

shall willingly do the same: And in case such Discovery shall be made in Manner aforesaid, then and in such Case the Father of such Child, being legally convicted in Manner aforesaid, shall over and above the Fine aforesaid, be ordered and adjudged by the Justice aforesaid, or the County Court, as the Case may happen, to give good Security to keep such Bastard Child from becoming a Charge to the County, and for want of giving such Security, he shall by the Justice aforesaid, or by the County Court, as the Case may happen, be committed to the public Goal of the said County until he shall willingly do the same; and such Mother of the said Child shall be thereof discharged.

The Father or Mother to be committed, in case of not complying with the Requisites mentioned in this Act.

*And be it likewise Enacted,* That if the Mother of such Bastard Child will not discover the Father as aforesaid, and shall be unable or unwilling to pay her Fine in Manner aforesaid; or if upon such Discovery as aforesaid, such reputed Father shall be unable or unwilling to pay his Fine, and the Charges as aforesaid, then and in every such Case, such Mother or Father respectively, as the Case may happen, shall be obliged to give good Security to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor for the Payment of such Fines by a certain Day, not less than twelve Months from the Time of giving such Security, to be taken by the Justice aforesaid, or by the County Court, as the Case may happen; and for Default of such Security, to be committed to the public Goal of the said County, until such Mother or Father of such Bastard Child shall willingly do the same.

Fines to be received by the Justices, &c.

*And be it likewise Enacted,* That the several Justices aforesaid are hereby authorized and required to receive the same Fines, and to make Payment thereof to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, for the Time being, to and for the Use of such County, and shall take his Receipt for the same; and shall, at every Court to be held for such County, make and return to such Court a List under his Hand, what Fines he hath so received, together with the said Sheriff's Receipt for the same, to be lodged with the Clerk of the said Court; and shall also certify and return to the next County Court, under his Hand and Seal, the Conviction of such Person before him, and all Recognizances by him so as aforesaid taken, to be recorded by the Clerk of the said Court among the Records thereof; for all which Services, the Clerk of the said Court shall have and receive his legal Fees; which said Conviction, so recorded, shall be good and sufficient in Law to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, and of the same Force and Effect, as if the said Judgment and Conviction had been legally had in the same Court; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Duty of Constables.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the Duty of the Constables of the several Hundreds in every County within this Province, and they are hereby directed and required, to make Information to some Magistrate in their respective Counties, against the Mother and reputed Father of every such Bastard Child.

Justices and Constables Fees.

*And be it likewise Enacted,* That upon every Conviction before a single Magistrate out of Court, in Manner aforesaid, the Justice shall be intitled to a Fee or Reward of Five Shillings; and the Constable, for serving every Warrant against such Mother or reputed Father, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence, and no more, to be paid by the Party so convicted.

*And be it further Enacted,* That if any Woman shall be with Child, which Child when born shall by the Laws of this Province be a Bastard, and shall confess the same before some Justice of the Peace, and make Oath to the Begetter of such Child, that then and in such Case the Justice aforesaid shall