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omplant doth not discover the same or upon tender of an oath before any Furtice of the Leave before whome such Complaint shall come who is hereby Authorized to administer the same shall refuse to take such oath and purge him her or themselves the said Derson or Dersons so neglecting or refusing to Discover or take the said oath shall for feit the sum of Forty Shillings to be imedially after so Conviction Levyed upon his sher or their goods and Chattles, to the use of the Derson or Dersons who shall Informe or complain and in fase there be no goods and Chattles then the body of the Person or Dersons Offending shall be Cometted to Gaol till he she or they pay and Sattisfy the June of Forty shillings and charges accorning thereon and if it afterwards appear that any Person of Dersons who by the directions in this Bet are in any fase Obliged to pur getimber, or themselves by their oath have Sworn falsly Such Dersonor Dersons so offending shall incur the Like gains and penalties as these who are found quelty of willfull perpury and be prosecuted accordingly And whereas there are many Negroes Indians and mulattoes who have formerly manumilled and made free within this Colony by their masters or owners, and it is found by Experience that they entertaine har bour Support and Encourage Negro Indian and mulatto Slaves, to the Great Damages and Detriment of the masters of owners of . Se Slaves, and of other of his majesties Liege Subjects within this Colony Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Negra

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somember any of the said Subjects not being slaves at a fore Said of that willfully murder any negro, Indian or mulatto Stave within this Colony and thall thereof beforvected befor thereof more of his majesties of the Deace for the County where such fact shall be Comitted one whereof to be of the Quorum who are hereby authorized to hear and determine the Some in Conjunction with five of the Drmeiple freeholders of the County without Grand Jury seven of whome agreeing shall put their Judgement in Execution according to this act or before any Court of oyer and Ferminer . or general Good Delivery he shoot they so Offending Shall Suffer the pains of death in Such manner and with Such (frimmstonies as the aggravation of Enormity of their frimes, in the Judgement of the Justice of those Courts aforesaid or as in the Judgement of Seven of the said Sustices and freeholders Shall merett and require.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority of oresaid that upon Complaints made to any one Justice of the Deace against any negro Indian or Mulatto-Slave or Slaves who have or art Supposed to have Comitted any of the Murders— Rapes Maheyms Insurrections or Conspirace is montioned in this Act the Said Justice is Imediately to I fue his warrant to the next Constable to apprehend the Said offender or Offenders and for all or any Derson or Dersons to come— before him that languise bridence and if upon Examination it appears. That the Slave or Slaves apprehended are quilty, he shall Comit him her or them to prison and also shall certific to the two next Justices of the Deace the

Lid Cause and require them by Oither of this alto apoceate them selves to him which the Said Justices are hereby require to do and they so apointed are to I fore their Summons to five freeholders acquainting them with the fause, and appointing them the time and Place the same shall be heard and dermined, at which time and Place the Justices are hereby impowered to appoint some Derson to prosecute the said offender or offenders and the Derson so appointed, Thally referr an accusation in writing Specifying . the Time Place and Nature of the Offence as near as Conveniently may be towhich accusation the Offender or Offenders Shall be obliged to plead, upon refusal to plead the Like Judgement shall be given against Such Slave of Slaves to auused as if Convected by Virdiet or Confession, and upon pleading thereto the Justice the To Trial in conjunction with the Said free holders, so simmoned as aforesaid To Freeholders no feremtory hallenge shall be allowed, and if upon hearing the matter the said freeholders being first Sworn by the said Justices to Judge auording to bridence) they shall adjudge such Slaves tlaves quelty of the Offence complained of they shall give Sentence of death upon him her or them asa . foresaid, and by these arrant Course imediate becution to bedone by the Comonor any other Executioner in Such Mannet as they Shall think fitte. Drovided alluays and it is hereby further bracked by the Butho rety aforesaid

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An Act for the more Effectual Preventing and Punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of Negro and other Slaves; for the better regulating them and for repealing the Acts herein Mentioned Relating thereto

