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## PROVINCE of MARTLAND

At present in Force.

Passed June? An ACT for Punishment of Persons 28th, 1699. 5 Suborning Witnesses, or committing willful and corrupt Perjury.

F any Person shall unlawfully, or corruptly procure any Witness, by Letters, Rewards, Promises, or by any other unlawful Labour, or Means whatsoever, to commit any willful and corrupt Perjury, in any Matter or Cause whatsoever, that shall depend in Suit, and Variance, by any Writ, Action, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any wife touching any Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Goods, Chattels, Debts, or Damages, in any of the Courts of Record within the Province, or shall unlawfully and corruptly procure or suborn any Witness, to be sworn, to testify in perpetuam Rei Memoriam; Every such Offender, being thereof lawfully convicted, or attainted, shall loose and forfeit the Sum of Forty Pounds Sterling; and if fuch Offender has neither Lands nor Effects to pay the faid Fine, then the said Offender shall suffer one whole Year Imprisonment, without Bail or Mainprize, and stand one sull Hour upon the Pillory, next adjacent to the Place where convicted.

No Person convicted, or attainted as aforesaid, shall be thenceforth received as a Witness, in any Court of Record, until such Time as such Judgment given against him be reversed, by attaint, or otherwise; but if reversed, the Party grieved shall, according to common courle of Law, have Action for recovering Damages, against the Pro-

curer of fach Judgment against him.

Ir any Person, either by Subornation, unlawful Procurement, sinis. ter Periualion, or Means of any other, or by their own Act, Consent, or Agreement, shall wilfully and corruptly commit any manner of wilful Perjury, by their Deposition in any Court of Record, or when examined in perpetuam Rei Memoriam; then every Person so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, or attainted, shall for the Offence,