

163. compel the Owner to have them kept over by  
Millards or such person so refusing or compelling as aforesaid  
for the new stamping but if not the Owners of the Millards to pay for the same.

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Read and assented to by the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
of Delegates Wm. Lloyd (Chief)

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Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council Wm. Bladen & Council

Maryland October 3<sup>d</sup> 1704

On the Petition of the said I will this be a Law.

*John Seymour*

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*Wm. Lloyd*

By a Law made in 1717 - For  
"the publication of Marriages and to  
prevent unlawful Marriages"  
This Act is rendered obsolete

# An Act for publication of Marriages.

Be it Enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by  
and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour Council and  
Assembly of this province And the Authority of the same that all persons who  
desire Marriage shall apply themselves either to a Minister pastor or  
Magistrate for the contracting thereof.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and  
with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that all persons within this province  
intending Marriage shall make publication thereof either at the Church-  
Chapell County Court or Meeting house next when they dwell and that at the  
time when such Church Chapell or Meeting house shall be full and thereby  
capable to take Cognizance thereof and that it shall and may be lawful upon Con-  
sent had from the Minister pastor or County Court where such publication shall have  
made three weeks after the said publication for the Minister pastor or Magistrate  
(where no Minister can be had) to Joyn in Marriage such persons aforesaid  
any person shall presume to contract marriage without such publication or  
Certificate thereof had as aforesaid or without particular dispensation  
for the time being do privately within the Limits of this province  
every person so contracted or married shall be liable to the same as aforesaid