

N<sup>o</sup> 4.*On the Penalty aforesaid.**The Method of taking or certifying the Oaths prescribed by the Act of Religion, not altered.**Officers taking the Oaths aforesaid, not to join in Religious Services with Papists, on the Penalty aforesaid;**And being incapacitated, till Reconciliation to the Church of England.**Persons in private Negotiations only excepted.**And none that were obliged to take the Oaths by former Laws.**Oaths and Test to be taken by all Officers.*

Court, during the sitting thereof, on Pain of incurring the Penalties aforementioned; which Oaths shall be administered, and a due Record thereof made by the Officers and Ministers of such Court, in Manner aforesaid, without Fee or Reward for the same.

V. *Provided likewise,* That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend or be construed to extend in any wise to alter any Directions given by the *Act for Establishment of Religious Worship within this Province*, as to the Manner of administering the Oaths thereby required to be taken, or the certifying thereof, so as the same Oaths be taken by the Persons thereby required to take the same, according to the Directions of the aforementioned *Act for Establishment of Religious Worship within this Province*.

VI. *And be it further Enacted* by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That in case any Person who holds any Office or Trust within this Province, and has taken the Oaths appointed by this Law, shall afterwards be present at any *Popish* Assembly, Conventicle or Meeting, and join with them in their Service at Mass, or receive the Sacrament in that Communion, shall not only forfeit his Office, and incur the Penalty in this Act limited, but also be incapable of taking, holding or executing any Commission or Place of Trust within this Province, until he shall be fully reconciled to the Church of *England*, and receive the Communion therein.

VII. *Provided nevertheless,* That this present Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to the Negotiation or Management of the Lord Proprietary, his private Affairs, so as such Negotiation or Management shall not in any wise relate to the Affairs of the Government of this Province, or to any Judicial or Ministerial Offices thereon depending, or to the Collection of any Dues arising therefrom, or to any Office, Matter or Thing thereto relating.

VIII. *Provided also,* That nothing herein contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to the Exemption of any Person or Persons whatsoever, from taking the Oaths by this Act directed, who were obliged to take the Oaths appointed or required by Law before the making of this Act, any Thing in the Proviso aforementioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

At an Assembly begun  
July the 17th, 1716.