

MARRIAGES.

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shall be set up at the Court-house Door of the County where such Marriage shall be intended, there to remain for the space of three Weeks at the least, of which Advertisement put up as aforesaid, the Clerk of the County Court where such Advertisement shall be so put up, shall make a Certificate, under his Hand and the Seal of the County, and that it shall and may be lawful, after such Publication and Certificate thereof had, for any Minister duly qualified, to join together in Matrimony any such Persons so published according to the Liturgy of the Church of England, saving to the Minister of the respective Parishes where such Publication shall be made, their just Dues for such Marriages. And if any Person presume to contract Marriage without such Certificate thereof had as aforesaid, or without particular Licence from the Governour for the Time being, do privately contract Marriage, every Man so contracted or married, shall be liable to a Fine of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco; and every such Minister, 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 the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government of this Province, the other Half to the Informer, to be recovered in any Court of Record, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And then be married according to the Liturgy.

Paying Dues to the proper Minister.

Persons otherwise married, to forfeit Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco.

And the Person marrying, the like.

II. And for the more effectual avoiding Secresy and Clandestine Marriages, Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Person or Persons Resident in this Province, who shall get their Marriage solemnized in any the neighbouring Colonies, during such their Residence in this Province, unless where the Woman so married shall be Resident of that Place where such Marriage shall be solemnized, the Man so married shall be liable to the Fine of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco, to be recovered as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid.

To prevent Clandestine Marriages, none of this Province to be married in the next, unless the Woman live there, on like Penalty.

III. And for ascertaining to the Minister a Fee for Marriages in other Cases than the Act for Establishment of Religious Worship provides for, Be it Enacted, That in case any Persons married by Licence, and that shall be married in the Parish Church or Chapel of Ease, or come to such Minister's House to be married, there shall be paid as a Fee, by the Persons to be married, for such Marriage, the Sum of Ten Shillings, and no more. And in case of Publication of Banns, the Persons to be married shall come to the Minister's Dwelling House to be married, there shall be paid to the Minister as a Fee for such Marriage, One hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or Six Shillings and Eight Pence current Money, ready Pay, and no more. And it is hereby declared, whenever any Fee is allowed for marrying Persons whose Banns are published, such

Marriage Fee ascertained.

And for Banns.

Fee