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racōns within this Province shall have Execucōn for Such debts as by this Act is allowed to any ordinary Keeper within the City of S^t Maries as well as vpon the Towne Land This Act to Endure for Three yeares or to the End of the next Gen^l Assembly which shall ffirst happen

An Act ag^t Runnawayes
and Such Persons That shall give them
Entertainm^t and others that shall
Travell without Passes

Whereas there was an Act Provided ag^t Servants Runnawayes made in the yeare 1650 And another Act made in the yeare 1662 as also an other Act made in the yeare 1666 which Said Three Acts hath hitherto Proved in Effectuall in Regard they doe not Sufficiently Provide an Encouragm^t for Such Person or Persons Inhabitants within this Province as Shall Seize Such Runnaway Servants by this Act deemed Runnawayes Therefore for the better discovery Seizing and Apprehending of Such Runnawayes as aforesaid Bee it Enacted by the R^t Hono^{bl} the Lord Proprietary by and with the Consent of the vpper and Lower howse of this Present Gen^l Assembly That from and after the Publicacōn hereof noe Servant or Servants whatsoever within this Province Shall Travell by Land or water Tenn miles from the Howse of his or their Master Mistris or dame without a Note vnd^r their hands or vnder the hand of his or Their Overseer (if any be) vnd^r the Paine of being taken for a Runnaway And to Suffer Such Penalties as are hereafter Provided against Runnawayes And it is hereby ffather Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That any Serv^t or Serv^{ts} whatsoever vnlawfully absenting him or themselves from his or their Said Master Mistris dame or Overseer Shall serve Tenn dayes for Every one dayes absence To be adjudged when Such Master Mistris or dame shall bring their Said Servant before the Iustices of the Provinciaall or County Co^{rt}s where the Owner of such Servant shall Live during the Sitting of the Court Bee it before or after the Expiracōn of Such Servants ffirst time of Service by Indenture or otherwise And be it ffather Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That any Person or Persons whatsoever within this Province th^t wittingly or willingly deteyne any Such Serv^t or Serv^{ts} vnlawfully absenting him or themselves as aforesaid shall be ffined 500^{lb} of Tob. for Every night or ffowre and Twenty houres That Such Person or psons shall give Entertainm^t to Such Servant or Serv^{ts} One halfe to the Lord Proprietary And the other halfe to the Informer or him or them that shall sue for the Same To be Recovered in any