

AND whereas there is too much Room to suspect that the aforementioned Papists, Priests and Jesuits, in order to evade this Act, may be imported into or landed in some of the neighbouring Governments, or in some other Place than herein before directed, and transport themselves, or be transported, from thence into this Province; *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid,* That every free *German*, or *French* Person, coming into this Province to reside, except by Importation and Entry, as before herein mentioned and directed, shall, within one Month after his coming in, repair to a Justice of the Peace, and if by the said Justice adjudged to be of the Age of fourteen Years, take the Oaths aforesaid, and sign the Oath of Abjuration and the Test, or shall be deemed and taken to be a Papist, within the Intent and Meaning of this Act, and shall immediately pay the Sum of Five Pounds if a Layman, and the Sum of Two hundred Pounds if a Popish Priest, or Jesuit, to some Justice of the Peace of the County where he shall reside, to be paid by the said Justice yearly, to the Commissioners or Trustees aforesaid; and in Case any such *German* or *French* Papist, Layman, Popish Priest, or Jesuit, shall not pay the respective Sums aforesaid, in Manner aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds if a Layman, and Four hundred Pounds if a Priest, or Jesuit, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid; and in Case any Master or Commander of any Ship or other Vessel, shall land, or suffer to be landed, any such *German* or *French* Passengers as aforesaid, either Freemen or Servants, in any other Port or Place than the Port of *Annapolis* aforesaid, before he shall have made his Entry as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, for every such Passenger so landed being a Layman, and Four hundred Pounds for every such Passenger so landed being a Priest, or Jesuit, or who shall be generally reputed on board his Vessel so to be. And if any Person so imported, or coming into this Province, as aforesaid, as a Layman, shall at any Time afterwards be discovered to be a Popish Priest, or Jesuit, or shall officiate as such, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be recovered with Costs, in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Indictment, or Information, to the sole Use and Benefit of the Informer, or him, her or them, that will sue for the same, being a Protestant or Protestants, and suffer twelve Months Imprisonment, without Bail or Mainprize.

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AND whereas it is apprehended, that great Numbers of *German* and *French* Servants will be imported from the neighbouring Governments; *Be it Enacted,* That all Persons who shall purchase such Servant or Servants, shall, and they are hereby required to carry him or them to the next County Court, after such Purchase, in order to take the Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly to be taken to the Government, and sign the Oath of Abjuration and the Test, which shall be administered by the Clerk in open Court, in Case he understands the *German* or *French* Language, as the Case may require, and if he does not, then by some Protestant Person to be appointed by the said Court, and qualified in all Respects as herein before directed, and for every Servant refusing to take the Oaths, and subscribing the Oath of Abjuration and Test, the said Purchaser shall pay, immediately on such Refusal, the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money, to the Sheriff of the said County, who shall, by the 29th Day of *September*, annually, render an Account of and pay the same to the Commissioners, or Trustees, for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, retaining the Salary of Two Pounds Ten Shillings *per Cent*, and every such Purchaser neglecting to bring such Servant to Court as aforesaid, in order to take the Oaths as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Servant, the Sum of Ten Pounds; to be recovered and applied as herein first before directed.

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AND *be it further Enacted,* That it shall be the undoubted Duty of the Justices of each respective County Court, to give in Charge to every Grand Jury, a strict Enquiry into all the Breaches of this Act.

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AND forasmuch as great Complaint has been made to this General Assembly, of the great Number of *Irish* Papists imported into this Province, by Way of *New-Castle*, on *Delaware*, where they are purchased and brought into this Province, and sold, to the great Disquiet of his Majesty's good Protestant Subjects of this Province in general, and particularly those of the Northern Parts, where the said *Irish* Papists are chiefly disposed of, and by which Means the several Laws for preventing too great an Importation of *Irish* Papists into this Province, are in great Measure evaded:

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*BE it therefore Enacted,* That no Person whatever shall import, or bring into this Province, from, or by Way of *New-Castle*, or any other Part or Place in the Counties of *New-Castle*, *Kent*, and *Suffex*, upon *Delaware*, or from any Part or Place in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, any *Irish* Servant, or Servants whatever, on Penalty and Forfeiture of Twenty Pounds, for every such Servant so by him or them imported, or brought in, as aforesaid; to be recovered and applied in the same Manner as is herein first before directed.

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*PROVIDED* always, That nothing herein contained shall hinder any Person or Persons who shall remove from any of the Places aforesaid, in order to settle and reside within this Province, from bringing with him, her or them, such menial Servant, or Servants, as he, she or they, shall be possessed of at the Time of his, her, or their Removal.

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