

1650
Acts made and Enacted by William Stone Esq^r Governour with
the consent of the upper and lower house of Assembly at a
Generall Sessions thereof held at St Marys on munday 29th
april 1650 as followeth viz^t

An Act for punishment of certain offences as Swearing
Cursing Aduertory &c

Every person or persons that shall be found or proved by Confession of
either party to have committed adultery or fornication such offender or
offenders shall be censured or punished as the Governour and Councell or
other Chiefe Judge and Commissioner present in Court (therunto Authorized)
not extending to life or member. shall adjudge and thinke fitt Every person
or persons inhabiting or residing within this Province that shall at any
time prophane the name of Almighty god by frequent Swearing or Cursing
or Blaspheming such person or persons shall be censured and punished
according to that Clause in that Act Entituled an Act Concerning Religion as
is provided for such person or persons who shall prophane and blaspheme
the name of Almighty God in the like kind on the Sabbath or Lords day called
Sunday Every person or persons Inhabiting or Resyding within this Province
that shall abuse himselfe by frequent Drunkennesse or shall be Drunk
and proved by two sufficient witnesses such person or persons for every
such offence shall pay for affine one hundred pounds of Tobacco and (asked to
the Lord Proprietary of this Province and his heires Lords and Proprietarys
of this Province

An Act for punishment of some other offences

Every person striking any officer Juror or witness in presence of the Court
or striking any other person with adrawn Weapon in presence of the Court
or striking any magistrat in or for doing of his office may be Judged to loose
his or her right hand or to be burned in the hand, or be putt to any other
Corporall shame or Correction (not extending to life) or be fined as the
Provinciall Court or other Judge thereunto Authorized shall thinke fitt
Every person that shall strike a high Sheriff of a County or any other
officer in or for executing of his office shall be fined or censured as the
Governour and Councell present in Court or Comman and Commissioners
Authorized from time to time for matters of Judic^{ment} County Court
within this Province shall thinke fitt. Every one giving or lending upon
Oathe or perswading or bidding another to give or lend upon
Oathe shall be payed to the pillars and loas both ~~to the~~ other
Corporal