

Whereas it hath been by daily Experiences found that Many Great Mischiefs
have risen in this Island to the Particular Masters of families by
Wandering of Servants & Slaves, On Sundayes, Saturdayes in the
afternoons, and Other dayes, wherein the Said Servants and Slaves
do not Work, Ono full fare Gyms, as they can gett out of their
Masters Plantations, By Stealing and Felting their Masters goods

And Crossiers, Bartering and Selling the same, for, Remedie whereof bee it
 Enacted and Ordained, by the Governour and Councill, that Every Person that shall
 after Publication hereof, Absent himselfe out of His Majesties Plantations
 Not having his License in writing, under the hand of his Saide Master or Overseer
 for the same shall upon Conviction thereof, Before any Justice of the peace
 within this Island, for Every two Moneths Absence bee judged to serve his
 Saide Master one whole moneth, After his Tyme by Indentures or Customs is Expired
 and soe in proportion for a longer or lesser Tyme of Saide Absence
~~and~~, And further bee it Enacted and Ordained by the Authority afores^d
 that it shall bee Lawfull for all Masters of families, and Overseers as
 hereby required to apprehend all Negroes whatsoever, Soe wandring, without their
 Master or Mistresse Lychett Or Overseers License, and them soe apprehended
 Moderately to whip or correct, wher, being done they are to returne them
 with a Guard to their Master or Mistresse Plantation, and shall receive for the
 same what shall bee allowed by the next Justice of the peace, But
 In case the Owner of Saide Servant is not knowne they are then to convey
 them and Commit them to the Custodie of the Provost Marshall, Given under
 my hand this 15th day of November 1661

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