

**A**T a General Assembly begun and held at the City of St. Mary's the tenth Day of May, Anno Domini 1692. In the fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith, &c. thence continued till the ninth Day of June, next ensuing; these following Laws were Ordained and Enacted to the Pleasure of God, the Honour of their Majesties and the Welfare of this Province. Which by the Experience and Benefit received by them are thought necessary and useful: And are therefore continued as Laws of this Province, by this Present General Assembly held at Annapolis the twenty eighth Day of June, in the eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the third of England, &c. and in the Year of our Lord, 1699.

An Act for Punishment of Persons suborning Witnesses or committing Wilfull and Corrupt Perjury.

**W**H E R E A S several Persons void of Grace and the Dread of the Almighty, have, and do still continue, for small Profits accruing to themselves, to commit and corrupt wilful Perjury, or cause or procure the same to be committed, either out of a Design for the Reasons and Purposes aforesaid, or meerly to Revenge an imaginaty Injury done them, to the great Prejudice of divers of their Majesties Loyal Subjects Inhabiting within this Province. AND forasmuch as the Laws of this Province heretofore made, for the Prevention of the like Mischiefs and Inconveniencies, have upon a mature and deliberate Consideration by this present General Assembly been found altogether 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 Majesties by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly, and 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 unlawful 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 any Lands, Tenements Hereditaments or any Goods, Chattles, Debts or Damages, in any of the Courts of Record wthin this Province, or that shall unlawfully and corruptly procure or suborn any Witness or Witnesses, from and after the Publication aforesaid to be sworn to testify *in Perpetuam rei Memoriam*, That then every such Offender or Offenders, being thereof Lawfully convicted or attainted,

Any Person corruptly procuring Witnesses.

To commit perjury in any matter depending in suit.

By Writ, Bill, Action, Complaint or information touching Lands or Chattles in any Court of Record or in perpetual Memory.