

N^o 18, 19.

MARRIAGES.

Penalty on any Person
contracting Marriage
without such Publica-
tion, or Licence from
the Governour; and
on the Ministers, &c.
joining them.

How to be disposed,

and recovered.

The Minister or Magi-
strate who shall join
any Person in Mar-
riage, shall use the
Form in the Book of
Common Prayer.

The Minister or Magi-
strate's Fee for Mar-
riage.

aforesaid, or without particular Licence from the Governour for the Time being, do privately, within the Limits of this Province, contract Marriage, every Person so contracted or married, shall be liable to a Fine of One thousand Pounds of Tobacco, and every such Minister, Pastor or Magistrate joining in Marriage any Persons without Publication or Licence, or any ways infringing this Act, shall be liable to a Fine of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco, one Half of the said Fines to our Sovereign Lady, the Queen, her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of the Government of this Province, and the other Half to the Informer, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint, Action of Debt or Information in any Court of Record, wherein no Essoign, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

III. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all Ministers, Pastors and Magistrates, who according to the Law of this Province, do usually join People in Marriage, shall join them in Manner and Form as is set down and expressed in the Liturgy of the Church of England; which being finished, the Minister, Pastor or Magistrate shall say; *I, being hereunto by Law authorized, do pronounce you lawful Man and Wife.*

IV. And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Minister, Pastor or Magistrate, by verue of this Act, is impowered to ask, demand and receive from the Parties so married or joined together, the Sum of One hundred Pounds of Tobacco and no more.

At an Assembly begun
September the 5th, 1704.

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An Act for the Publication of Marriages, and to prevent unlawful Marriages.

Laws of Mary-
land, p. 205.

Persons desiring Mar-
riage, to apply to a
Church of England
Minister, for Publica-
tion, according to the
Rubrick, in the Pa-
rish where the Woman
lives.

If no Minister, how
then.

I. **B**E it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That all Persons who desire Marriage, shall apply themselves to a Minister for the contracting thereof, and shall cause due Publication to be made, according to the Rubrick of the Church of England, of their Intent to marry, at some Church or Chappel of Ease belonging to the Parish wherein the Woman so intended to be married shall be Resident; and in case there be no Minister, Curate or Reader in such Parish, an Advertisement or publick Notification of such intended Marriage shall