CHAPTER 68.

[68] THE LAW ABOUT RUN-AWAY SERVANTS.

To prevent the Running away of Servants from their Masters or Mistrisses; Be It Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no Servant shall presume to absent from his or her respective master or mistris or overseer, without Leave or Consent — And that every servant so absenting from his or her respective service, shall serve five days for every days absence, after the expiration of his or her Servitude, and shall further make such Satisfaction for damages, Costs and Charges the said master or mistris shall sustain by the absence of the said Servant, as the respective County Court shall see meet.

Be It further Enacted, That whosoever shall apprehend any Run-away servant, belonging to any person within this province or Territories, and Cause the same to be secured by a warrant from a Justice of the peace, or deliver him to the Custody of the sheriff of the place, and give notice publickly thereof or deliver him or her to the owner, or to his order, The said person shall have twenty shillings for a reward from the said Owner And what Charges the Sheriff shall be at, above the advantage of such Run-aways Labour, shall be paid him by the owner.

H.S.P., Logan Papers, Law Book, 1693-1699/1700. This law was inadvertently omitted from "the Roll of Laws signed by the Speaker, and belonging to the Assembly," but the session of 1694 petitioned Governor Fletcher for approval of its insertion in the roll; Pennsylvania Archives, Eighth Series, I, 163-164, 167, 174. Chapter 153, 1683 and chapter 180, 1685. See Vol. II St.L. 54, ch. XLIX.

CHAPTER 69.

[69] THE LAW ABOUT SUMMONING JURIES.

And that Due preparation may be made for dispatch of Justice, Be It Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Sheriff of every County shall (ten days before the sitting of the ordinary Court of Justice) Sum-