

Upper and lower houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same
 That every Inhabitant of this Province that hereafter shall buy any
 Convict Servant shall be & is by this Act Obliged wthin Twenty
 Days after the Publication hereof or purchase of such Convict
 Servant to give and Enter into Recognizance in the Sum of
 Thirty Pounds Current money of Maryland before some Justice of
 the Prov^l or County Court for the good Behaviour of such Convict
 Servant for the space of One whole year from the Date of such
 Recognizance which Recognizances are to be renewed yearly and
 Every year during the Time of the Servitude of such Convict Servant
 And to be returned by the Severall Magistrates takeing the same to
 the County Clerks respectively where the Persons recognizing reside
 to be by him Entred upon Record.

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And Be it Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid
 that any Person that shall hereafter buy any Convict Servant that
 shall neglect or refuse to give a Recognizance According to the
 Directions of this Act by the Space of Twenty Days after the publi-
 cation thereof or Purchase of such Convict Servant and renew the
 Same Recognizance yearly as aforesaid shall forfeit the Quantity of
 four Thousand Pounds of Tobacco One half to the Lord Proprietor
 for and towards Defraying the Publick Charge of this Province the
 Other half to the Informer or him that will Sue for the Same to be
 recovered by Action of Debt Bill Plaint or Information wherein no
 Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law shall be Allowed And to the
 End that it may be known when & to whom any Convict Servants are
 Sold.

Be it Enacted that Every Person haveing the sale of Any such
 Convict Servant within this Province shall be and is hereby Obliged
 to make Oath or Affirmation if a Quaker before one Justies of the
 Provincially or County Court within Six Days after such Sale of the
 time of the Sale of such Convict Servant And to whom Sold Which
 Deposition or Affirmation shall be by such Magistrate Transmitted
 to the Clerk of the County who is hereby Obliged to Enter the same
 on Record wthout fee or reward and that an Exemplification of such
 Deposition or Affirmation shall be received as Evidence to prove
 the fact therein Contained And that the person selling such Convicts
 and neglecting to Do what is by this Act required shall forfeit Twenty
 thousand pounds of Tobacco to the use aforesaid to be recovered as
 aforesaid, and for the better Discovery of Convict Servants Be it
 Enacted that Every Master of a Ship or Other Vessell that shall
 hereafter Import any Servants into this Province shall be Obliged
 at the Time of the Entry of his ship or other Vessell as aforesaid
 to Declare upon Oath or Affirmation (if a Quaker) which the Navall
 Officer of the Port is by this Act Impowered to Administer, whether
 he knows of any Convicts among the Servants by him Imported and
 to give a List of their names to the Navall Officer to be by him Trans-