

Lib. L. L. Enacted by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, that
 No. 1. every Clerk of each respective County within this Province
 p. 187 shall at his own proper cost and charges within one Month
 after the Publication hereof, provide a good and durable book
 wherein he shall Register in a fair Liegable hand the names
 Surnames and places of abode, together with the respective
 dates of the day month and year of Our Lord of the birth
 marriage or burials so Exhibited as aforesaid, for which he
 shall have as his fee the sum of five pounds of Tobacco to be
 leavyed by way of Execution on the goods and chattles of the
 person so requiring the Registering the same as aforesaid or
 that shall neglect or refuse to pay the same. And if any
 Clerk of any County Court within this Province shall neglect
 or refuse to Provide one dureable Book as aforesaid and
 therein to Register the names Surnames and places of abode
 of such person as shall be born Married or buried within their
 respective Countyes so Exhibited as aforesaid shall forfeit and
 pay for every Offence the sum of one thousand pounds of
 Tobacco, the one half to their Majesties for support of Govern-
 ment, the other half to the Informer to be recovered in any
 Court of Record within this Province by bill plaint or Inform-
 ation wherin no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be
 allowed And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid
 that the Commissioners of each respective County at their
 Severall County Courts shall make Speciall Search and
 Enquiry into the premisses, that the respective Clerks do their
 p. 188 duty as aforesaid Provided that this Act nor any thing
 therein contained shall any way countenance the discontinu-
 ance of any legall Register of births marriages or burials
 hitherto kept in any County within this Province, but the same
 shall be fairly and Methodically transcribed by each respective
 County Court Clerk into the said book or Register to be pro-
 vided as afores^d and written in the begining of the said Book.

June 2^d 1692

Assented to by the Councill Board.

Signed p Ord^r

John Llewelin Clk.

June the 2^d 1692

The house of Assembly

have Assented

Signed p Ord^r

Hen: Denton Clk.

An Act for preventing vexatious & unecessary suits at Law.

Whereas divers and Sundry persons within this Province
 contracting debts by Accounts wth Merchants and others for
 which they stand and remain only debtor upon their said
 Books of Accounts the w^{ch} thô they be honestly and well dis-
 posed to pay the same upon demand first had and required of