

Lib. L. L. Proprietary and his heires Lord Proprietary or Lords Proprietary of this Province under the yearly rent of one Bever Skinn to be paid to his said Lordship and his Heires as other Rents in this Province by the English us'd to be paid  
No. 64.

Provided allways that it shall and may be lawfull for any person or persons that hath formerly taken up and obtain'd any Grants from the Lord Baltemore for any Tracts or parcells of Land within the aforesaid Boundarys upon the Indians Deserting or leaving the said land to enter occupy and enjoy the Same anything in this Law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that it shall not nor may be lawfull for the Lord Baltemore to ask have or demand any Rent or Service for any of the said Tracts or Dividends as may or have been taken up as aforesaid within the said Indians Boundarys untill Such time that the takers up or Owners afores<sup>d</sup> do enjoy or possess the same Any Law usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.

September 23<sup>d</sup> 1704

Read and Assented to by  
the house of Delegates.  
W Taylard Clk hD.

September 26<sup>th</sup> 1704

Read and Assented to by her  
Majestys hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill  
W Bladen Cl Concl.

Maryland October 3<sup>d</sup> 1704.

On behalf of her Majesty &c. I will this be a Law

Jo: Seymour

An Act to prevent the Growth of Popery within this Province.

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and  
p. 146 with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Councill and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that whatsoever Popish Bishop Priest or Jesuite shall baptize any Child or Children other than such who have Popish Parents or shall say Mass or exercise the ffunction of a Popish Bishop or Priest within this Province or shall endeavour to perswade any of her Majestys Leige people of this Province to embrace and be reconciled to the Church of Rome and shall be thereof legally Convict shall forfeit the sume of fifty pounds Sterling for every such Offence the one half thereof to our Sovereign Lady the Queen her heires and Successors for the Support of the Government of this Province and the other half thereof to him or them that will sue for the same to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province by bill Plaint or Information wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed and shall also Suffer six Months imprisonment of his or their body or bodys without bayle or Mainprize.