

(1765)
Inhabitants & members of this Province, (except before excepted) shall be absolutely & freely pardoned of all offences whatsoever, Capitall or other committed or perpetrated at any time between y^e 14th of February 1644 & y^e 5th of August 1646.

And for the preserving of peace & unity It is also enacted by y^e authority, & wth y^e consent afores^d, that all rebelling Speeches practis^d or attempts tending to y^e disturbance of y^e amity desired and intended, & namoly all rebelling & upbraiding of oth^r wth matters of Plunder, Rebellion, or any other odious or reproachfull terms for any matter or thing pardoned by his L^{ship}, or abolished by this act be utterly forborn & laid aside, upon pain of imprison^t during pleasure, fine, banish^{mt}, Stocks, Pillory, whipping, any one or more of these as y^e Liout^{nt} or Chancello^r & Council of this Province for y^e time being, or y^e major part of them then being in Court present whereof y^e L^{nt} or Chancello^r, or their respective Deputy being also one of y^e Councill, to be always one, & to have a casting voice shall think fitt.

Apr. 1649.

An Act for punishment of certain offences ag^t the Peace & safety of the Province.

All mutinous or seditious Speeches, Practis^d or Attempts without force, tending to divert y^e affections of y^e people from the R^t hon^{ble} Cecilus now Lord Baron of Baltimore, & Lord Prop^r of this Province or his heirs Lords & Prop^rs of this Province, or y^e Govern^r of, or under him or them for y^e time being, & proved by two sworn witnesses shall be lyable to be punished wth imprison^t during pleasure, not exceeding one whole year, Fine, Banish^{mt}, Boaring of y^e tongue, Slitting of the nose, Cutting of one, or both Eares, Whipping, Branding wth a Red-hot Iron in y^e hands or Forehead; any one or more of these as y^e Provinciaall Co^{rt} shall think fitt.

All mutinous or rebellious speeches, practis^d or attempts without force either ag^t y^e p^{son} of y^e Lrd Prop^r now being, or his heirs Lords & Prop^rs of this Province, or of his or their Govern^r of y^e Province for y^e time being, in his or their absences out off the Province; or ag^t any the Courts, Dwelling-houses, or guards provided for the safety of their, or any of their p^{sons}; or for y^e publishing, establishing or advancing any other right or title to y^e propriety or dominion of this Province then y^e right & title of him y^e Lrd Baron of Baltimore or his heirs Lords & Prop^rs of y^e Province. And all persons (before such force, & proved by two sufficient witnesses as aforesaid) to such Speech, Practis^d or attempt, shall be lyable to be punished by loss of hands.