

to these Fines runs as follows "And if any Person presume to contract Marriage without such Publication & Certificate thereof had as aforesaid or without particular Licence from the Governor for the time being do privately contract Marriage every Man so contracted or married shall be liable to a Fine of 5000^{lbs} Tob^o & every such Minister joining in marriage any Persons without Publication or Licence or any ways infringing this Act shall be liable to a Fine of 5000^{lbs} Tob^o One half of the said Fines to the Lord Proprietary his Heirs & Successors for the Support of Govern^t of this Province, the other half to the Informer.

The Gent^l who presented the abovementioned Petition have likewise intreated me further to solicit his Ldp's Favour to M^r Bacon by permitting me to induct him to the Parish of All Saints in Frederick County which was some time ago vacated by the Death of M^r Hunter or into a pretty large Part of it in Case His Ldp has no Objection to its being divided. It contained in the Year 1753 as the List I some time ago sent you will shew 2215 Taxables whose Thirty p^r poll if they were all to pay in Money (as most of them do) would amount to £394. 10 Cur^{cy} clear of the five p^r C^t payable to the Sheriff for Collecting: As this is the Frontier Parish the Incursions of the Indians have for some time prevented its increasing as it would have otherwise done, but notwithstanding this Calamity the Numb^r of Parishioners is greater at present than it was in the Year 1753 tho I believe some of them are rendered unable to pay. After M^r Hunter's Decease Several of the Parishioners addressed a Petition to Myself & the two Houses of Assembly wherein they represented that the Parish of All Saints was too extensive for one Clergyman it being more than 100 Miles long & in some Places more than 30 wide so that Numbers lived too remote to attend Divine Service nor could the Rector casily Visit them on any Account that in their opinion the Amount of the 30 p^r poll payable by the Inhabitants of the said Parish would well support two Clergymen & they concluded with praying that the Parish might be therefore divided in such manner as to the Legislature should seem fit. Being unwilling to give my Assent to such an Act before I could know whether it would be agreeable to His Ldp or not I desired the Gent^l of the Upper House to retain the Petition in their hands but if His Ldp approves thereof they will prepare a Bill for a Division of the Parish & send it down at the next Session. In the mean time I have at the Request of the Council appointed M^r Bacon as a Reader in the whole Parish & he has employed an Assistant at the Rate of £100 a Year, & M^r Bacon has thereupon assigned over what shall become due to him as Rector of S^t Peters in Talbot County