

# An Act for y<sup>e</sup>. Punishing y<sup>e</sup>. Ord<sup>r</sup>.ing of Negro Slaves.

Whereas there is now by yon this his Majesty's Affairs Numbers  
of Negroes & more Daily exported y<sup>e</sup>. it is bltly impossible to make  
continual Plantations w<sup>o</sup>ut such Slaves as aforesd. And y<sup>e</sup>. y<sup>e</sup>. ord<sup>r</sup>.ly  
regular Demanding y<sup>e</sup>. punishing the aforesaid Negro Slaves will  
tend very much to the generall advantage of both the said y<sup>e</sup>. the  
said Plant<sup>r</sup>. of Ma<sup>r</sup>. of Slaves cannot Meritally punish or afflict any  
offending Slaves by any such formal Words of Law the said  
being exceeding great & the Law exp<sup>r</sup>.d<sup>r</sup>. And because y<sup>e</sup>. the said  
Ma<sup>r</sup>. are not Competent & equal Judges of y<sup>e</sup>. the said  
of such their criminal Slaves the y<sup>e</sup>. the said y<sup>e</sup>.  
Assembly & at any Ma<sup>r</sup>. w<sup>o</sup> should whose Slave had committed any  
Offence worthy of Death shall carry the said Slave before any Justice  
of Peace w<sup>o</sup> is hereby authorized to call out or 2. sufficient  
Neighbours as an Inquest & by Judgment of the said y<sup>e</sup>. or y<sup>e</sup>. to  
pass small Judgment on the said to death or oth<sup>r</sup>. w<sup>o</sup> by y<sup>e</sup>. the  
criminal Negro And y<sup>e</sup>. said Judgment or Condemnation shall  
stand good in Law And it is further enacted by y<sup>e</sup>. authority aforesaid  
that after the Publication hereof no y<sup>e</sup>. shall receive any Benefit  
Sum away Negro y<sup>e</sup>. shall run away or raise oth<sup>r</sup>. do to do But if  
the said Ma<sup>r</sup>. shall not sell chains & anything or oth<sup>r</sup>. ways bound  
or lead away such Negro or Negroes the Justice of Peace sit<sup>r</sup>. at  
y<sup>e</sup>. y<sup>e</sup>. y<sup>e</sup>. or y<sup>e</sup>. shall punish or fine the said Ma<sup>r</sup>.  
take



Take away the 2d Negro Law its likewise further enacted  
ordained by y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid authority that no person shall buy or  
sell or lease or hire any Negro without after y<sup>e</sup> publication  
buy or lease to be bought any by any slave the same  
to be sent to any of the plantations of the said King  
soe doing contrary to the intent of this act shall for ever  
his offence forfeit his 2d Negro Law be further further  
the direction of the Justice in their general Sessions of  
Peace I would always it is the true intent of the same  
hereof that the slave <sup>standing</sup> <sup>away</sup> <sup>running</sup> away Negroes  
not extend to any New Negro w<sup>ch</sup> shall run away to  
first time any thing therein contained to the contrary  
Notwithstanding