

An Act for Suspending (during the Queens pleasure) the Prosecution of the Priests of the *Romish* Communion, incurring the Penalties of the *Act to prevent the growth of Popery in this Province*, by exercising their Function in a private Family of the *Roman* Communion, but in no other Case whatsoever.

Whereas at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the Town and Port of *Annapolis*, the 5th Day of *September*, in the Third Year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord God 1704 an Act past, entituled, *An Act to prevent the growth of Popery*; and that afterwards, *viz.* at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the Town and Port aforesaid, the fifth Day of *December*, 1704. upon due consideration of the said Law, the Consequences thereof, as also what the real Intent of the same was, by His Excellency the Governour of this Province, her Majesty's honourable Council, and the Delegates and Representatives of the People in Assembly, one other Act past, entituled, *An Act for suspending the Prosecution of any Priests of the Communion of the Church of Rome, incurring the Penalties of the said former Act, by exercising his Function in a private Family of the Roman Communion, but in no other Case whatsoever, for Eighteen Months, or until her Majesty's Pleasure therein known*; which said last Act was further continued for twelve Months, or her Majesties pleasure known, by an Act to that purpose made at a Sessions of Assembly held at the Town and Port of *Annapolis* the the second Day of *April*, *Anno Domini* 1706. and both the said former Acts being taken into her Majesties Royal Consideration, out of her Gracious Tendernefs to all her Subjects behaving themselves peaceably and quietly under her Majesty's Government, she has been Graciously pleased by her Order to his Excellency the Governour of this Province, bearing Date at the Council Board at *White-hall* the third Day of *January*, 17 5. to direct that a New Law or Clause of a Law should be Enacted in this Province, whereby the said Act of Assembly *suspending the Execution* of that Part of the said first mentioned Law *for preventing the growth of Popery, viz.* As to the prosecution of any Priests of the Communion of the Church of *Rome* incurring the Penalties of the said Act, by exercising their Function in a private Family of the *Roman* Communion, but in no other Case whatsoever, may be continued, without any other Limitation of Time than until her Majesty's further pleasure be declared and signified therein. In Obedience whereunto,

Her Majesties Orders for continuance.

Be it Enacted by the *Queen's most Excellent Majesty*, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That not any *Popish, Bishop, Priest* or *Jesuit* shall by Virtue of the said Act of Assembly *To prevent the growth of Popery within this Province*, for or by reason of the exercising his Function in a private Family of the *Roman* Communion, be prosecuted or Indicted before any of her Majesty's Justices impowered to hold plea thereof within this Province, for and until her Majesties Royal Will and Pleasure shall be first signified therefore, any Law, Statute or Usage to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Provided always, That this Act, nor any thing therein contained, shall be