

Assembly Proceedings, October 1654:
An Act for Servants Comeing into the province with Indentures*

It is ordered & Enacted by the Authority of this present Generall Assembly, that all Servants Coming into this province without an Indenture or Covenant if they be ... shall serve four yeares from 16 years of age unto twenty six years, from twelve to Sixteene, shall serve seven yeares, if they be under twelve, they shall serve until they come to the age of one & twenty years

That all Servants at the Expiration of their Several times of Service (if there be no other agreement) besides their old Cloathes shall be allowed one Cloth suit one pair of Canvis Drawers, one pair of Shoes and stockings one new Hatt or Capp, if he hath not one Sufficent at that present, one falling Axe one weeding Hoe, two Shirts and three Barrells of Corne, ...

*Excerpted version