

5. The South Carolina Legislature Passes an Act for the Capture of Runaway Slaves, 1700

IV. That if any Indian or Indians shall apprehend or take or shall be assisting in apprehending or takeing any Runnaway as aforesaid, and the same shall bring back, shall have all the armes and ammunition that shall be taken in the possession of the person or persons so apprehended and taken, and such further reward as by the Governor shall be thought fitt, not exceeding twenty shillings to every Indian that shall be assisting in apprehending and takeing the said Runnaways.

V. And every white man that shall apprehend or take or shall be assisting in apprehending or takeing such Runnaways as aforesaid, shall have and receive out of the publick treasury for every such Runnaway so apprehended or taken, by an order under the hand of the Governor, not exceeding five pounds, and such order to the Receiver shall be his discharge.

Thomas Cooper, ed., *The Statutes at Large of South Carolina* (Columbia, S.C.: A. S. Johnston, 1837), 2: 181.

VI. And for the better security of all such persons that shall endeavour to take any Runnaways, it is hereby declared lawful for any white person, or Indian in whose company there is a white person, to beat, maim or assault any person aforesaid resisting, and if such Runnaway aforesaid cannot otherwise be taken, to kill, he making resistance to avoid being apprehended or taken as aforesaid.