

be under 17 years shall serve till they Come to the age of 22 of which age each respective County-Court wherein they do Reside shall be their proper judges. And every master or mistres shall be bound to bring Such Servant or Servants within 3 months time after their arrival befor the said Courts, to be adjudged as aforesaid And shall then and there Oblige themselves to pay unto every Servant at the Expiration of their time One new Sute of apparrell, tenn bushells of wheat or 14 bushells of Indian-Corn, one Ax, two howes, one broad & another narrow, and a discharge from their Service.

Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; chapter 186, 1688; and chapter 191, 1691. Abrogated in 1693. Replaced by chapter 107, 1693.

CHAPTER 140.

LAW ABOUT CRIMES COMMITTED BEFORE PROPRIETARY.

Chap: 140 That whereas diverse misdemeanors have bin heretofore & of Late time Committed by Severall persons inhabiting this Province & territories Therof, that by a Strict prosecution of the Law may be Liable to Corporall punishment, or fines to the Governor for the same. And becaus the present proprietary and Governor is favourably pleased to express his inclination to mercy, And by an Extraordinary Clemencie to teach Such offenders to mend their Lives, & all others to behave themselves with kindnes & forgivenes towards each other That an Unanimous foundation for peace & an Amicable Understanding may be Layd among the Inhabitants of this Province & territories thereof . . . Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Such persons shall not hereafter be fined, punished or brought to tryall for any Crime or fault penall that they have Committed or done, before or Since the time of the arrivall of the present Proprietary & Governor in this Province, Treason against the king & Murther only excepted.