as the court shall think fit, be it before or after the expiration of such servant's first time of servitude by indenture or otherwise.

SEC. 4. By 1748, ch. 19, the prohibition is enlarged and the punishment is increased. See 1818, ch. 157.

And on free
negroes for
harbouring
them, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That if any free negro or mulatto shall harbour or entertain any such servant or slave as aforesaid, in every such case, he or they so offending shall forfeit and pay as aforesaid, for every such offence, the sum of one thousand pounds of tobacco, the one-half to our sovereign lord the king, his heirs and successors, for the use of the free schools, the other half to the party grieved, to be recovered as aforesaid; and if any such offending negro or mulatto hath not an estate sufficient wherewith immediately to satisfy and pay such penalty as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the justices before whom such matter is tried to order satisfaction, by servitude or otherwise, as they shall seem meet.

See 1727, ch. 15.

SEC. 6. Subjected any person travelling out of his county, without a pass and not being able to give a good account of himself, to be taken up and treated as a runaway.

This section is therefore omitted as being inapplicable to our present advanced state of society.

Allowance
for taking
up runa-
ways, &c.

SEC. 7. *And, for better encouragement of all persons to seize and take up all such runaways, it is hereby further enacted, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid,* That all and every such person or persons as aforesaid, seizing or taking up such runaways, travelling without passes as aforesaid, not being able to give a sufficient account of themselves as aforesaid, shall have and receive two hundred pounds of tobacco, to be paid by the owner of such runaway servant, negro or slave, so apprehended and taken up; and if such suspected runaway or runaways be not servants, and refuse to pay the same, he, she or they, shall make satisfaction by servitude, or otherwise, as the justices of the provincial and county courts where such person shall be so apprehended and taken up shall think fit.

Modified by 1817, ch. 112, sec. 6. The allowance is changed by 1806, ch. 81, sec. 5, to six dollars. See also, 1810, ch. 63—1833, ch. 111—1834, ch. 161.

SEC. 8. Held out rewards to friendly Indians to take up runaways.