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“tailers of Spirituous Liquors.” Now this Act, in the second section of it, enacts, “that in case any Soldier, “Sailor, Servant, Apprentice, bound Servant, or *Negro Slave*, or other person whatsoever, shall leave any pawn or pledge, as a security for the payment of any sum exceeding Five shillings, contracted in such manner, “such Soldier, Sailor, Servant, Apprentice, bound Servant, or *Negro Slave*, or other person whatsoever, or “the Masters or Mistresses of such Servant, Apprentice, bound Servant, or *Negro Slave*, may complain “to any Justice of the Peace where such Retailer, Innholder, Tavern or Ale-house keeper, or any other “person whatsoever, receiving such pawns or pledges, “usually resides, that such pawn or pledge is detained “from him or her by such Retailer, Innholder, Tavern or Ale-house keeper, or any other person whatsoever, and having made proof thereof upon oath, or “otherwise to the satisfaction of the said Justice, such “Justice of the Peace is required, by warrant under his “hand and seal, to compel such Retailer,” &c.

It is observable that this Act does, and that in the most emphatical manner, speak of Negroes as *Slaves*.— But it may easily be discerned, that it does just as emphatically suppose them to have been so before the Act was made, or even thought of. Hence it may be inferred, at least, that the provincial Legislature had in their eye (if indeed they had any thing in it rational) that these very Acts of Parliament had already made Slaves of Negroes within the Province. Therefore it may not improperly be said, that a Law of this Province does, in fact, *admit* of such a state as that of Slavery in it.

This same Act of the 23. Geo. 2. further says, that “any of His Majesty’s subjects” [whether British or Colonial] “for the security of their Goods, or Slaves, may erect houses,” &c. It speaks of Negroes, in several other