

is desired It may be applied to the benefit of Free Schools and that there
wants a Clause to be added, that in Case any person who holds an office
or trust in this Province and has taken the Oath enjoined by this Law
shall afterwards be present at any Popish Assembly, Conventicle or meeting
and hear Mass or receive the Sacrament in that Communion he shall
not only forfeit his office and incur the penalty in this act limited
but also be incapable of taking holding or executing any Commission in
this Province until he shall be publicly reconciled to the Church of
England & receive the Communion therein. and further in regard
his Lordship may not suffer in his private Estate. It is recommended
that an exemption be made in this act that it shall not extend to the
Collection of his Lordships rents or to the granting his lands or his Lordships
Private affairs nor ways relating to the public until his Lordships
pleasure is further known but to all matters and things relating to the
Government.

Signed for order W. Bladen Clerk 11/17/40.

On Consideration whereof the following Indorsement was ordered to be made
thereon (vizt)

By the Lower House of Assembly July 25th 1716.

May it please your Hon^{rs}:

Your endorsement on this Bill being considered
wee readily agree to the two first amendments thereby proposed as
being highly necessary for the due execution of the said Law, but the
third and last amendment as proposed will give a greater liberty than has
been given by the act made in the first year of the Reigne of his present
Majesty entitled an act repealing a Clause in an act of Assembly
entituled an act for Establishment of Religious Worship within this
Province and also appointing the Oath of abjuration to be taken within this
Province and another act requiring the Agent of the Lord Baltimore to
Certifie into the Secretaries office the Instructions and Conditions of Planta-
tions with the fees by them demanded and obliging his Lordships
Deputy Surveyors to qualify themselves according to Law which wee
pray your Honours will be referred to, on perusal of which it is hoped
your Honours will not further insist on the said 3^d proposed amend-
ment, but if any expedient can be found for the giving any just
and reasonable latitude therein without running Counters to those laws
which wee are not willing to give up wee shall readily agree thereto, wee
also propose that the penalty of 500^l mentioned in the Bill be reduced
to half.

Signed for order Tho. Maenemara Clerk of the Lo. Lo.

Sent to the U^{pp}r house by Mr. Stoddert Capt. Gendall, Capt. Jowles & Mr.
Pollard, They Return and say they delivered the Bill.
The said Col Courney with 4 other delivered Mr. Speaker the Bill for