

Bacon of absolute Necessity) or suffer any Drunkenness, Gaming, or unlawful Sports or Recreations, in his or her House, on Pain of forfeiting Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco to his Lordship, one Half to the Use aforesaid, and the other Half to him that will sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

XII. And be it Enacted, That every Parish-Clerk within this Province, shall procure a Copy of this Act, which the County Clerks are hereby required to suffer the Parish-Clerks to take, without Fee or Reward, for which he shall be allowed in the Parish Fifty Pounds of Tobacco; and that the same shall be read Four Times a Year, viz. on some Sunday in March, in June, In September, and in December, by every Minister within this Province, in their respective Parish-Churches, between Divine Service and Sermon, on Pain of forfeiting One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every Omission, one Half to the Lord Proprietor, for the Use aforesaid, and the other Half to him that will sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

XIII. Provided always, and be it Enacted, That all Informations for Blasphemy and Sabbath-breaking, shall be made within One Month after Fact; and that all Prosecutions and Informations for Swearing, Cursing, Drunkenness, and Omission to punish the same, shall be made within Ten Days after the Fact; and that all Prosecutions for not Reading this Act, and for selling Liquors, and suffering Drunkenness and Gaming on the Sabbath-Day, shall be commenced within Six Months after such Omission, and not after.

XIV. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That one Act made at a Sessions of Assembly, begun and held at the Port of Annapolis, the First Day of July, Anno Domini Sixteen Hundred and Ninety-six, entitled, An Act for sanctifying and keeping holy the Lord's Day commonly called Sunday; and also one other Act of Assembly, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Twenty-sixth Day of April One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifteen, entitled, An Act for the Punishment of Blasphemy, profane Swearing, Cursing and Drunkenness, be, and are hereby repealed and made void.

XV. Provided, That all Prosecutions already begun, for any Breach of the former Laws, or any Judgment rendered, shall not be defeated or altered by this Act; but that the sev-