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IV. Which said Duties of Twenty Shillings Current Bacon Money per Poll, shall, for the Advancement of Learning, be applied towards the Encouragement of one Public School in every County within this Province, (That is to say,) one equal Share thereof towards the Support of each School, according to the Directions of such Act or Acts of Assembly, as shall hereafter direct therein.

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A Supplementary Act to the Act relating to Servants and Chap. XIII Slaves.

Whereas it may be of very dangerous Consequence to admit and allow as Evidences in Law, in any of the Courts of Record, or before any Magistrate within this Province, any Negro, or Mulatto Slave, or Free Negro, or Mulatto born of a White Woman, during their Servitude appointed by Law, or any Indian Slave, or Free Indian Natives of this or the neighbouring Provinces;

II. Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, no Negro, or Mulatto Slave, Free Negro, or Mulatto born of a White Woman, during his Time of Servitude by Law, or any Indian Slave, or Free Indian Natives of this or the neighbouring Provinces, be admitted and received as good and valid Evidence in Law, in any Matter or Thing whatsoever, depending before any Court of Record, or before any Magistrate within this Province, wherein any Christian White Person is concerned.

III. Yet nevertheless, where other sufficient Evidence is wanting against any Negro, or Mulatto Slaves, Free Negro, or Mulatto born of a White Woman, during their Servitude by Law, or against any Indian Native of this or the neighbouring Provinces, in such a Case the Testimony of any Negro, or Mulatto Slave, Free Negro, Mulatto born of a White Woman, or Indian Native of this or the neighbouring Provinces, may be heard and received as Evidence, according to the Discretion of the several Courts of Record, or Magistrate, before whom such a Matter or Thing against such Negro, Mulatto Slave, &c. shall depend; Provided such Evidence or Testimony do not extend to the depriving them, or any of them, of Life or Member.