

U. H. howse of this p<sup>r</sup>sent Generall Assembly That every such  
 Journal Mother of a Bastard Child not able sufficiently to prove the  
 1659-69 party charged to be the Begetter of such Child In every such  
 case the mother of such Child shall only be lyable to satisfye  
 the Damage soe Susteyned by Servitude or otherwise as the  
 Court before whome such matter is brought shall see Con-  
 venient.

Provided That where the mother of any such Child as afore-  
 said shall be able to proue her charge either by sufficient  
 Testimony of Wittnesses Confession or pregnant Circumstance  
 agreeing with her Declaracōn in the Extremity of her paynes  
 and Throwes of Travaile, or her oathe taken by some Magis-  
 trate, then the party charged if a Servant to satisfye halfe the  
 said Damage, if a Freeman then the whole damage by Servi-  
 tude or otherwise as the Court before whome such matter is  
 brought as aforesaid shall thinke fitt

And if any such mother as aforesaid be able to prove by  
 such Testimony or Confession that the party charged being a  
 Single person and a Freeman did before the begetting of such  
 Child promise her Marryage that then he shall performe his  
 promise to her or Recompence the Abuse as the Co<sup>r</sup>t before  
 whome such matter is brought shall see convenient the Quallity  
 and Condicōn of the persons Considered. This Acte to endure  
 for three yeares or to the End of the next Generall Assembly

The lower howse haue  
 Assented  
 W<sup>m</sup> Bretton Clk.

The vpper howse haue  
 Assented  
 John Gittings Clre.

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An Acte for the Publicacōn of  
 Marryages.

Be it Enacted by the Lord Proprietary by and with the Con-  
 sent of the Vpper and Lower howse of this Generall Assembly  
 That all persons who shall desire marryage haue liberty to  
 apply themselues either to a Minister or Pastor or Magistrate  
 for the Contracting thereof And be it further Enacted by the  
 authority aforesaid that all persons within this Province intend-  
 ing marryage shall make Publicacōn thereof either at the  
 Church or Chappell next where they dwell County Court or  
 Meeting howse And that at such tymes as such Church  
 Chappell Co<sup>r</sup>t or Meeting howse be full and thereby capable  
 to take Cognizance thereof And that it shall and may be  
 Lawfull vpon Certifficatt had from the Minister Pastor or County  
 Court where such Publicacōn shall haue been made (three  
 weekes after the said Publicacōn) for either Minister Pastor or  
 Magistrate to joyne in marryage such persons as aforesaid.