

The same being done privately within the limits of this Province
Marriage, & every person so Contracted or Married shall be liable
to a fine of One Thousand pounds of tobacco And every such Priest
Pastor or Magistrate joining in Marriage any persons without
Publication or licence or any wayes Infringing this Act shall be
to a fine of five Thousand pounds of tobacco. One halfe thereof to the
Lord Proprietor, the other halfe to the Informer to be recovered by Bill
Plaint Action of Debt or Information in any Court of Record wherein no
Escoyne Protection or Waiver in Law to be allowed And be it
Further Enacted that all such Marriages as shall not be made or
Celebrated before some Priest Minister Pastor or Magistrate with
five sufficient witnesses at least according to the forme before
mentioned shall be & are hereby declared null & void And be it
Further hereby Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Priests
Ministers Pastors & Magistrates who according to the Lawe of this
Province doe usually joyn people in Marriage shall joyn them in
the manner ensuing the copid following the man taking the woman
by the right hand shall say I. A. B. Doe take thee C. D. to my wedded
wife To have & to hold from this day forward for better for worse
for Rich or for poore in sickness & in health till death us depart and
thereto I plight thee my troth, which being finished he shall lett his
hand go, then the woman taking the man by the right hand shall
say I. C. D. take thee A. B. to my wedded Husband To have & to hold
from this day forward, for better for worse, for Rich or for poore, in
sickness & in health till death us depart, & thereto I plight thee my
troth which being finished the Priest Minister Pastor or
Magistrate shall say, I being hereunto by Lawe Authorized doe
pronounce you lawfull man & wife And be it further Enacted
by the Authority advice & consent aforesaid That the Priest
Minister Pastor or Magistrate are by vertue of this Act hereby
Impowred to Aske demand receive & take from the parties soe
Married or joynd together the sume of One hundred pounds
of tobacco This Act to Endure for three yeares or to the end of the
next Gen^l Assembly which shall first happen

An Act relating to Servants & Slaves

Whereas there was an Act provided against Servants Run
awayes made in the yeare One Thousand six hundred & fifty
& another Act made in the yeare One Thousand six hundred
sixty two, as alsoe another Act made in the yeare One Thousand
six hundred sixty six which said three Acts having little
proved ineffertuall in regard they doe not sufficient
provide an Encouragement for such person or persons
taken within this Province as shall be such