

Lib. R. R. R. respective Lott and Lotts built on as aforesaid confirmed to such person and persons respectively as shall build or cause to be built as aforesaid, to him, and them, his and their heires for Ever, (in such manner as in and by the afores^d Acts is sett forth) by another Act of Assembly of this Province then to be passed for the end and purpose afores^d Whereof wee strictly charge and command all & singular the sheriffs of this Province forthwith upon Receipt thereof to make publick Proclamation in the most publick and convenient places within their severall and respective Counties.

Given at the City of St Maries under the greate Seale of this Province the third day of october in the tenth yeare of the Dominion of the R^t hon^{ble} Charles &c. Annoq Dmi. 1685:

Proclam^a ag^t private marriages wthout lycense &^c

Maryland ss:

By the Dep^{ties} L^{tts}

A Proclamation

Whereas severall greate damages and Inconveniencies have and doe daily happen by the private and clandestine marrying of strangers and others, comeing into this Province from Virginia, and other neighbouring parts, to the greate irreparable grieffe trouble and disquiectt of the Parents Guardians, Overseers, masters, or Dames of such persons soe married as aforesaid, and also to the greate dishon^r of, and reflection upon the Governm^t To prevent which Evills for the future, p. 247 wee have thought fitt, and wee doe hereby by and with the advice of his L^{sps} Councill straightly charge and command all and singular the Priests Ministers and other persons whatsoever within this Province qualified to performe the R^{ts} and Ceremonies of Matrimony to any persons; that upon noe account, colour pretence or pretext whatsoever he or they doe at any time or times hereafter presume or offer to joine together in matrimony any persons Strangers, or others comeing from Virginia or any other parts, but such onely as shall first have been strictly examined, and procured a Certificate or lycense from some magistrate thereunto authorised and impowered within this Province, that such persons may lawfully and frcely be joined together in marriage, without any certain and apparent loss damage, trouble or disquiectt to the parents, Guardians, overseers, masters, mistresses or Dames (if any) of such person or persons as aforesaid; And without any occasion of reflection or Dishon^r to this Governm^t as aforesaid; Whereof all Priests ministers and others within this Province concerned are to take due cognizance, soe as duely and punctually to observe per-