

be administred by the said Officer, on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the said Rum, Brandy, Spirits, or Wine, by him desired to be Exported, is Part of the said Rum, Brandy, Spirits, or Wine, by him Imported and made Report of, as aforesaid.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Ship or Vessel built in this Province, whereof all the Owners shall be actually Residents of this Province, and that no Ship or Vessel, *English* or Plantation-built, purchased, enjoyed and held by Owners which are all Residents within this Province, nor the Owners thereof, shall any wise be liable to pay any the Duties aforementioned, for any thing in this Act mentioned, which shall be Imported in any such Ship or Vessel.

P R O V I D E D, The said Servants, Negroes, or Liquors are brought into the Capes of *Cheseapeck* Bay, or into any the Inlets on the Sea, Board-side of *Somerset* County in any of the aforesaid Ships or Vessels, and not taken on Board in the said Bay, or any Creek or River thereto belonging, or from on Board any other Ship or Vessel whatsoever within Ten Leagues of the Capes of the said Bay; Any thing in this Act, or any other Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Pass'd June 3d, 1715.



An Act for the Punishment of Blasphemy, Profane Swearing, Cursing, and Drunkenness. 12^o 64.

BE it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That, from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, if any Person or Persons whatsoever within this Province, shall Blaspheme God (that is to say) 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 Three Persons, or the Unity of the Godhead, or shall utter any Profane Words concerning the Holy Trinity, or any the Persons thereof, for his, her, or their First Offence shall be bored through his, her, or their Tongue, and fined the Sum of Twenty Pounds *Sterling*, to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to be applied to the Use of the Parish-Church where such Offence shall be committed, to be levied upon his, her, or their Bodies, Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenements; and if such Offender or Offenders shall not redeem his, her, or their Body, by the Payment of such Fine, with his, her, or their Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenements, then such Offender or Offenders shall, by Virtue of a Commitment, or *Levari facias* on such Judgment of Conviction, be immediately detained in Prison, and shall in lieu of such Fine suffer Six Months Imprisonment of his, her, or their Bodies, without Bail or Mainprize, to be accounted from the Day of such Offender's first Commitment after such Judgment rendred against him; and for every Second Offence, whereof such Offender or Offenders shall be legally convicted, he, she, or they shall be stigmatized by branding in the Forehead with the Letter [B] and be fined by the Court where he, she, or they shall be convicted, Forty Pounds *Sterling*, to the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to be applied to the Uses aforesaid, to be levied, as aforesaid, and in Default of Satisfaction thereof, as aforesaid, to suffer Twelve Months Imprisonment, as aforesaid, on such Execution

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