Whereas many Mischiefs have been occasioned by the too great Liberty allowed to Negro and other Slaves and that some of the Acts relating thereto are Expired and others not fully answering the Good purposes thereby Intended, the General Assembly therefore pray it may be Enacted and be it Enacted by his Excellency the Governour the Council and the General Assembly, and it is herby Enacted by the Authority of the same, that no Person or Persons do hereafter through out this Colony presume to trade or Traffick with any Slave or Slaves either in buying or selling without leave and consent of the Master or Mistress of Such Slave or Slaves on forfeiture of treble the Value of the thing or things traded for and also the sum of five pounds Current Lawfull mony to the Master or Mistress of Such Slave or Slaves for each offence to be recovered of Such Person or Persons so trading contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act by Action of Debt in any Court of record within this colony where Such Sum or Sums in Cognizable and all Contracts and Bargains made with any Slave or Slaves shall be utterly void. And whereas notwithstanding Sundry

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Laws passed heretofore in this Colony for the purposes above Mentioned several evil disposed Persons having nothing in View but their private gain do Clandestinely trade and traffick with Slaves, for remedy whereof Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person or Persons within this Colony shall from and after the Publication of this Act sell any rum or other strong Liquor to any Negro Indian or Mulato Slave or Slaves or shall buy or take in pawn from them any wares Merchandises apparel -Tooles Instruments or any other kind of goods whatever and shall thereof be accused by the Master or Mistress of Such Slave or Slaves, or by any other Person or Persons befor anyone Justice of the Peace in the City or County where the offender shall dwell or reside, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of fourty shillings for every such offence to be recovered with costs before the said Justice of the Peace or before any other Justice Dwelling where such offence is committed (who is hereby strictly required and Directed to hear and finally to determine the same) unless the Person or Persons Accused as above said do take his her or their Corporal Oath which Oath the said Justice is hereby impowered to administer) that he she or they have not either by themselves or by any other Person or Persons on his her or their behalf directly or indirectly sold bought or taken in pawn any of the thing or things of which he she or they shall be accused in manner as aforesaid; which forfeiture shall be one half to the informer the other half for the Poor of the City Town manner or Precinct where such offence is committed and upon non payment of the above mentioned penalty the offending party or parties shall be by the said Justice Committed to the Commmon Gail thereto remaine for

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Be it therefore Enacted by the aforesaid Authority that it shall not hereafter be lawfull for above these slaves to meet together at anytime nor at any other Place then when it shall happen they meet in some servile imployment for their Master or Mistresses profit and by their master or mistresses consent upon – penalty of being whipt upon the Naked back at the discretion of anyone Justice of the Peace not Exceeding forty lasses for each offense –

And be it further Enacted by the Same Authority that it shall and may be Lawfull hereafter for every City town and Mannor within this Colony to have and appoint a Common whipper for their slaves and for his salary it shall may be lawfull for any City Town or Mannor within this colony at their Common Council or Town meeting to agree upon such sum to be paid him by the master or mistress of slaves, not Exceeding the sum of three shillings per head for all such

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no Person or Persons whatsoever do hereafter Imploy, Harbor, Conceal or Entertain other mens Slaves, at their House out House or Plantation without the Consent of his her or their master or mistress upon the forfeiture of five pounds for every Twenty Four hours (and so proportionably for a lifetime) they are so concealed or Entertained to the said master or mistress of such slave or slaves, so that the Penalty for Entertaining such slave do not Exceed the value of such slave if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall be found guilty of Harbouring Entertaining or Concealing of any slave or slaves or assisting to the conveying him her or them away if such slave shall happen to be lost dead or otherwise destroyed such Person or Persons so harbouring entertaining concealing assisting or conveying them away, shall be also liable to pay the value of such slave or slaves to the master or mistress to be recovered by action of Debt in any court of record [?] and whereas

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It often happens that through the lenity of the said master or Person under whose Care the said Negroes or slaves are, the Person so Entertaining and dealing with them are forgiven and not brought to consign punishment to the verry great hurt not only of the said master but of other his majesties liege people owning negroes and other slaves –

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any master Or mistress or Person under whose care any negro or other slave is shall for give make up compound compromise or receive or take any other [?????] consideration than is by this Act prescribed, shall forfeit double the sume the said Person or Persons so entertaining ought to have forfeited to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Colony by action of debt Bill Plaint or Information wherein there shall be no [????] protection wager of Law or any more these imparlance allowed, one half thereof to any Person that shall sue for the same, the other half to his majesty his heirs and successors for and towards betraying the Publick Charge of the City Town burrough mannor or Precinct in which the master, mistress or Person under whose care the said Negroes or other slaves are, both dwell or Inhabit.

