

At a Session of A S S E M B L Y, begun and held at the City of A N N A P O L I S, in M A R Y - L A N D, the Thirteenth Day of July, 1731, the following L A W S were Enacted.

An ACT to prevent the Infection and Spreading of the Small Pox, from a Vessel belonging to Amos Woodward, Merchant.

BE I T E N A C T E D, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall not nor may be lawful, upon any Pretence whatsoever, for any Person or Persons whatsoever, belonging to, or now on Board the Vessel or Snow called the *Charming Molly*, to come on Shore into the City of *Annapolis*, or elsewhere within this Province; nor to bring, land, or put on Shore, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, from on Board the said Vessel, for and during the Space of Four Months, without having first obtained a Licence from the Governour of this Province, or such other Person as he shall appoint; on Pain of forfeiting One Hundred Pounds Current Money of *Maryland*, for every Offence against this Act; One Half to the Lord Proprietary for Support of Government, the other Half to him or them who will sue for the same: To be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

AND BE IT ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person who shall go on Board the said Vessel, and shall return on Shore before the End of Four Months, without such Licence as aforesaid, shall be liable to the same Pains and Penalties, as Persons coming on Shore from on Board the said Vessel.

AND BE IT LIKEWISE ENACTED, That if any Servant or Slave, shall go on Board the said Vessel, and come on Shore from on Board the same, within Four Months, without such Licence as aforesaid, such Offender shall be whipped at the Publick Whipping Post, with Thirty Nine Stripes at the least, on his or her bare Back; and be sent immediately on Board the said Vessel: And that as often as any Person shall transgress this Act, such Offender shall be liable and subject to the Penalties herein before mentioned.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said Vessel shall be immediately removed from the River of *Severn*, and rode at Anchor at least One Mile from the Shore, on Pain of the Master's forfeiting