

An additional and explanatory Act to an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, entitled, an Act for the better ordering and governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province. And for continuing such Part of the said Act as is not altered or amended by this present Act, for the Term therein mentioned.

A. D. 1751.

Nº. 816.

XIV. Whereas by the 17th paragraph of the said act, entitled, *an act for the better ordering and governing negroes, and other slaves in this Province*, it is (among other things therein contained) enacted, "That every slave who shall endeavour to delude or entice any slave to run away and leave this Province, shall, upon conviction, suffer death." Which is a punishment too great for the nature of the offence, as such offender might afterwards alter his intentions. *Be it therefore enacted*, That such part of the said paragraph as relates only to slaves endeavouring to delude or entice other slaves to run away and leave this Province, shall not operate or take effect, unless it shall appear, that such slave (so endeavouring to delude or entice other slaves to run away and leave this Province) shall have actually prepared provisions, arms, ammunition, horse or horses, or any boat, canoe, or other vessel, whereby such their intentions shall be manifested; any thing in the said act to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided always*, as in the said 17th paragraph of the said act is provided.\*

Alteration of the 17th paragraph of the negro act.

ANDREW RUTLEDGE, SPEAKER.

JAMES GLEN.

17th May, 1751.

\* All the rest of this act is expired, See revival act of 1783, which only virtually revives this clause.