

that I will return such Person or Persons, as shall, to the best of my Judgment, appear to have the Majority of legal Votes.

Which Oath, the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen present, are hereby empowered to administer to each other.

*AND be it further Enacted,* That any Person guilty of swearing or affirming falsely, in taking any Oath or Affirmation herein mentioned, and that shall be thereof convicted by due Course of Law, shall suffer and incur the Pains and Penalties which are inflicted, in Case of wilful and corrupt Perjury, and shall never afterwards be qualified to vote in any future Election, or be chose as a Delegate.

*AND be it further Enacted,* That if any Person who hath or claimeth to have, or hereafter shall have or claim to have any Right to vote in any such Election, shall ask, take, receive, any Money, or other Reward, by Way of Gift, Loan, or other Devise; or agree, or contract for any Gift, Employment, or other Reward whatsoever, to give his Vote, or to refuse or forbear to give his Vote in any such Election; or if any Person by himself, or by any Person employed by him, doth, or shall, by any Gift or Reward, or by any Promise or Security for any Gift or Reward, corrupt any Person or Persons to give his or their Vote or Votes in any such Election, or shall use any Threats or Menaces, to induce or compel any Person or Persons to give, or not to give, his or their Votes at any such Election; such Person so offending, shall, for every Offence, forfeit Fifty Pounds Current Money of *Maryland*, to any Person who will sue for the same: To be recovered, as aforesaid.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any Person offending against this Act, shall, within Twelve Months next after such Election, discover any other Person or Persons offending against this Act, so that such Person or Persons be thereupon convicted, such Person so discovering, and not having been before that Time convicted of any Offence against this Act, shall be indemnified and discharged from all Penalties and Disabilities which he shall then have incurred for any Offence against this Act.

*AND for the more effectual Observance of this Act, Be it Enacted,* That the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, shall cause the same to be read openly, after the reading the Writ of Election, and before the Electors proceed to vote.

*AND be it likewise Enacted and Provided,* That all Prosecutions for any Breach of this Act, shall be commenced within One Year after such Breach shall be committed, and not after; any thing herein contained to the contrary, notwithstanding.