

Lord's Day Act Confirmed. Marriages.

N^o 17, 18.

Part of an Act, Intituled,

An Act, declaring several Acts formerly made to be in Force.

N^o 17.

Laws of Maryland, p. 52.

(a) N^o 9.

(b) N^o 16.

BE it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the several and respective Acts of Assembly heretofore made and Enacted (that is to say) one Act, Intituled, (a) An Act for Erecting Ann-Arundel and Oxford Towns into Ports and Towns; One other Act, Intituled, (b) An Act for sanctifying and keeping holy the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday; and every Clause, Matter and Thing therein contained, is hereby declared to be and remain in full Force and Effect to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, to the End of the next Sessions of Assembly, this present not having Leisure fully to consider thereof.

Lord's Day.

At an Assembly begun
September the 5th, 1704.

An Act for Publication of Marriages.

N^o 18.

Laws of Maryland, p. 41.
2d Edit. p. 63.
1st Edit. p. 20.

I. BE it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That all Persons who desire Marriage, shall apply themselves either to a Minister, Pastor or Magistrate for the contracting thereof.

Enacted,

That all Persons that desire Marriage, shall apply to the Minister or Magistrate, for contracting the same;

II. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all Persons within this Province, intending Marriage, shall make Publication thereof, either at the Church, Chappel, County Court or Meeting-house next where they dwell, and that at such Time when such Church, Chappel or Meeting-house shall be full, and thereby capable to take Cognizance thereof; and that it shall and may be lawful, upon Certificate had from the Minister, Pastor or County Court where such Publication shall have been made, three Weeks after the said Publication, for either Minister, Pastor or Magistrate (where no Minister can be had) to join in Marriage such Persons as aforesaid; and if any Person shall presume to contract Marriage without such Publication made, and Certificate thereof had as

and shall make Publication thereof at the Church or County Court, &c.

Three Weeks after Certificate of such Publication, it shall be lawful for the Minister to join them in Marriage.

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