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with a high hand committed against the known command and authority of the blessed God, such a person therein despising and reproaching the Lord, shall be put to death, that all others may feare and shun such provoking rebellious courses. Num. 15: 30-36.—“*The True Blue Laws of Connecticut and New Haven, and the False Blue Laws,*” edited by J. Hammond Trumbull, pp. 252, 253. Hartford, Conn.: American Publishing Company, 1876.

It was propounded to the court to consider whether it were not meet to make a law for restraining of persons from their ordinary outward employments upon any part of the Sabbath, and the rather because some have of late taken too much liberty that way, and have been called to answer for it in the particular court. The court considering that it is their duty to do the best they can that the law of God may be strictly observed, did therefore order that whosoever shall, within this plantation, break the Sabbath by doing any of their ordinary outward occasions, from sunset to sunset, either upon the land or upon the water, extraordinary cases, works of mercy and necessity being excepted, he shall be counted an offender, and shall suffer such punishment as the particular court shall judge meet, according to the nature of his offence.—*Id.*, p. 286.

It is ordered that no Quaker, Ranter, or other heretic of that nature, be suffered to come into nor abide in this jurisdiction; and if any such arise up among ourselves, that they be speedily suppressed and secured, for the better prevention of such dangerous errors.—*Id.*, p. 295.

**Blue Laws, LAWS OF VIRGINIA, 1610-11.**—That no man blaspheme God's holy name, upon pain of death; or use unlawful oaths, taking the name of God in vain, curse, or ban, upon pain of severe punishment for the first offence so committed, and for the second, to have a bodkin thrust through his tongue; and if he continue the blaspheming of God's holy name, for the third time so offending he shall be brought to a martial court, and there receive censure of death for his offence.—*Id.*, p. 321.

1663. If Quakers, or other Separatists whatsoever, in this colony assemble themselves together to the number of five or more, of the age of sixteen years or upwards, under the pretence of joining in a religious worship not authorized in England or this country, the parties so offending being thereof lawfully convict by verdict, confessions, or notorious evidence, shall for the first offence forfeit 200 lbs. of tobacco; for the second, 500 lbs. of tobacco; and for the third offence, the offender being convict as aforesaid shall be banished the colony of Virginia.—*Id.*, pp. 327, 328.

**Blue Laws, LAW OF MARYLAND, 1649.**—If any person whatsoever inhabiting this Province shall blaspheme, that is, curse God, deny our Saviour to be the Son of God, or deny the Holy Trinity, or the Godhead of any of the three Persons, or the unity of the Godhead, or shall utter any reproachful words or language concerning the Holy Trinity, or any of the three Persons thereof, he or she shall for the first offence be bored through the tongue, and fined 20£ sterling, to the king; or if the party hath not an estate sufficient to answer the sum, then to suffer six months' imprisonment. For the second offence, he or she shall be stigmatized in the forehead with the letter B, and fined 40£ sterling (&c.), or be imprisoned for one year. And for the third offence, he or she so offending and thereof legally convicted, shall suffer death, with confiscation of all their goods and chattels to the king.—*Id.*, p. 321.