

the same to be committed, either out of a design for the reasons & purposes
to revenge an imaginary injury done them, to the great prejudice of
his Loyal Subjects inhabiting within this Province, and forasmuch as the
his Province heretofore made for the prevention of the like mischiefs and inconveniences
upon a mature and deliberate consideration by this present General Assembly been found
together inconsistent with the constitution of this Province or the Laws of England in such
cases made and provided.

Be it therefore Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majestys by and with the
Advice & Count of this present General Assembly & the Authority of the same, that if any
person or persons whatsoever from and after the publication hereof shall unlawfully or corruptly
procure any witness or witnesses by Letters, Rewards, Promises, or by any other sinister un-
lawful labour or means whatsoever, to commit any wilful and corrupt Perjury in any matter or
cause whatsoever, now depending or which hereafter shall depend in Suit and Variance by any
Writ, Action, Bill Complaint or Information in any wise touching or concerning any Lands
Tenements Hereditaments or any Goods Chattels Debt or Damages in any of the Courts of
Record within this Province, or that shall unlawfully & corruptly procure or suborn any wit-
nesses or witnesses from & after the publication aforesaid to be sworn *in perpetuum rei memoriam*,
that then every such offender or offenders being thereof lawfully convicted or attainted lose &
forfeit the sum of forty pounds Sterling, and if it happen any offender or offenders being con-
victed or attainted as aforesaid shall not have goods or chattels lands or tenements to the va-
lue of forty pounds as aforesaid, then every such person or persons so being convicted or attain-
ed as aforesaid, shall for his or their said offence suffer imprisonment for & during the space of
one whole Year without bail or mainprize, and stand upon the pillory for the space of one full
hour at the pillory next adjoyning to the place where he she or they shall be convicted as a-
foresaid.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no person or persons being con-
victed or attainted as aforesaid, shall be from thenceforth received as a witness to be deposed and
sworn in any Court of Record within this Province until such time as the Judgment given a-
gainst such person or persons be reversed by attain or otherwise, and that upon every such re-
versal the party or parties grieved to recover his her or their damages against all and every such person
or persons as did procure the said Judgment so reversed, to be given against them or any of 'em
by Action or Actions upon his her or their Case or Cases according to the common Course or
Courses of the Laws of this Province.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons after the
publication hereof, either by subornation, unlawful procurement, sinister persuasion or means
of any other, or by their own act consent or agreement wilfully & corruptly commit any man-
ner of wilful Perjury by their deposition in any Court of Record within this Province as aforesaid,
or being examined *in perpetuum rei memoriam*, that then every person or persons so off-
ending and being thereof duly convicted or attainted by the Laws of this Province, shall for his
or their Offence lose and forfeit Twenty Pounds Sterling, and suffer imprisonment the space
of six Months without bail or mainprize; and the Oaths of any such person or persons so off-
ending from thenceforth not to be received in any Court of Record within this Province, until
such time as the Judgment against any such person or persons shall be reversed by attain or o-
therwise as aforesaid; and that upon every such reversal, the party or parties grieved to recover their da-
mages as aforesaid, and if it happen that the said offender or offenders so offending shall not
have Goods & Chattels to the value of twenty pounds, then he she or they shall be set on the
pillory next adjoyning to the place where he she or they shall be convicted as aforesaid and have
both Ears nailed, and from thenceforth to be discredited & disabled for ever to be sworn in any
the Courts of Record as aforesaid until such time as the said Judgment shall be reversed, upon
which he she or they shall recover his her or their damages in manner & form as is before men-
tioned, the one moiety of all the said fines & forfeitures to be to our Sovereign Lord and Lady
the King & Queen for the support of Government, and the other moiety to such person or per-
sons as shall be grieved hindered or molested, by reason of any the offence or offences before
mentioned that will sue for the same by action of Debt Bill Plaint or Information or otherwise
in any Court of Record within this Province, wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law
shall be allowed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons upon
whom a Process is awarded in any of the Courts of Record within this Province shall be served to testi-
fy or depose concerning any cause or matter depending in any of the same Courts relating to
the premises, and having tendered unto him or them according to their estate or calling such
reasonable sum of Money or Tobacco for his and their cost & charges; as having regard to the
distance of the place in that behalf is necessary to be allowed, do not appear according to the
tenor of the said Process having not a lawful reasonable Lett or Impediment to the contrary,
that then the party or parties so making default shall forfeit and lose for every such offence ten
pounds Sterling, and to yeild to the party grieved such further recompence as by the directi-
on of the Court out of which the said Process shall be awarded, according to the