

again the Debt which they offered in a Decem^r last & which the Upper House
at that time refused. I cannot find that any such Act as the One in
question hath been ever passed in Pensil^a but it has been usual there for the
Germans to be Naturalized by particular Acts of Assembly whenever they applied
to the Legislature & if any Aliens have taken up ^{or} sold Lands or died possessed
of any the Proprietaries never that I can learn took Advantage of such Persons ha-
ving not been naturalized nor disturbed those who possess under their Title.

Together with the Papers abovementioned You will find a Petition from the
Rev^d Mr Bacon addressed to me which was presented by several Gent^l of the
Council who interested themselves in his Behalf & hope His Ldp will be prevail-
ing to remit his share of the Tob^o that Mr Bacon has forfeited which as
You'll perceive amounts in the whole to 5000^l. The Clause of the Act of Assembly
which is subject to these Fines runs as follows "and if any Person
presume to contract Marriage without such Publication & Certificate thereof
had as afo^r or without particular Licence from the Governor for the time being
do privately contract Marriage every Man so contracted or married shall be liable
to a Fine of 5000^l & every such Minister joining in Marriage any Person
without Publication or Licence or any way infringing this Act shall be liable

to a Fine of 5000^l One half of the said Fines to the Lord Proprietory his
Heirs & Successors for the Support of Govern^t of this Province, the other half by Interest
The Gent^l who presented the abovementioned Petition have likewise intreated
me further to solicit his Ldps favour to Mr Bacon by permitting me to induce
him to the Parish of All Saints in Frederick County which was some time ago
vacated by the Death of Mr Hunter & into a pretty large Part of it in case His
Ldp has no Objection to its being divided. It contained in the Year 1753 as the
List I some time ago sent You will show 2215 Taxables whose Thirty shill^l if
they were all to pay in Money (as most of them do) would amount to 33975^l less
clear of the five p^{ct} payable to the Sheriff for collecting. As this is the Frontier
Parish the Incursions of the Indians have for some time prevented its increasing
as it would have otherwise done, but notwithstanding this Calamity the Number
of Parishioners is greater at present than it was in the Year 1753 the I