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Containing more then what is Justly due to his Lordshipp or Publick for Rent or Leavyes shall pay for every such default the Summe of two thousand pounds of Tobacco the one halfe to the Lord Proprietary the other halfe to the party grieved to be Recovered by accōn att Law Bill Plaint or Informacōn in any Court within this Prouince in which noe proteccōn Essoyne or wager of Law to be allowed this Act to endure for three yeares or to the end of the next Gen^rall Assembly which shall first happen

An Act for the Publicacōn of Marriages.

Bee itt Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and Consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly That all persons who shall desire Marriage haue Liberty to apply themselues either to a priest minister Pastor or Magistrate for the Contracting thereof.

And Bee itt further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all persons within this Prouince intending Marriage shall make Publicacōn thereof either att the Church or Chappell County Court or meeting house next where they dwell and that att such tymes as such Church Chappell or meeting house be full and thereby Capable to take Cognizance thereof And that itt shall and may be Lawfull uppon Certificate had from the priest 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 Ioyne in Marryage such persons as aforesaid And if any person shall presume to Contract Marriage without such Publicacōn be made & Certificate thereof had as aforesaid or without particular Lycence from the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary or his Leivtenant Generall or Cheife Gouernour for the time being doe Privately within the Limitts of this Prouince Contract Marriage Every person soe Contracted or marryed shall be Lyable to a fine of one Thousand pounds of Tobacco And every such Preist Minister Pastor or Magistrate Joyning in Marriage any persons without such Publicacōn or Lycence or any waies infringeing this Act shall be Lyable to a ffine of five Thousand pounds of Tobacco one halfe thereof to the Lord Proprietary the other halfe to the Informer to be Recovered by bill plaint accōn of debt or Informacōn in any Court of Record wherein noe Essoyne Proteccōn or wager in Law to be allowed.

And Bee itt further Enacted That all such Marryages as shall not be made or Celebrated before some Priest Minister Pastor or Magistrate with fue sufficient wittnesses att Least according to the forme before mencōned shall be & are hereby declared null & voyd.