

ACTS

PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF
MARYLAND, 1694-1728 (NOT PREVIOUSLY PRINTED)

An Additionall Act to the Act of Religion.

Be it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Maj^{ties} by and with the advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the authority of the same that in every respective Parish within this Province whereunto any Minister is or shall hereafter be appointed by his Excell^{ty} the Governour of this Province for the tyme being such Minister as aforesaid shall be added to the Vestry of that Parish as one of the vestrymen thereof, and if any of the vestrymen of that Parish as aforesaid shall not appear att the tyme and place when and where such Vestry shall be held, he or they so omitting their duty as aforesaid shall be fyned by such and so many of the said Vestry as shall be mett att the tyme and place appointed according to their discretion not exceeding the sume of one hundred pounds of Tobacoe (the Minister only excepted) to be employed towards the use of the Poore Which said Fyne shall be recovered by the Vestry in the County Courts where such person or persons shall reside by Bill Plaint or Informacōn wherein noe Essoyne Proteccōn or wager of Law to be allowed :

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that the vestry of each severall and respective Parish within twelve months after the Publication of this Law or within twelve months after the finishing of the sev^rall and respective Churches in such Parishes to be built as aforesaid shall procure a Table of Marriages as is Established by the Church of England to be fairly written and put up in their respective Churches under the penalty of one Thousand pounds of Tobacoe to every Vestry failing thereof And that all Ministers Priests or Justices of the Peace marrying any person contrary to the Rules of the said Table should pay to the Vestry of the said Parish where the partyes reside five Thousand pounds of Tobacoe and the partyes so married shall pay the like Sume the said Sume of Tobacoe to be employed by the Vestrymen of the said Parish for pious uses att their discretion, which said severall Fynes and Forfeitures shall be recovered by the vestrymen in any Court of Record within this Province wherein noe Essoyne Proteccōn or Wager of Law to be allowed as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Vestrymen in each Parish in each respective County of this Province

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