

Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration aforesaid, before one Magistrate as aforesaid, according to the Directions of this Act, from being at any Time afterwards obliged to take the same Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration aforesaid, *de novo*, in any Court of Record within this Province; but that they shall, and are hereby obliged (if required) to take the same Oaths, and make and subscribe the same Declaration in such Court during the Sitting thereof, on Pain of incurring the Penalties aforesaid; which Oaths shall be administered, and a due Record thereof made by the Officers and Ministers of such Court, in Manner aforesaid, without Fee or Reward for the same.

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Persons taking the Oaths, &c. out of Court, shall take and subscribe the same, &c. *de novo* if required, in Court.

VIII. **Provided likewise**, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, in any wise to alter any Directions given by the Act for Establishment of Religious Worship within this Province, as to the Manner of administering the Oaths thereby required to be taken, or the certifying thereof, so as the same Oaths be taken by the Persons thereby required to take the same, according to the Directions of the aforesaid Act for Establishment of Religious Worship within this Province.

This Act shall not alter the Manner of administering the Oaths to Vestrymen, Churchwardens, &c.

IX. **And be it further Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That in case any Person who holds any Office or Trust within this Province, and has taken the Oaths appointed by this Law, shall afterwards be present at any Popish Assembly, Conventicle or Meeting, and join with them in their Service at Mass, or receive the Sacrament in that Communion, he shall not only forfeit his Office, and incur the Penalty in this Act limited, but also be incapable of taking, holding or executing any Commission or Place of Trust within this Province, until he shall be fully reconciled to the Church of *England*, and receive the Communion therein.

Penalty on Persons in Office who have taken the Oaths, and are afterwards present at and join with any Popish Assembly, &c.

X. **Provided nevertheless**, That this present Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend to the Negotiation or Management of the Lord Proprietary, his private Affairs, so as such Negotiation or Management shall not in any wise relate to the Affairs of the Government of this Province, or to any the Judicial or Ministerial Offices thereon depending, or to the Collection of any Dues arising therefrom, or to any Office, Matter or Thing thereto relating.

This Act shall not extend to the Negotiating his Lordship's private Affairs,

XI. **Provided also**, That nothing herein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend to the Exemption of any Person or Persons whatsoever, from the taking the Oaths by this Act directed, who were obliged to take the Oaths appointed, or required by Law, before the making of this Act; any Thing in the Proviso aforesaid to the contrary notwithstanding.

nor to exempt any Persons who were obliged to take the Oaths before this Act.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN, THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. VI.

An Act for laying the additional Duty of Four Pounds Current Money per Poll on all Irish Servants, to prevent the importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province; and Four Pounds Current Money per Poll, an additional Duty on all Negroes, for raising a Supply towards defraying the Public Charge of this Province. Lib. LL. N<sup>o</sup> 4. fol. 300. DISSENT.

Passed 10<sup>th</sup> August 1716.

See the Letter of Dissent from Lords Baltimore and Guilford, recorded in the Council Proceedings, Anno 1717, fol. 312.

C H A P. VII.

An Act repealing an Act, entitled, <sup>a</sup> An Act against striking sundry Sorts of Fish within the Precincts of this Province. Lib. LL. N<sup>o</sup> 4. fol. 301.

Ditto.

<sup>a</sup> 1712, ch. 11, hereby repealed.