

1777.

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C H A P. XII, XIII.

Whereas Application hath been made to me by *A. B.* of \_\_\_\_\_ County, and *C. D.* of \_\_\_\_\_ County, for Licence to be joined in holy Matrimony: These are therefore to authorise and licence you to solemnize the Rites of Marriage between the said Persons, according to Law, there appearing to you no lawful Cause or just Impediment, by Reason of any Consanguinity or Affinity, to hinder the same.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of my Office this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year seventeen hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

To the Reverend Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ or any other Person qualified by Law to celebrate the Marriage in the State of *Maryland.*

Thirty Shillings to be paid for Licence, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That there shall be paid to the Clerk granting such Licence the Sum of thirty Shillings current Money, and he shall annually in the Month of *November* return on Oath a List of Licences by him granted, the Date, and the Persons to whom granted, to the Treasurer of his Shore; and shall at such Time pay to such Treasurer twenty-five Shillings current Money for each Licence by him granted, for the Use of this State, under the Penalty of one hundred Pounds current Money, and may retain five Shillings on each Licence for his Trouble.

Chancellor to determine Causes for Alimony, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the Chancellor shall and may hear and determine all Causes for Alimony, in as full and ample Manner as such Causes could be heard and determined by the Laws of *England* in the ecclesiastical Courts there.

General Court to determine the Validity of Marriages, &c.

XV. And be it enacted, That the General Court may enquire into, hear, and determine, either on Indictment or Petition of either of the Parties, the Validity of any Marriage, and may declare any Marriage contrary to the Table in this Act, or any second Marriage, the first subsisting, null and void; and on Appeal the Depositions and Evidence given in the Cause shall be transmitted with the Record to the Court of Appeals, and thereupon such Cause shall be heard, determined, and adjudged *de novo.*

C H A P. XIII.

An Act for the more speedy and effectual Recovery of common Law Fines, and forfeited Recognizances.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the public Administration of Justice has been greatly impeded by the many Forfeitures of Recognizances taken for the Appearance of Offenders and Witnesses against them, and the irregular Collection of the stipulated Sums thereon due, and also on the common law Fines imposed on public Delinquents;

Recognizances forfeited, &c. Attorney-General to order Writs, &c.

Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of *Maryland,* That from and after the first day of *June* next, whenever any Recognizance taken for the Appearance of any Person or Persons to answer, or of any Person or Persons to testify, shall be forfeited in any Court of Record, or where any Fine or Fines shall, after the said first Day of *June* next, be imposed by any Court of Record for any common Law Offence, on any Person or Persons, it shall and may be lawful for the Attorney-General, or either of his Deputies, to order a Writ of

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