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at the said Court shall Consider

May the 26th 1715. Read and Assented to May 26th 1715. Read and Assented to by the house of Delegates and signed to be this Majesty's Honr Council & by order Jno Macnemara Clk. Signed pro Ord H Bladen Ct Concil

June the 5 1715 On the behalf of this most Sacred Majesty King George of Great Brittain &c. Jurd this 6 day

Scale ..... Jno Hart

An Act for the punishing the offences of Adultery and fornication

Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and Consent of his Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this province and the authority of the same that after the End of this Session of Assembly whosoever shall Directly or Indirectly Entertaine provide for or Cause to be Entertained or provided for any Lewd woman or women that shall frequent her or their Company after that Admonition to him or them be given by the minister or the Lecturer or the Churchwarden or Churchwardens of the parish where such person or persons shall inhabit shall be adjudged a fornicator or Adulterer as the Case shall be and shall suffer such penalties as by this Law is hereafter appointed And be it further Enacted by the Authority advice and Consent aforesaid that every person or persons that shall Committ fornication and be thereof Convict in the provincial or County Court either by Confession or Verdict of twelve men shall be fined thirty shillings Currant money of this province or six hundred pounds of Tobacco by the Justices before whome such Conviction shall be to the King Majesty his heirs and Successors for the support of the County Charge

And be it Enacted by the authority advice and Consent aforesaid that every person or persons that shall Committ Adultery and shall be thereof Convict either by Confession or Verdict of twelve men in the provincial or the County Courts of the province shall be fined by the Justices before whom such Conviction shall be three pounds Currant money as aforesaid or twelve hundred pounds of tobacco to the Kings Majesty his heirs and Successors towards defraying such County Charge as aforesaid and in Case the said offenders or any of them shall not have wherewith to pay the several fines by this act imposed then the said offenders shall be adjudged to suffer severall corporall punishment by whipping upon his or their bare body so that the blood doe sweat

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