

147. ~~intended~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~purpose~~ ~~of~~ ~~preventing~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~protestant~~ ~~children~~ ~~of~~ ~~popish~~ ~~parents~~ ~~may~~ ~~not~~ ~~be~~ ~~compelled~~ ~~to~~ ~~change~~ ~~their~~ ~~religion~~ ~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~their~~ ~~parents~~ ~~be~~ ~~wanting~~ ~~of~~ ~~fitting~~ ~~maintenance~~ ~~to~~ ~~bring~~ ~~up~~ ~~with~~ ~~them~~ ~~parents~~ ~~to~~ ~~embrace~~ ~~the~~ ~~popish~~ ~~religion~~ ~~contrary~~ ~~to~~ ~~their~~ ~~own~~ ~~inclination~~.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that from and after the end of this Session of Assembly if any such parent in order to the compelling such his or her protestant Child to change his or her Religion shall refuse to allow such Child a fitting Maintenance suitable to the degree and ability of such parent and to the Age and Education of such Child upon Complaint thereof made to the Governour of this province or Keeper of the Great Seal it shall be lawful for the said Governour or Keeper of the Seal to make such order therein as shall be agreeable to the Intent of this Act.

September 30th 1704

Read and assented to by the Honour of Delegates Wm. Lloyd (third)

September 30th 1704

Read and assented to by Her Majesty's Hon^{ble} Council. Wm. Allen (second)

Maryland October 3rd 1704

On the behalf of her Majesty to be a Law.

Jo: Seymour.

(Signature of Wm. Lloyd)
(Signature of Wm. Allen)
 Great Seal

Another Law of the same Tenor being made in 1715 this was repealed

An Act for the punishing the Offences of Fornication.

Be it enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour Council and this province and the Authority of the Same that after the end of this Assembly whosoever shall directly or indirectly entertain or be entertained or provided for any such woman or women