

night, absent themselves from their service or duties, or from their employer's house of residence, without permission, or who shall refuse or repeatedly neglect, to perform the lawful duties, or obey the lawful commands enjoined upon such apprentices or servants (excepting commands which a master or mistress shall give foreign to their agreement), or who shall be guilty of any other misdemeanor, misconduct, or ill behaviour, in the service of their masters or mistresses respectively, upon complaint and due proof thereof made before the Justices as aforesaid, every such apprentice or such servant shall and may be adjudged by the said Justices to pay a fine which shall not be less than ten shillings and shall not exceed ten pounds, current money of the province, or in default of paying such fine to be forthwith committed to the common goal of the district, until the same is paid, together with reasonable costs of prosecution to be allowed by the said Justices. Provided always that the term for which such person shall be committed shall not in any case exceed the space of two months. And provided also that if the said Justices shall see good and sufficient cause therefor they may after the expiration of the term of commitment or the payment of the fine (if the master or mistress shall make application to that effect) discharge such apprentice or servant from his or her apprenticeship or service.

4. All persons legally bound to serve an apprenticeship, with whom an apprentice fee above thirty pounds current money of this province, shall have been paid; in every such case, the parties respectively, shall be left in cases of complaint, to their civil action in damages, for any breach of covenant; or for a remedy, by the common course of law.

5. All domestic servants, journeymen and labourers hired for a month or a shorter or a longer period or by the job, by written agreement or by verbal agreement before one or more witnesses, who shall desert or shall repeatedly absent themselves from their service or duties, whether by day or by night, without permission; or