Women were taxed as workers; white women were not. Gender roles for women (male) were more similar, black women were seen as better for work, more robust.

Early laws regarding slavery in British America:

1) Act x: all persons but "Negroes" are to be provided w/ arms (Virginia 1639)
2) Free women who married slaves would serve the master of the slave (Maryland 1664)
3) Baptism does not free an enslaved man (Virginia 1667)

→ religious rationale for slavery → racial rationale for slavery.