

Passed 9th of June, 1692.

O H A P. XI.
An ACT for the due recording of all the laws of this province in the secretary's office. Lib. LL. fol. 39. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 69.

C H A P. XII.
An ACT ascertaining what damages shall be allowed upon protested bills of exchange. Lib. LL. fol. 40. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 85.

To be in force three years, or to the end of the next session. Continued 1694, ch. 16. and 1695, ch. 16 and 26. Expired.

C H A P. XIII.
An ACT for quieting of possessions. Lib. LL. fol. 41. Lib. WH and L. fol. 70. and Lib. LL. No. 2. fol. 44. Repealed 1704, ch. 77.

C H A P. XIV.
An ACT for the publication of marriages. Lib. LL. fol. 43. Lib. WH and L. fol. 71. and Lib. LL. No. 2. fol. 49. Repealed 1704, ch. 77.

C H A P. XV.
An ACT relating to servants and slaves. Lib. LL. fol. 45. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 91. Repealed 1700, ch. 8.

C H A P. XVI.
An ACT for punishment of persons suborning of witnesses, or committing wilful and corrupt perjury. Lib. LL. fol. 55. Lib. WH and L. fol. 115. and Lib. LL. No. 2. fol. 27.

N. B. This law is declared to remain and be in full force by 1705, ch. 8.

Preamble.

WHEREAS several persons, void of grace, and the dread of the Almighty, have, and do still continue, for small profits accruing to themselves, to commit wilful and corrupt perjury, or cause or procure the same to be committed, either out of a design for the reasons and purposes aforesaid, or merely to revenge an imaginary injury done them, to the great prejudice of divers of their majesties loyal subjects, inhabiting within this province: And forasmuch as the laws for 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:

Penalty for corrupting witnesses, &c.

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the King and Queen's 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 anywise touching or concerning any lands, tenements or hereditaments, or any goods, chattels, debts or damages, in any of the courts of record within 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 shall, for his or their said offence, being thereof lawfully convicted or attainted, lose and forfeit the sum of forty pounds sterling. And if it happen any such offender or offenders, so being convicted or attainted as aforesaid, shall not have goods, chattels, lands or tenements, to the value of forty pounds as aforesaid, then every such person or persons, so being convicted or attainted as aforesaid, shall, for his or their said offence, suffer imprisonment, for and during the space of one whole year, without bail or mainprize, and stand upon the pillory one whole hour, at the pillory next adjoining the place where he, she or they, shall be convicted as aforesaid.

No person to be received as a witness, &c.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, That no person or persons, being convict or attaint 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 against the said person or persons be reversed, by attaint or otherwise. And that, upon every such reversal, the parties grieved to recover his, her or their damages, against all and every such person or persons,