

vants as aforesaid, who shall Desert or absent themselves from their Master or Mistress's Service, shall be liable to make Satisfaction by Service, after the Time by Indenture or agreement is expired, Double their Time of Service so neglected, and if the Time of their Desertion or absence was at Seed Time or Harvest, or During the Fishing Season, and the Charge of Recovering them, Extraordinary, the Court of *General Sessions of the Peace*, before whom the Complaint shall be made, shall adjudge a longer Time of Service proportionable to the Damages the Master shall make appear he hath Sustained.

*And Whereas the adjudging the Time such Bound or Hired Servant should Serve is often retarded until the Time by Indenture or Agreement is Expired, when the measure of such further Service may be Rendered Difficult to ascertain.*

*Be it enacted*, That the Master or Mistress of any Servant so Deserting or Absenting themselves, that Intends to take the Benefit of this Act, shall so soon as he or she hath Recover'd such Servant, carry him or her to some one of his Majesty's *Justices of the Peace*, and there declare and prove the time of his or her Absence, and the Charge he hath been at in his or her recovery, which Justice thereupon shall Grant his Certificate thereof, and the Court shall and may on such Certificate, pass Judgment for the Time such Servants so Deserting or Absenting themselves, shall serve for his or her Absence.

*And be it also enacted*, That every Master or Mistress shall provide for his, or her Servant according to the Tenor of their Agreement, and any Bound or Hired Servant as aforesaid, having just cause of Complaint against his or her Master or Mistress, for Cruel and Bad Usage, may and shall on Application to two of his Majesty's *Justices of Peace*, be heard concerning the same, *Provided* such Complaint be made within a Reasonable Time, not exceeding *Ten Days* after the cause given, unless such Servant is prevented by his or her Master or Mistress or by Sickness, and if the said Justices shall find by sufficient Proof, that the said Servants cause of complaint is well founded, the said Justices are hereby Requir'd to make an order for the Relief of such Servant by Discharging him or her from their Service or otherwise, as they may see fit, and