

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, Complaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

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in his Parish-Church Four Times a Year, on Forfeiture of 1000<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco.

XIII. *Provided* always, and be it *Enacted*, That all Informations for Blasphemy and Sabbath-breaking, shall be made within One Month after the 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.

Limitation of Prosecutions on Breaches of this Act.

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entitled, *An Act for the Punishment of Blasphemy, profane Swearing, Cursing and Drunkenness*, be, and are hereby repealed and made void.

The Act of 1696, ch. 10, and of 1715, ch. 34, repealed.

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 several Courts and Magistrates may proceed to hear and determine the same to Judgment, award Execution, and on all former Judgments rendered as aforesaid, as fully and amply as heretofore they might have done, the Repeal of the said Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso with Regard to Prosecutions already commenced for Breach of former Laws.

*Examined and Compared with the Original Act,* REVERDY GHISELIN,  
THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT directing the Manner of Recovery of Fines for not appearing at the Clearing of the Highways. *Lib. LL. N<sup>o</sup> 4, fol. 600.*

Passed 26<sup>th</sup> October 1723.

**W**HEREAS by an Act of Assembly, made at the Town and Port of *Annapolis*, the Fifth Day of *September*, Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Four, entitled, *An Act for Marking the Highways, &c.* there is a Fine of One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco to be levied upon all Taxable Male Persons that shall neglect to attend at the Clearing and Mending the Highways, when duly warned by the Overseers thereof; the which Fines have proved a greater Burthen to the People than was designed by that Act, by Means of the chargeable Way of Recovery thereof in the County Courts: For Remedy whereof,

Preamble.  
§ 1704, ch. 21.

II. *Be it Enacted*, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, no Person within this Province, shall, by virtue of the aforementioned Act, be prosecuted in any County Court for their not appearing when warned to clear the Highways; any thing contained therein to the contrary notwithstanding.

Fines for not appearing to clear the Highways, not to be prosecuted in the County Court.

III. *But*