

Ordo for the future; We have thought fit and we do hereby
by and with the advice of the L^{tes} Councille straightly charge and
commande all and singular the Bishops Ministers and other persons
whosoever within this Province qualified to performe the
Rites and Ceremonies of Matrimony to any persons; that upon no
account, colour pretence or pretence whatsoever he or they do
at any times or times hereafter performe or offer to performe
the same Matrimony any persons Strangers, or others coming
from Virginia or any other parts, but such only as shall
first have been strictly examined, and procure a Certificate
or licence from some Magistrate the unto authorize and
impowerd within this Province, that such persons may
lawfully and freely be joyned together in marriage without
any claim, and apparant loss damage, trouble or inquiett
to the parents, Guardians, Overseers, Masters, Mistresses or
Daughters (if any) of such person or persons as aforesaid; And
without any occasion of reflection or Dishonour to this Governour
as aforesaid; Whereof all Bishops Ministers and others
within this Province concerned are to take due cognizance,
to do and dutely and punctually to observe performe & keepe
the same to their utmost skill and power, as they will
answer the contrary at their perill. And all Officers civill
and Military within this Province, and others the good
people of the same are hereby willed and required as
also charged and commande to take diligent care, and use
their utmost endeavour, for the apprehending and binding
over to answer, of all and every the Offenders aforesaid
herein within their severall and respective precincts and
habitations or places of abode. Hereby also charging
and commanding all and singular the Sheriffs of this
Province, forthwith upon receipt hereof to make publick
Proclamations hereof, in the most publick and convenient
places within their severall and respective Counties, so
that the same may the better be published and made
known.