

III. **And** for the more effectually avoiding secret and clandestine Marriages; **Be it Enacted**, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Person or Persons resident in this Province, who shall get their Marriage solemnized in any the neighbouring Colonies, during such their Residence in this Province, unless where the Woman so married shall be Resident of that Place where such Marriage shall be solemnized, the Man so married shall be liable to the Fine of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; to be recovered as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid.

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Penalty on Persons getting their Marriage solemnized in any neighbouring Colony.

IV. **And** for ascertaining to the Minister a Fee for Marriages, in other Cases than the Act for Establishment of Religious Worship provides for; **Be it Enacted**, That in case any Persons married by Licence, and that shall be married in the Parish Church or Chapel of Ease, or come to such Minister's House to be Married, there shall be paid as a Fee, by the Persons to be Married, for such Marriage, the Sum of Ten Shillings and no more: And in case of Publication of Banns, the Persons so to be Married shall come to the Minister's Dwelling-House to be Married, there shall be paid to the Minister as a Fee for such Marriage, One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or Six Shillings and Eight-pence Current Money, ready Pay, and no more. **And it is hereby Declared**, That whenever any Fee is allowed for Marrying Persons whose Banns are Publish'd, such Fee shall be taken as a full Fee for the Publication of the Banns, as well as for the Solemnization of such Marriage.

Minister's Fee for Marriages.

V. **Provided**, That this Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to any Persons of Persuasions in Religion different from that of the Church of *England*; but that all such Persons, and the Manner of their Proceedings in Marriage, may intirely remain unaltered by this Act, and in the same Circumstance, as if this Act had never been made; any thing therein before to the contrary notwithstanding.

This Act shall not extend to Persons of different Persuasions from the Church of *England*.

*Examined and Compared with the Original Act,* REVERDY GHISELIN,  
THOMAS BACON.

At a Session of ASSEMBLY begun and held at the 1718.  
City of *Annapolis*, in the County of *Ann-Arundel*,  
the 22d Day of *April*, and ended the 10th Day of  
*May*, in the 3d Year of the Dominion of the Right  
Honourable CHARLES, absolute Lord and Proprietary  
of the Provinces of *Maryland* and *Avalon*,  
Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, &c. *Annoq; Domini 1718*,  
were Enacted the Laws following, viz.

JOHN HART, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

A Supplementary ACT to the \* Act directing the Manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates and Representatives to serve in succeeding Assemblies, &c. *Lib. LL. N<sup>o</sup> 4. fol. 383.*

Passed 10th  
May 1718.

\* 1716, ch. 11. See an explanatory Act 1724, ch. 18.

**W**HEREAS there has been some Doubts concerning the issuing of Writs of Election, and the Time for Elections, upon the Death or Removal of any of the Delegates within the several Counties of this Province, and City of *Annapolis*, during the Being or Sitting of any Session of Assembly; for the removing whereof for the future,

Preamble.

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