

The Act for the Publication
of Marriages

It is Enacted by the said Proprietary by and with the
 Consent of the Upper and Lower house of this General
 Assembly that all persons who shall desire marriage
 have liberty to apply themselves either to a Minister or
 Pastor or Magistrate for the Contracting thereof And
 be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that all
 persons within this Province intending marriage shall make
 Publication thereof either at the Church or Chappell
 next where the said County Court or Meeting house
 shall be at such times as the said Court or Meeting house
 shall be full and Court by capable to
 take Cognizance thereof And that it shall and may be
 Lawfull upon Certificate had from the Minister Pastor
 or County Court where such Publication shall have been
 made (three weeks after the said Publication) for either
 Minister Pastor or Magistrate to joyn in marriage such
 persons as aforesaid And if any person shall presume to
 Contract Marriage without such Publication to be made and
 Certificate had as aforesaid or without particular licence
 from the said General Assembly or the said Governor of this
 Province for private within the limits of this Province
 Contract marriage Every person so Contracted or married
 shall be liable to a fine of one thousand pounds of tobacco
 And every such Pastor Magistrate or Minister joyning in
 marriage any persons without such Publication or any
 wayes infringing this Act shall be liable to a fine of
 five thousand pounds of tobacco the one halfe of the fine
 to the said Proprietary the other halfe to the Informer to
 be recovered by action of Debt or Information wherein
 no wages of Lawe Escoyne or prolatid to be allowed
 or Demitted

And be it further Enacted that all Contracts or
 promises of marriage not made before some Minister
 Pastor or Magistrate with two Justitions witnesses shall
 be and are hereby declared Null and void This Act
 to endure for five years or to the end of the next
 General Assembly

The Lower house have
 Approved
 John Braxton

The Upper house have Approved
 John Gittings