

At a session of a general
Assembly begun and held at the port of Anne-
polis in the province of Maryland
On the Sixteenth day of March
Anno Domini 1701

An act for The Establishm^t of Religion
Worshipp in this Province According to the Church of England: and
for the Maintenance of Ministers

For as much as in well grounded Opinion common Wealth
Matters concerning Religion and the honour of God ought in the first place to be
taken into consideration: And honest Endeavours to Attain to such good ends
Countenanced and Encouraged as being not only most Acceptable to God; but
the best way and Means to Obtain his mercy and Blessing upon a people or
Country: Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty:
By and with the Advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly: And
by the Authority of the same that the book of Common prayer and Administra-
tion of the Sacraments with other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church: And
to the use of the Church of England: The psalter or psalmes of David: In
Morning and Evening prayer therein Conteyned be solemnly read by all
Every Minister or Reader in every Church: which now is or here after shall
be Settled and Established: within this Province: And that all Congregations or
places for publick Worshipp according to the usage of the Church of England
within this Province: for the Maintenance of whose Ministers: and the per-
forming therein any certain moneys or Revenue is or shall by
Law of this Province be Established and Enjoyed to be raised or paid