Be it also further Enacted by the same authority that if any Person or Persons Knowing of such Entertainer of slave or slaves and does not discover the same to the master mistress or Person whose care the said slave or Slaves are or to some one Justice of the Peace or being suspected to know upon 5 Compliant

Complaint doth not discover the same or upon tender of an oath before any — Justice of the Peace before whome such complaint shall come (who is hereby Authorized to administer the same) shall refuse to take such oath and purge him her or themselves the said Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to Discover or take the said oath shall forfeit the sum of Forty Shillings to be immediately after [xx] conviction Levyed upon his [xx] her or their goods and Chattles, to the use of the Person or Persons who shall Informe or complain and in Case there be no goods and Chattles then the body of the Person or Persons offending shall be committed to God till he she or they pay and satisfy the said sum of Forty shillings and charges accruing thereon and if it afterwards appears that any Person or Persons who by the directions in this Act are in any case obliged to purge him, her, or themselves by their oath, have sworn falsly such Person or Persons so offending shall incur the Like pains and penalties as those who are found guilty of willfull perjury and be prosecuted accordingly

And whereas there are man Negroes Indians and Mulattoes who have Formerly been manumitted and made free within this colony by their masters or owners, and it is found by Experience that they entertaine harbor support and Encourage Negro Indian and Mulatto Slaves, to the Great Damage and Detriment of the masters or owners of [xx] slaves and of other of his majesties liege subjects within this Colony —

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And be it further Enacted by the same Authority that if any Master or Mistress shall manumit and set at Liberty any Negro Indian or Mulatto Slave, and such Master or Mistress so manumitting and sett

at Liberty, or any other sufficient person for an on behalf such negro Indian or Mulatto slave shall do and Enter into a bond unto his majesty his heirs and successors with two sureties in a sum not Less than two hundred pounds at the General Sessions of the Peace for the County where such Negro Indian or Mulatto slave shall live or reside to keep and save such Negro, Indian or Mulatto Slave from becoming or being any charge to the City Town Parish or Place within this Colony where he she or they shall at any time after such manumission live the said Negro Indian or Mulatto shall be free according to such manumission of the master or — or mistress so manumitting and setting at Liberty such slave or slaves and

If any Negro Indian or Mulatto slave shall have been made free or after shall be made free by the will or testament of any Person Deceased that these if any Executor or Executors of any Person or Persons Deceased or on their neglect or refusal any other sufficient Person for and on the behalf of such Negro Indian or Mulatto slave shall and do enter into such security as aforesaid at the General Session of Peace for the County where such negro Indian or mulatto slave shall live or reside to keep and have such negro Indian or Mulatto slave from becoming or being any Charge to the City Town Parish or Place within this Colony where he she or they shall at any time after such manumission live, the said Negro Indian or Mulatto slave shall be free according to the true intent and meaning of the will or testament of any Person or Persons deceased, and if security be not given

And whereas slaves are the Property of Christians or Jews and cannot without great loss or detriment to their masters or mistresses be subjected in all cases criminal to the strict Rules of the Laws of England

notwithstanding.

in manner as aforesaid such manumission or devise as before mentioned shall be void and none Effect any usage or Custom to the Contrary –

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that hereafter if any slave or Slaves by thefor perhaps shall damnify any Person or Persons [xx]

To the value of five pounds or under, the master or mistress of such slave or Slaves

Slaves shall be liable to make satisfactory for such Damages to the Party – Injured to be recovered by action of debt in any Court having Jurisdiction and Cognizance of Pleas to that value and the slave or slabs shall receive – corporall punishment at the discretion of anyone Justice of the Peace, and immediatly thereafter (the master or mistress having first paid the charges of such punishment). Be permitted to attend his or her master or mistresses. Service without further punishment

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that hereafter no slave or slaves shall be allowed as Evidence or Evidences in any matter cause or thing whatsoever excepting in case of Plotting or Confederacy among themselves, either to run away kill or destroy their master mistress or any other Person, or burning of houses Barnes, barracks or stacks of hay or of corne or the killing of their master or mistresses Cattle or Horses and that only against one another, in which case the evidence of one slave shall be allowed good against another slave

