

*1. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That the sacred Rites and Ceremonies of Divine Worship, according to the Liturgy of the Church established by the Laws of England, shall be deemed the fixed Form of Worship amongst us; and the place wherein such Liturgy shall be used, shall be respected and known by the name of the CHURCH OF ENGLAND, as by Law established; and that for the preservation of unity and purity of Doctrine, and discipline in the Church, and the right administration of Sacrament, no Minister shall be admitted to officiate as a Minister of the Church of England, but such as shall produce to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, a Testimonial that he hath been duly licensed by the Bishop of London, or by the Bishop of Nova-Scotia; and shall publicly declare his assent and consent to the Book of Common Prayer, and shall subscribe to be conformable to the Orders and Constitution of the Church of England, and the Laws there established; upon which the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, is hereby requested to induct the said Minister into any Parish that shall make presentation of him. And if any other person pretending himself a Minister of the Church of England shall, contrary to this Act, presume to teach or preach, publicly or privately, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, and His Majesty's Council, are hereby desired and empowered to suspend and silence the person so offending.*

*Provided nevertheless, and it is the true intent and meaning of this Act, that Protestants dissenting from the Church of England, whether they be Calvinists, Lutherans, Quakers, or under what denomination soever, shall have free Liberty of Conscience, and may erect and build Meeting Houses for Public Worship, and may choose and elect Ministers for performing divine Service and administration of the Sacrament, according to their*

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Divine Worship according to Liturgy of the Church, established by the Law of England, shall be the fixed Form of Worship.

Place of Worship called the Church of England.

No Minister to officiate as of the Church of England, but such as have been licensed, &c.

Governor, &c. to induct Minister into any Parish, making Presentation.

Governor, &c. and Council, to suspend and silence pretended Ministers.

Proviso.