

C. P. And be it Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent
 af^d that Every pson or psons that shall Comitt Adultery and
 that shall be thereof Convict Either by Confession or Verdict
 of twelve men in the provinciall or any of the County Courts
 of this pvince shall be fined by the Justices before whome
 such Conviction shall be three pound Curr^t mony as af^d or
 twelve hundred pounds of Tob^o to the Kings Maj^{ty} his heirs
 and Successors Towards Defraying such County Charge as
 af^d And in Case the said Offenders or any of them shall not
 have wherewith to pay the Sevⁿ fines by this Act Imposed
 p. 22 then the said Offenders shall be Adjudged to suffer Corporall
 punishm^t by whipping upon his or their bare bodys 'till the
 blood Doe appear soe many Stripes not Exceeding thirty
 nine as the Justices before whome such Conviction shall be
 shall Adjudge.

Provided that this Act shall not be Construed to Extend as
 to the fine for Women who have bastards And Doe refuse to
 Discover the father or begetter of such Children but that in
 such Cases it shall be in the Discretion of the Justices before
 whome such Woman or Women shall be Convicted Either to
 take the fine by this Act Appointed or to Award Corporall
 punishm^t anything in this Act before to the Contrary Not-
 withstanding. And for the Ascertainig what Women shall
 be Accounted Lewd,

Bee it Enacted by the Authority af^d by and with the Advice
 and Consent af^d that it shall and may be Lawfull for the
 Minister Vestry and Church wardens of any parish where
 there is a Minister And for the Vestry and Church Wardens
 where there is no Minister before any Admonition by them
 or any of them given in pursuance of the Directions Afore-
 mentioned to give Notice or Cause Notice to be given to any
 p. 23 person or persons by them or the Major part of them sus-
 pected of Lewdness or Incontinency and being or residing
 within their respective Parishes to Appear before them or the
 Major part of them att such time and place as they or the
 Major part of them shall appoint And on Appearance of such
 person or psons to acquaint them of the Suspicion that is had
 of them and to hear what reasonable Excuse such psons shall
 Offer why they ought not to be proceeded ag^t According to
 Law as fornicators or Adulterers as the Case shall happen
 and in Case the pson or psons having such Notice given
 them shall not appear According to such Notice given them
 on Affidavitt of such Notice given or Appearing doe not Excuse
 or Acquit themselves of the grounds of such Suspicion in such
 Manner as such Ministers Vestry and Church Wardens as
 af^d shall Approve that then it shall and may be Lawfull for