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Att a Sessions of Assembly Begun and held att the Port of Annapolis in the Province of Maryland On the Sixteenth day of March Anno Domini 1701/2

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An Act for the Establishm^t of Religious Worsh^{pp} in this Province According to the Church of England: and for the Maintenance of Ministers.

For as much as in well grounded Xpiom comon Wealths Matter concerning Religion and the honour of God ought in the ffirst place, to be taken into consideration. And honest Endeavour to Attaine to such good end Countenanced and Encouraged as being not only most Acceptable to God; but the best way and Means to Obtaine his mercy and blessing upon a People or Country. Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maty by and with the Advise and consent of this present Generall Assembly; And by the Authority of the same that the book of Common prayer and Administracon of the Sacraments with other Rites and Ceremonys of the Church According to the use of the Church of England; The Psalter or Psalmes of David. And Morning and Evening Prayer therein Conteyned be Sollemnly read by all and Every Minister or Reader in Every Church which now is or here after shall be settled and Established within this Province, And that all Congregations and Places for Publick Worshipp according to the usage of the Church of England within this Province for the Maintenance of whose Ministers, and the persons Officiateing therein any certaine income or Revenue is or shall by the Laws of this Province be Established and Enjoyned to be raised or paid shall be deemed Settled and Established Churches; And for the Encouragem^t of ffaithfull and able Ministers Labouring in the Worke of the Gospell to some and reside in this Province Bee it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that a Tax or Assesm^t of Forty pound of Tob^o p Poll be Yearly and every Year Successively Levy^d upon every Taxable Person wthin each respective Parish wthin this Province. As they have beene; now are or here After shall be laid out Limitted or Appointed; by Laws of this Province; And enterd upon Record As the said fformer Laws therein did Direct. Which said Assesm^t of fforty pounds of Tob^o p Poll shall always be Paid and Allowed to the Minister of each

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