

Lib. L. L. 2 the Twenty first day of September 1694 be and is hereby Utterly repealed and made Void.

An Act for the Service of Almighty God and the Establishment of the Protestant Religion within this Province.

Forasmuch as in a well Grounded Christian Commonwealth matters Concerning Religion and the Honour of God ought in the first place to be Endeavoured and taken into consideration as that which is not onely most Acceptable to God but the best way and means to Obteine his mercy & blessing and favour upon a people or Country Be itt Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maty by and with the Advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the Same That the book of Comon Prayer and Administracōn of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church According to the use of the Church of England together with the psalter or Psalms of David and that the morning & Evening Prayer therein Contained be Solemnly read by all and Every Minister or Curate in every Church or other place of Publick Worship within this Province And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice & Consent aforesaid That the Church of England within this Province shall Enjoy all and Singular her Rights Priviledges & freedoms as it is now or shall be att any time hereafter Established by Law in the Kingdom of England and that his Maties Subjects of this Province shall enjoy all their Rights and Libertys according to the Laws and Statutes of the Kingdom of England in all Matters and Causes where the Laws of this Province are Silent And whereas the present Constitution of this Province being in its Infancy will not admitt of raising a Maintenance for Ministers by way of Tyths as in England and other places by time brought to perfection Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent afores<sup>d</sup> That for Encouragem<sup>t</sup> of faithfull and able Ministers labouring in the Work of the Gospell to come into this Province Instead thereof a tax or Assessment of fourty pounds of Tobbo<sup>o</sup> p poll be yearly and every Year leaved upon every Taxable person within the precincts of each respective parish w<sup>th</sup>in this Province as they are now (by an Act of Assembly of this Province made att a Generall Assembly begun and held att the City of S<sup>t</sup> Marys the Tenth day of May 1692) laid out or shall hereafter be laid out and their bounds and Limitts Entred in the Record of each County Court and the Councill Book of this Province which said Tax of fourty pounds of Tobbo<sup>o</sup> p poll shall be Collected and Gathered by the Sherriffe