

ACTS

Att A Sessions of Assembly held at Annapolis the 26th day of Aprill Annoq Domi. 1700 were Enacted Viz.

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An Act for the Service of Almighty God and Establishment of Religion in this Province According to the Church of Eng^d

Forasmuch as in a well Grounded Xtian Common Wealth matters Concerning Religion and the Hono^r of God ought in the first place to be Endeavour^d and taken Into consideration as that which is not only most Acceptable to God but the best way and meanes to obtaine his Mercy and blessing upon a People or Countrey.

Be it therefore Enact^d by the Kings most Excellent Maj^{ty} by and with the Advice and consent of this Present Gen^{ll} Assembly & the Authority of the Same that all things that have been heretofore legally done by Vertue of our former Act of this Province for this Purpose made And beareing the Title or tending thereto in and Since the Yeare 1692 be and are hereby Rattified and Confirmed according to the Reasonable intent and Direction of the said Laws to the intent that the further Proceedings on Soe Great and Good a work may be Advanced and p^rfect^d by this Law to which purpose be it Enacted by the Authority a^d that the booke of Common Prayer and Ad^mistration of the Sacraments with other rights and Ceremonys of the Church According to the use of the Church of England the Psalter or Psalms of David and morning and Evening Prayer therein contained be solely read by all and Every Minister or Reader in Every Church or other Place of Publick Worship within this Province and whereas the P^rsent constitution of this Province being in its infancy will not Admitt of raiseing a mainteynance by way of Tithes as in England Be it Enacted by the Authority Aforesaid that for the Encouragement of faithfull and Able Ministers labouring in the Worke of the Gospell to come and reside in this Province instead of such Tithes usually in England as Aforesaid A Tax or Assessment of fforty Pounds of tobb^o p Pole be Yearely and every Yeare successively Leavied upon every Taxeable p^rson within Each respective Parrish within this Province as they have been now are or hereafter shalbe laid out limited and Appointed by the law of this Province and Entred upon Record as the said former laws

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