

Pounds of Tobacco, towards the County Charge, and if convicted of Adultery, shall be fined *Three Pounds* current Money, or *One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco*, to be applied as above.

It shall and may be lawful for the Minister, Vestry and Church Wardens of any Parish, where there is a Minister, and for the Vestry and Church Wardens where there is no Minister, before any Admonition by them given, in pursuance of the above Directions, (for ascertaining what Woman shall be accounted leu'd) to give or cause Notice to be given to any Person or Persons by them or the major Part of them suspected to be leu'd, to appear before them at such time and place, as they think fit, and to acquaint them of their Suspicion, and hear what excuse they shall offer, why they should not be proceeded against according to Law, as Fornicators or Adulterers as the Case shall happen; and in case the Person or Persons so having Notice do not appear, on Affidavit of such Notice given, or appearing do not excuse or acquit themselves of the Grounds of Suspicion, in such manner as the Minister, Vestry and Church Wardens, or major part of them, shall approve, then it shall and may be lawful for such Minister, Vestry and Church Wardens to admonish them, according to the Directions aforesaid; which Admonition, together with a Proof of the Cohabitation of the Persons so admonished or their frequenting the Company of one another, contrary to and after such Admonition given, shall be, before any Court, sufficient Evidence to convict and subject them to the Penalties aforesaid.

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EVERY free Woman who shall be convicted of Fornication, shall be fined *Thirty Shillings* Currency, and if she refuse, upon Oath, to discover the Person with whom guilty, in *Thirty Shillings* more on his Account, both in a summary Way, together with all the Charges of Prosecution. But if she discovers the Person, with whom guilty, and he be thereof convicted, he shall be fined in the other *Thirty Shillings* and the Charges of Prosecution, the Court proceeding against him in like manner, as in other Criminal Cases.

In Case a Birth shall proceed from such Fornication, and the Woman refuses to discover as above, she shall, over and above the Fines, be adjudged to give good Security to keep the Child, from being a Charge to the County, and if not finding Security, shall be committed to the Sheriff's Custody; but in case of a Discovery, the Person with whom guilty shall be obliged to find Security as above or be committed to the Sheriff's Custody.

If such Person or Persons convicted as above, are unable to pay the Fine, they shall give good Security for paying thereof, at a certain Day, not less than Twelve Months, and making default in finding Security, shall be committed to the Sheriff's Custody. The said Fines are to be applied towards the Defraying the County Charges.