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# An Act concerning Religion.

As much as in a well governed and free  
 Commonwealth, Matters concerning  
 Religion, and the Honour of God, ought in  
 full place to be taken into consideration and  
 Endeavour'd to be settled. Be it therefore  
 Ordain'd and Enacted by the Right Honourable  
 Charles Lord Barron of Bialtonow, Viscount  
 and Proprietary of this Province with his  
 Council and Consent to this, now and hence  
 House of this Province Assembly, That whatsoever  
 person or persons within this Province, an  
 his Lands the same belonging shall from  
 hence forth blaspheme God, the <sup>holy</sup> Trinity  
 or deny our Saviour Jesus Christ to be the  
 Son of God, or shall deny the Holy Trinity  
 the Father Sonne and Holy Ghost, or the  
 head of any of the said three persons of the  
 Trinity or the Unity of the Godhead, or shall  
 suffer any Reprochfull Speeched words or lan  
 guage concerning the Holy Trinity, or any of the  
 three persons thereof shall be punished with  
 death, and Confiscation of his or her Lands  
 and his heirs, and Goods to the Lord Proprietor  
 and his heirs. And be it also enacted by the au  
 thority and Consent aforesaid that whatsoever  
 person or persons shall from hence forth of  
 utter any reprochfull words or speeches con  
 cerning the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of our  
 Saviour, or the Holy Ghost, or Evangelists or  
 any of them shall in such case for the first time  
 forfeit to the Lord Proprietary and his heirs  
 Lords and Proprietaries of this Province the  
 sum of five pounds sterling, or the value thereof  
 to be levied on the goods and Chattels of every  
 such person so offending. But in case such  
 offender or offenders shall not then have  
 goods and Chattels sufficient for the said  
 sum to be levied or that the same