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Acts and Orders of Assembly

Confirmed by the Lord Proprietary by an Instrument under his hand & Seal dated 26 August 1650 Philadelphia

Assented unto Enacted and made at a General Session of the said Assembly holden at Saint Maries on the One and twentieth day of April Anno Domini 1649 as followeth viz.

An Act concerning Religion

Forasmuch as in a well Governed and Christian Commonwealth matters concerning Religion & the honour of God ought in the first place to be taken into serious Consideration and endeavoured to be settled

Be it therefore Ordered and Enacted by the right honble Cecilius Lord Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord and Proprietary of this Province with the advice and Consent of the General Assembly that whatsoever Person or Persons within this Province and the Islands thereto Belonging shall from henceforth Blaspheme God that is Curse him or deny our Saviour Jesus Christ to be the Son of God or shall deny the holy Trinity the Father Son and Holy Ghost or the Godhead of any of the said three Persons of the Trinity or the unity of the Godhead or shall use or utter any reproachful speeches words or Language Concerning the said holy Trinity or any of the said three Persons thereof shall be punished with death & Confiscation or forfeiture of all his or her lands and Goods to the Lord Proprietary and his heirs and be it also Enacted by the Authority and with the advice and assent aforesaid that whatsoever Person or Persons