

of May 15, 1676 Concerning Marriages (*Archive II*, 522), itself a restatement of an earlier law (*Archives I*, pp. 442-443), it was provided that all persons desiring to be married should first publish their intentions at the chapel door for three weeks before the ceremony and only then might they apply to a priest, minister, parson or magistrate. Anybody who was married without this publication was fined 1000 pounds of tobacco, and the person who married them had to pay 5000 pounds. Edward Lunn, the informer in this case, charged that Anthony Demondadier, justice of the peace for Baltimore County had privately married Christopher Randall and the widow Johannah Norman without special license from the Proprietary, and that he must therefore pay the 5000 pound penalty. Justice Demondadier replied that Lunn had waited too long: that more than the statutory year had gone by after the ceremony before Lunn filed his information. The Court went into the time element and decided that Lunn's charges were not sufficient to maintain his action. The justices said that Justice Demondadier might go without day, and that he might recover from Lunn 1031 pounds of tobacco, with execution (*post*, 121-126).