

An Act for keeping a Register of Births marriages and
Buryalls in each Respective County —

Be it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and
with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authori-
ty of the same, that the names surnames and places of abode of all manner
of persons within this Province except Negroes, Indians and Molattoes that
are not borne of white women that shall from and after the Publication
of this Act be borne married or buried within this Province together with
the Respective dates of the day month & year of our Lord of their said
Birth marriage or Buryalls shall be exhibited to the Clerks of each
Respective County Court by the father of any such Child as shall be borne
the person married or the next of kin Excut. Adm. Master or Mistress to
him or them that shall be buried as aforesaid within two months after
such Birth Marriage or Buryalls aforesaid under the penalty of one
Thousand pounds of Tobacco the one half to the Clerks of each respec-
tive County the other half to the poor of the said County where in fact
default shall happen as aforesaid, and be it further Enacted by and with
the advice and consent aforesaid that every Clerk of each Respective
County within this Province shall at his own proper Cost and Charge within
one month after the Publication hereof provide a good and durable
book wherein he shall Register in a fair legible hand the names surnames
and places of abode together with the Respective dates of the day month
and year of our Lord of the Birth marriage or buryall so exhibited as
aforesaid, for which he shall have as his fee the sum of five pounds of
Tobacco to be levied by way of execution on the goods and Chattels of the
person or persons so requiring the Registering of the same as aforesaid
or that shall neglect or refuse to pay the same, and if any Clerk of any
County Court within this Province shall neglect or refuse to provide one
durable book as aforesaid and therein to Register the names surnames
and places of abode of such person as shall be borne married or buried
within their Respective Counties so exhibited as aforesaid, shall forfeit
and pay for every Offence the sum of one Thousand pounds of Tobacco
the one half to their Majesties for support of Government the other

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