

these Commonwealths where it hath been practiced And for the more quiet & peaceable government of this Province, and the better to preserve mutuall Love and amity amongst the inhabitants thereof

Be it therefore by the Lord Prop^{ty} with the advice and assent of this Assembly Enacted & Ordained (except as in this present Act is before declared and set forth) that no person or persons whatsoever within this Province, or the Islands, Ports, Harbours, Creeks or Labours therunto belonging professing to believe in Jesus Christ shall from henceforth be any wayes troubled or disquieted for or in respect of his or her Religion, nor in the free exercise thereof within this Province or the Islands therunto belonging, nor any way compelled to the believe or exercise of any other Religion ag^t his or her Consent, so as they be not unfaithfull to the Lord Prop^{ty} or molest or conspire ag^t the Civill government established or to be established in this Province under him and his heirs. And that all and every person & persons within this Province that shall presume contrary to this Act, and the true intent & meaning thereof directly or indirectly either in person or estate wilfully to wrong, disturb, trouble or molest any person whatsoever within this Province professing to believe in Jesus Christ for or in respect of his or her Religion, or the free exercise thereof within this Province other than is provided for in this Act, that such person or persons so offending shall be compelled to pay treble dammages to the party so wronged or molested. And for every such offence shall also forfeit twenty shillings sterling in money or the value thereof, halfe thereof for the use of the Lord Prop^{ty} & his heirs Lords & Propriet^{es} of this Province, & the other halfe for the use of the party so wronged or molested as aforesaid, Or if the party so offending as aforesaid shall refuse or be unable to recompence the party so wronged, or to satisfie such fine or forfeiture, then such offender shall be severely punished by publick whipping & imprisonment during the pleasure of the Lord Prop^{ty} or his Lieut^{en} gen^l or chief Govern^{or} of this Province for the time being without Bayle or mainprize. And

Be it alsoe further Enacted by the authority & consent aforesaid that the Sheriff or other officer or officers from time to time to be appointed & authorized for that purpose of the County Town and precinct where every particular offence in this present Act contained shall happen at any time to be committed, & wherupon

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