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Acts of Assembly
of the 21th of Aprill
1649.

Confirmed by the
Lord Proprietary by
an instrument under
his hand & seale
26th of August 1650
Phillip Calvert.

Acts and Orders of Assembly assented
vnto

Enacted and made at a Genall Ses-
sions of the said Assembly held at S^t
Maries on the one and twentieth day of
Aprill Anno Dm̄ 1649 as followeth viz.:

An Act concerning Religion

fforasmuch as in a well governed and
Xpian Com̄on Weath matters concern-
ing Religion and the honor of God ought in the first place to
bee taken, into serious consideracōn and endeavoured to bee
settled. Be it therefore ordered and enacted by the Right
Ho^{ble} Cecilius Lord Baron of Baltemore absolute Lord and
Proprietary of this Province with the advise and consent of this
p. 269 Generall Assembly. That whatsoever pson or psons within
this Province and the Islands thereunto belonging shall from
henceforth blaspheme God, that is Curse him, or deny our
Saviour Jesus Christ to bee the sonne of God, or shall deny
the holy Trinity the ffather sonne and holy Ghost, or the God-
head of any of the said Three psons of the Trinity or the
Vnity of the Godhead, or shall use or utter any reproachfull
Speeches, words or language concerning the said Holy Trinity,
or any of the said three psons thereof, shalbe punished with
death and confiscatōn or forfeiture of all his or her lands and
goods to the Lord Proprietary and his heires, And bee it also
Enacted by the Authority and with the advise and assent afore-
said. That whatsoever pson or psons shall from henceforth
use or utter any reproachfull words or Speeches concerning
the blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of our Saviour or the
holy Apostles or Evangelists or any of them shall in such case
for the first offence forfeit to the said Lord Proprietary and his
heirs Lords and Proprietaries of this Province the sume of ffive
pound Sterling or the value thereof to be Levyed on the goods
and chattells of every such pson soe offending, but in case
such Offender or Offenders, shall not then have goods and
chattells sufficient for the satisfyeing of such forfeiture, or that
the same bee not otherwise speedily satisfied that then such
Offender or Offenders shalbe publicly whipt and bee
ymprisoned during the pleasure of the Lord Proprietary or the
Leive^t or cheife Governor of this Province for the time being.
And that every such Offender or Offenders for every second
offence shall forfeit tenne pound sterling or the value thereof to
bee levyed as aforesaid, or in case such offender or Offenders shall
not then haue goods and chattells within this Province sufficient
for that purpose then to bee publicly and severely whipt and