

Parties, which Memorandum shall specify the Period for which such Servant shall have agreed to serve, and the Wages or other Considerations which he or she is to receive for his or her Service, and all verbal Agreements between Master and Servant for a longer Period than One Month are hereby declared to be null and void.

Justice of Peace on the Complaint of the Master to order a reasonable Part of the Servants Wages to be stopped for Misbehavior.

II. *And be it further Enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace on Complaint made by the Master or Mistress of any Servant hired by him or her, either verbally or by Writing, that such Servant has wilfully misbehaved to enquire into the Merits of such Complaint, and if such Justice shall find the same to be well founded, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice to order a reasonable Part or Portion of such Servant's Wages or other Emoluments to be stopped in the Hands of the Master or Mistress, Provided such Stoppage for any one Offence shall not exceed the Sum of Five Shillings.

Such Stoppage for one Offence not to exceed 5s.

*And whereas Drunkenness is a Vice become very prevalent among the lower Order of People, and especially among Servants to the great Danger of the Families in which they live, as well as to the great Loss and Injury of their Masters, for Remedy whereof;*

Masters not to sell Rum to their Servants on Forfeiture of double the Value of such Rum, nor to stop any Part of their Wages on such Accounts.

III. *Be it Enacted*, That if any Master or Mistress shall sell Rum or other spirituous Liquors to any Servant hired by him or her, such Master or Mistress, shall forfeit and pay for each and every such Offence on Conviction before any Justice of the Peace, double the Value of such Rum, or other spirituous Liquors, and it shall not be lawful for any Master or Mistress; to stop the Wages, or any Part thereof of any Servant or Labourer in his or her Service or Employment, for, or on Account of any Rum or other spirituous Liquors sold to such Servant or Labourer, while in his, or her Service or Employment.

All Notes or other Securities given by Servants in which any Part of the Sum shall have been given for Rum to be void, and all Accounts and Contracts in which such Charge shall be made shall be void, and if sued the Plaintiff shall become nonsuit.

IV. *And be it further Enacted*, That all Notes, Bills, Specialties, or Agreements whatever; which shall hereafter be given to any Person or Persons whatsoever, by any Servant or common Labourer, if it shall appear, that any Part of the Sum due or secured by such Bond, Note, Bill, Specialty, or Agreement, was given for or on Account of any Rum or other spirituous Liquors, the same and every Part thereof shall be void and of none Effect, and all Accounts or Contracts on which Suits shall or may be brought against any Servant or common Labourer, in which shall appear any Charge made, directly or indirectly, for Rum or other spirituous Liquors, the whole of such Account or Contract shall be null and void, and the Party suing the same shall become nonsuit.

V. *And be it further Enacted*, That if any Tavernkeeper, or Retailer, shall by himself, or any other Person, buy, purchase, or receive in Pawn; any wearing Apparel, Tools or Implements of Trade or Husbandry, or any Household Goods or Furniture made up from any Servant or common Labourer, such Tavernkeeper or Retailer shall