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AN Act for bringing in  
Run-away Negroes & Incentivem<sup>t</sup>. of  
such who shall bring them in.

Whereas severall Negroes are, now run  
away and lurk in <sup>e</sup> woods to the great detriment  
of their Owners and all <sup>e</sup> rest of <sup>e</sup> Inhabitants  
of this Island; And forasmuch as all other Colonies  
have wholesome penall Laws for restraining  
such Runawayes; for correcting <sup>m</sup> when taken,  
and incentivem<sup>t</sup>. of such who shall take them;  
Be it therefore ordained and enacted and it  
is ordained and enacted by <sup>e</sup> authority afores<sup>d</sup>  
That such Negroes who shall absent themselves  
from <sup>e</sup> Masters service or run away for  
<sup>e</sup> space of three months, shall upon proofe  
be immediately executed, by order from two  
of the next Justices of <sup>e</sup> peace, and <sup>e</sup> owner  
for the Loss of such Slaves so executed shall be  
reimbursed out of <sup>e</sup> Common Stock, And that  
what person soever, shall bring in such Slave or  
Slaves who shall be found to have been run  
away <sup>e</sup> <sup>e</sup> space of time, or above one month  
shall have for his paim<sup>t</sup>. & incentivem<sup>t</sup>. six  
hundred pounds of Sugar or Tobacco; And if  
<sup>e</sup> Negro shall be executed <sup>e</sup> publique shall  
pay the said Summ, if not the Owner or Proprietor  
of

of the said Negro or Negroes: And it is further provided, that if any Negro shall be killed in y<sup>e</sup> taking, whether he hath been run away less or more times y<sup>e</sup> Country to pay the Proprietor, and y<sup>e</sup> Consideration of each Negro dead to be the Summ of 3000 pounds of Sugar or Tobacco, and if any Master or Proprietor shall conceal or take again any Runaway Negro who hath deserved death as above, he or they so concealing the same, and not prosecuting y<sup>e</sup> sd Slave according to y<sup>e</sup> Intent of this Act shall forfeit and immediately pay to y<sup>e</sup> publique 5000 pounds of Sugar or Tobacco  
Dated at St. Johns the ninth day of July  
1600.

An Act for setting y<sup>e</sup> Militia,  
for setting y<sup>e</sup> guards, and the observation  
of the Exercise of Martiall Discipline. <sup>th</sup> 10. in  
this Island.

Whereas there have been made in this Island severall Acts touching Martiall Discipline, which do not so well suit w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> present state of warlike affaires. Bee it therefore enacted by the Authority of this Island the Hon<sup>ble</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>or</sup> Councill and assembly that once in every month y<sup>e</sup> Compas within this Island do meet according to