Contract from Captain Book
11 September 1727 to 31 December 1727

This Excellency considering it all necessary to inform the settlers in general, as well as all others concerned in farming, that some of those Villains who are and have been a pest to the Industrious produce, since their arrival in this Colony, have again absconded from their work, and have hydropon themselves to an idle and mischievous life amongst the natives, wherein your Parsons necessary that they be narrowly watched, and sound cellars visited to prevent all such refuges. In this purpose, a constable, action, and others are hereby strictly enjoined to see every suspicious design in detecting them, and by any means they can convey information to them, and to the master with whom they may associate. That whenever they are found, if they cannot be immediately removed, they will be

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force as a last only means left for preventing the mischief and troubles they commit, and the malice with consequent of this encouragement they afford them the habitable. I believe all of white men are dear amongst them. The caution to the natives may be conveyed to them by both of these countries as our amongst it, and may prevent their suffering that be abroad, from continuing amongst them, to the danger of the life of many inhabitants.