

distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels.

As to complaints by servants against their masters, &c.

Penalty and how enforced

Justice may annul the agreement between Master and Servant in certain cases.

VIII. And be it enacted, That any Apprentice, Domestic Servant or Journeyman, bound or engaged as aforesaid, having any just cause of complaint against his or her Master, Mistress or Employer, for any misusage, defect or insufficiency of wholesome provisions or food, or for cruelty or ill-treatment of any kind, may cause such Master 10 or Mistress to be summoned and to appear before one of the nearest Justices of the Peace to the residence of the party complained against, to answer the complaint to be preferred against him, her or them, by 15 such Apprentice, Domestic Servant or Journeyman; and any and every Master or Mistress, convicted upon such complaint of any offence aforesaid, towards his, her or their Apprentice, Domestic Servant or 20 Journeyman, shall upon each and every conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five pounds* currency, or to an imprisonment not exceeding thirty days; such complaint to be heard and determined, and such 25 penalty levied, or such imprisonment enforced in the manner provided by the Section of this Act.

IX. And be it enacted, That upon complaint by any Master, Mistress or Employer, 30 against his, her or their Apprentice, Servant or Journeyman, or by any Apprentice, Servant or Journeyman, against his, her or their Master, Mistress or Employer, of continued mis-conduct or mis-usage, and of repeated 35 violations of the ordinary and established duties of the parties towards each other, any two Justices of the Peace may at a special sitting, upon due proof of the facts, annul the contract or agreement, whether written 40 or verbal, by which such Master, Mistress or Employer, and such Apprentice, Servant or Journeyman may be bound to each other.