And be it further Enacted by the same Authority that all and Every Negro Indian or other slave or slaves who after the Publication of this act Shall mutilate or otherwise kill unless by misadventure or in the Execution

of Justice, or Conspire or attempt the death of any of his majesties liege people not being slaves or shall attempt or commit any rape on any of the said subjects or shall willfully burn any dwelling House Barne Stable out – House stack of corn or hay shall willfully mutilate mayhem or –

9 Dismember

Dismember any of the said subjects not being slaves as aforesaid or shall willfully murder any negro, Indian or Mulatto slave within this Colony and shall thereof be Convicted befor three or more of his majesties Justices of the Peace or the County where such fact shall be committed one whereof to be of the Quorum (who are hereby Authorized to hear and determine the Same) in Conjunction with five of the Principle freeholders of the County without a Grand Jury seven of whome agreeing shall put their judgement in Execution according to this act or before any court of [???] and [???????] or general Good Delivery he she or they so offending shall suffer the pains of death in such manner and with such circumstances as the — Aggravation or Enormity of the Crimes, in the judgement of the Justice of those Courts aforesaid or as in the Judgement of the seven of the said Justices are freeholders shall merit and require.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that upon Complaint Made to anyone Justice of the Peace against any negro Indian or Mulatto Slave or Slaves who have or are supposed to have committed any of the murders – Rapes Maheyms Insurrections or Conspires mentioned in this Act the said Justice is immediately to issue his warrant to the next Constable to apprehend. the said offender or offenders and fore all or any Person or Persons to come – before him that can give Evidence and if upon Examination it appears. that the slave or slaves apprehended are guilty, he shall Comitt him her or them to prison and also shall certifie to the two next Justices of the Peace the

Said cause and require them by virtue of the Act to apocate them services to him which the said Justices are hereby require[d] to do and they so associated are to issue their summons to five freeholders aquainting them with the Cause, and appointing them the time and Place the same shall be heard – and dermined; at with time and Place the Justices are hereby impowered to appoint some Person or prosecute the said offender or offenders and the Person so appointed, shall prefer an accusation in writing specifiying the Time Place and Nature of the offence as ner as Conveniently may be to which accusation the offender or offenders shall be obligated to plead, and upon refusal to plead the Like Judgement shall be given against such slave or slaves so acussed as if convicted by verdict or confession, and upon pleading thereto the Justice shall proceed to trial in conjuction with the said free holders, so summoned as aforesaid to which freeholders no preemptory Challenge shall be allowed, and if upon hearing the matter (the said freeholders being first sworn by the said Justices to Judge according to [xx] Evidence) they shall adjudge such slave or slavers guilty of the offence complained of they shall give sentences of death upon him her or them as a foresaid, and by their warrant cause immediate Execution to be done by the comonor any other Execution in such manner as they shall think fitt.

Provided allways and it is hereby further Enacted by the Authorities aforesaid that if any Master or Misstress of any [xx] slave or slaves be inclined to have his her or their slave or slaves tryed by a jury of Twelve men, it shall be granted, such Master or Misstress paying the Charge of the same not Exceeding nine shillings to the

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Jury then and in such case there shall a precept be issued by the Justice to the next Constable to summon a Jury of twelve men, who shall be sworn to try according to Evidence, and the Justices shall proceed to Try all by the said jury summoned and sworn as aforesaid (without a Grand Jury) to which Jurors no preemptory challenge shall be allowed

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the charge of prosecuting and executing of negroes and other slaves in manner before — Expressed, shall be paid and defrayed by the City or County where such negroes or Slaves shall be convicted and Executed, and belayed assessed and levied in the same manner as the Public and necessary Charge of such City or County are or used to be Raised and to be distributed by the order and the direction of the Justices, hereby impowered to hear and determine the crimes of such negro or other slaves offending as aforesaid so as the said charge shall not Exceed the sum of three pounds current mony of — this Colony for each conviction and Execution

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the owner or Owners of a slave or slaves so Executed in the City or County of Albany or in any of the other counties within this Colony shall be paid for the same in like manner as the Charges for Prosecution and Execution is by this Act Directed to be assessed. Levyed and pay'd Provided the value of such slave do not Exceed the sum of Twenty five Pounds Current mony of this Colony

