

An Act for the service of Almighty
God and the Establishment of the Pro-
testant Religion within this Province.

Forasmuch as in a well Governed Commonwealth matters
of Religion and the Honour of God ought in the first place to be taken
in serious consideration, and nothing being more acceptable to
Almighty God, then the true and sincere worship and Service of him
according to his holy word. **Bee** it therefore Enacted by the King
and Queens most Excellent Majesty by and wth the advice & consent of this
present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same **That** the
Church of England within this Province shall have and Enjoy all her
Rights Liberties and Franchises wholly inviolable as in or shall be
hereafter Established by Law, and also that the Great Charter of England
be kept and observed in all points, and forasmuch as the Sanctifying and
keeping holy of the Lords Day commonly called Sunday is and hath been
esteemed by the present and all primitive Churches and People a principall
and cheif part of the said Worship, which Day in most places of this Province
hath been and still is by many wicked Lewd and disorderly people pro-
phaned and neglected, by working Drunkenness Swearing Gaming &
other unlawfull pastimes and debaucheries for remedy whereof for
future **Bee** it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent
Majestys and by and with the advice and consent aforesaid. **That** from
the publication of this Law, no Person or Persons within this
Province shall work or do any bodily Labour or Occupation upon