

Acts Enacted for Laws by the Lord Proprietary with the
advice and assent of the freemen at a Sessions of a Generall
Assembly on the 23th of October 1640 and published under the
great Seale on the 30th October following—

An act for Church Liberties—
Holy Church within this Province shall have and enjoy all her
Rights, liberties and Franchises wholly and without Blomish—

An act Concerning Religion
Forasmuch as in a well Governed and Christian Common wealth
matters concerning Religion and the honor of God ought in the
first place to be taken into Serious Consideration and Endeavour
to be sought. Bee it therefore ordained and Enacted by the Right
Hon^{ble} Cecilius Lord Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord and
Proprietary of this Province with the advice and consent of the
upper and lower house of this Generall Assembly that whatsoever
person or persons within this Province and the Islands there-
unto 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 the said three persons of the
Trinity or the Unity of the Godhead or shall use or suffer any
reproachfull speeches words or language concerning the Holy
Trinity or any of the said three persons thereof shall be punished
with death and confiscation or forfeiture of all his or her Lands
and goods to the Lord Proprietary and his heirs. And Bee it
also enacted by the Authority and with the advice and
assent aforesaid. That whatsoever person or persons shall from
henceforth use or utter any reproachfull words or speeches
concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of our
Saviour or the holy Apostles or Evangelists or any of them
shall in such case for the part offended forfeit to the Lord
Proprietary and his heirs Lords and Proprietors of this
Province the sume of five pounds Sterling or the value there-
of to be levied on the goods and Chattels of every such person
so offending. And in case such offender or offenders shall not
have goods and Chattels sufficient for the satisfaction
of the same or that the same be not speedily
paid then such offender or offenders shall
be imprisoned during the pleasure of the
the Lieutenant or his Governour of this Provin-
ce. And that such offender or offenders
shall not be admitted to take the Oath of
Allegiance.