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## Observation of the Lord's Day.

Ministers, pursuant to the King's Letter, four Times in the Year are to read the Penal Laws for Punishment of Vice.

pective Church or Chappel of this Province, do in pursuance of his Majesty's Royal Letter, directed to the Right Reverend Father in God, *Henry Lord Bishop of London*, and Counter-signed by the Right Noble Prince, *Charles Duke of Shrewsbury*, their Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, bearing Date the Thirteenth of *February*, Anno Domini One thousand six hundred eighty nine, to be communicated to the Provinces of *Canterbury* and *York*, by himself or Clerk read four Times a Year, all Penal Laws of this Province made for Punishment of Vice, together with his said Majesty's Royal Letter, within their several and respective Parishes, under the Penalty of Two thousand Pounds of *Tobacco*, to be recovered as aforesaid.

Penalty.

No Person to sell Strong Liquors on the Lord's Day;

or suffer Tipling or Pastime in their Houses.

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V. Be it likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Ordinary-keeper, or any other Master or Mistress of a Family, from and after the Time aforesaid, either directly or indirectly, by any Colour or Pretence whatsoever, (unless in Cases of absolute Necessity) shall or may upon the *Lord's Day*, sell any Strong Liquor whatsoever to any Person whatsoever, or knowingly or wittingly suffer or permit, in or about his, her or their House or Houses, any Tipling, Drunkenness, Gaming, Exercise or Pastime whatsoever as aforesaid, being convicted thereof by two sufficient Witnesses, shall forfeit the Sum of Two thousand Pounds of *Tobacco*, one Moiety thereof to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, to the Use aforesaid, the other Half to him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered as aforesaid; and if an Ordinary-keeper, to lose his Licence.

Clerks of the County Courts to suffer the Clerks of the several Vestries, to take Copies of the Acts relating to Religion, gratis.

VI. And it is hereby further Enacted, That the several Clerks of the several County Courts within this Province, be obliged hereby to suffer and permit the several Clerks of the several Vestries to take Copies of all and singular the Acts of Assembly relating to Religion, gratis, without taking or receiving any Fee therefore, under the Penalty of Two thousand Pounds of *Tobacco* to such County Clerk refusing the same, to the Use aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid.

At an Assembly begun  
July the 11<sup>th</sup>, 1696.