An Act for suspending the prosecution of any Priest

of the Communion of the Church of Rome mentioned in the Statute

made in the Parliament of Scotland Intituled An Act for preventing the

growth of Popery & Enacting the Sanction in a Statute

of the Roman Communion called in the Statute Catholick Religion.

Whereas at the Town and Port of Annapolis in Anne Arundel County

the Fifth day of October Seventeen Hundred and Four was Enacted

An Act to prevent the growth of Popery but forasmuch as the true

Intent of the said Act was only to restrain some exorbitant Power

in the said pretended Bishop Priests and Jesuits whereof is hoped no

Hurt may made to the Subject of this Province by Extravagant Innovations in

Religion and Illicit practices of this Province Enacted &

Declared and be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty

by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesties Governour

Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the

same That no Popish Bishop Priest or Jesuite shall by vertue of

the said Act or by reason of Exercising his Function in a private

Family of the Roman Communion be prosecuted or Indicted for any

of her Majesties Subjects imprisoned to the Detriment of within this

Province until the End and Expiration of the Term of Eighteen

Months from the Publication of this Law or until her Majesty

pleasure shall be declared therein.

Provided always that this Act nor any thing therein

Contained shall in no wise be construed to extend to defeat rescind

abrogate or Repeal the Force Vigour or Effect of the said Act for prevent-

ing the Growth of Popery in any other Matter or thing whatsoever or

for any longer time than what is mentioned by this Act expired and Declared

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