

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

And for the preserving of peace & unity It is also enacted by y<sup>e</sup> authority, & w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> consent aforesaid, that all rebelling Speeches practices or attempts tending to y<sup>e</sup> disturbance of y<sup>e</sup> amity desired and intended, & namely all rebelling & upbraiding of others w<sup>th</sup> matters of Plunder, Rebellion, or any other odious or reproachfull terms for any matter or thing pardoned by his L<sup>ship</sup>, or abolished by this act be utterly forborn & laid aside, upon pain of imprisonment during pleasure, fine, banishment, Stocks, Pillory, whipping, any one or more of these as y<sup>e</sup> Lieutenant or Chancero<sup>r</sup> & Council of this Province for y<sup>e</sup> time being, or y<sup>e</sup> major part of them then being in Court present whereof y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>ieut</sup> or Chancero<sup>r</sup>, or their respective Deputy being also one of y<sup>e</sup> C<sup>ouncil</sup>, to be always one, & to have a casting voice shall think fitt.

Apr. 1649.

An Act for punishment of certain offences ag<sup>t</sup>.  
the Peace & safety of the Province.

All mutinous or seditious Speeches, Practices or Attempts without force, tending to divert y<sup>e</sup> obedience of y<sup>e</sup> people from the R<sup>ight</sup> hono<sup>ble</sup> Cecilius now Lord Baron of Baltimore, & Lord Prop<sup>riety</sup> of this Province or his heirs Lords & Prop<sup>riety</sup> of this Province, or y<sup>e</sup> Governo<sup>r</sup> of, or under him or them for y<sup>e</sup> time being, & proved by two sworn witnesses shall be liable to be punished w<sup>th</sup> imprisonment during pleasure, not exceeding one whole year, Fine, Banishment, Bearing of y<sup>e</sup> tongue, Slitting of the nose, Cutting of one, or both Eares, Whipping, Branding w<sup>th</sup> a Red-hot Iron in y<sup>e</sup> hands or Forehead; any one or more of these as y<sup>e</sup> Provinciaall Co<sup>urt</sup> shall think fitt.

All mutinous or rebellious speeches, practices or attempts w<sup>th</sup> force either ag<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>erson</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>ord</sup> Prop<sup>riety</sup> now being, or his heirs Lords & Prop<sup>riety</sup> of this Province, or of his or their Governo<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Province for y<sup>e</sup> time being, in his or their absence out off the Province; or ag<sup>t</sup> any of the Courts, Dwelling-houses, or guards provided for the safety of them, or any of their p<sup>ersons</sup>; or for y<sup>e</sup> publishing, establishing or advancing any other right or title to y<sup>e</sup> propriety or dominion of this Province then y<sup>e</sup> right & title of him y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>ord</sup> Baron of Baltimore or his heirs Lords & Prop<sup>riety</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Province. And all avowors (before such force, & proved by two sufficient witnesses as aforesaid) to such Speech, Practice or attempt, shall be liable to be punished by loss of hand.