

And if any such mother as aforesaid be able to prove by such testimony or confession of the party charged being a single person and free woman did, before the begetting of such Child, promise her marriage, that then he shall perform his promise unto her, or recompense her abuse, as the Court before whom such matter is brought shall see convenient, the quality and condition of this person considered. This act to continue for three years, or to the end of the next general Assembly.

An act against Burners of Fences.

May
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Whereas diverse of the Inhabitants of this Province have suffered much damage by the notorious evil practices of ill disposed malicious persons burning their Fences, and no Law yet made for the deterring and punishing such offenders. For the preventing of such dangers and punishing such malicious attempts for the future, the good people of this Province do humbly pray that it may be Enacted, And

Be it enacted by the Right hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ty} of this Province, by and with the consent of the upper & Lower houses of this present general Assembly, and by the authority of the same, that if any person or persons within this Province shall wilfully or maliciously burn or destroy any Corn fields, Pasture ground, Orchard or other House or Houses whereby any of the Inhabitants of this Province are harmed and damaged, the person so offending being thereof convicted by the testimony of two sufficient witnesses shall suffer such penalties and undergo such punishment as the Lawes of England provide ag^t such malicious persons and practices of that nature, or ~~make~~ make restitution to the person wronged by paying treble the damages sustained thereby, as the Justices before whom such Causes shall come, shall determine. This act to continue for three years, or to the end of the next general Assembly which shall first happen.

An act for uncertain Goods.

October
1640

All uncertain goods to which no party justly ~~claim~~ Claim right shall be to the Lord Prop^{ty} or his Assignes, and shall be sold at