And be it further Enacted by the same Authority that in the City and County of New York the Justices of the Peace of said City for the time being or

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The Major part of them do take Effectual care in case such conviction and execution Happen within their jurisdiction that such charge as above said be Raised Levyed and collected in the same manner as is directed in an Act Entitled an Act for Settling a Ministry and raising a maintenance for the them in the City of New York – County of Richmond, West Chester and Queens County passed in the fifth year of their state majesties King Williams and Queen Mary, and that the same shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Chamberlain of the said City for the time being who is hereby required to pay the same by order and direction of the Justices hereby impowered to hear and determine the crimes of such slave or slaves offending as aforesaid, so as the charge of each Conviction and Execution shall not Exceed the sum of three pounds current mony of this Colony.

And Be it further Enacted by the same Authority that the owner or owners of such slave or slaves which shall happen to be Executed by Virtue of this Act in the City and County of New York shall be paid for the same, and the mony shall be assessed collected and paid as in and by this Act the Justices of the Peace, for the said City and County are directed and impowered to Levy and pay and – discharge the prosecution and execution of slave or slaves Provided the price to be paid for each slave so Executed do not Exceed the sum of Twenty Five Pounds current mony of this Colony.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that it shall not be lawfull for any Slave or slaves to have or use any gun Pistoll sword Club or any other kind of weapon whatsoever, but in the presence or by the –

13 Direction

Direction of his her or their master or mistress, and in their own ground on Penalty of being whipt for the same at the discretion of the Justice of the Peace Befor whome such complaint shall come or upon the View of the said Justice not Exceeding Twenty Lashes on the bare back for every such offence —

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every

Such Justice of the peace, constable, assessor collector or any other officer as do – neglect delay or Refuse the several duties and services hereby Enjoyed to be Respectively Done and performed by them shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of Fourty Shillings, and every freeholder summoned as aforesaid and neglecting or refusing to serve shall forfeit the sum of Twenty shillings which Penalty or Penalties shall be recovered before any tow Justices of the Peace dwelling in the City or County where such neglect delay or refusal shall happen, to be served on the goods and Chattle of the offender by a constable by warrant from such Justices – who are hereby impowered and Directed upon such neglect delay or refusal to Issue their warrant for levying the same and one half of such penalties shall be for the use of the Prosecutor and the other half for the use of the Poor of the Place where such Penalty shall be levy'd and for preventing Doubts Scruples or Confusion concerning the several Acts of General Assembly heretofore passed in Relation to slaves

Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid that all and every the following Acts and every clause articles and thing therein or in the Acts for the Continuance or Revival thereof, shall after the Publication of this Act, be and 14 hereby

Hereby are repealed and made null and void that is to say an Act Entitled an Act for regulating slaves passed in the first year of the Late Queen Anne. an Act Entitled an Act for preventing the Conspiracy of slaves passed in the Seventeenth year of the said Queen an Act for preventing, suppressing and punishing the conspiracy and insurrection of Negroes and other slaves passed in the Eleventh year of her said Late Majesty an Act Entitled an Act for Explaining and rendering more Effectual an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, Entitled an Act for preventing suppressing and punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of Negroes and other slaves passed in the third year of King George the first

New York Oct. 20, 1730

[?] Afford to their [?][?]
This law [?][?][?][?][?]

J Montgomeree

City of New York Directories 22 Oct 1730 In the fourth year of his Majesties Reign General Assembly of the Colony of New York This Bill having been read three times & Resolved

That the Bill do Pass
By order of the General Assembly
C.D. [Illegible Signature] Speaker
[?]

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An Act for the more Effectual Preventing and Punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of Negro and other slaves: for The better Regulating them and for Repealing the Acts – Wherein mentioned Relating here to.
D[?] [?] 22 Oct. 1730
This Bill being Passed –

Ordered

That Mr. Lott – do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto –

[Illegible signature]
1730. Oct. 23 This Bill Read [?] [?]
and ordered a second reading
Oct. 24. Read aloud [?] [?]
Someday[?] [?] [?] [?] [?]
with any amendments read[?] [?] [?]
Pass

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