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No. 1.An Act for Punishment of Persons
Suborning of Witnesses or Com̄itting wilfull
and corrupt Perjury.

Whereas severall persons void of grace and the dread of the Almighty have and do still continue for small proffitts accrewing to themselves to Com̄mitt wilfull and Corrupt Perjury or cause or procure the same to be Committed either out
 p. 56 of a design for the reasons and purposes aforesaid or meerly to revenge an Imaginary Injury done them to the great prejudice of divers of their Majesties loyall Subjects Inhabiting within this Province And forasmuch as the Laws for this Province heretofore made for the prevention of the like mischeifs and Inconveniencies have upon a Mature and deliberate consideration by this present Genⁿ 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 Majestys by and with the advice and Consent of this present Generall 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 promisses or by any other sinister unlawfull Labour or means whatsoever to Com̄mitt any wilfull and Corrupt perjury in any matter or Cause whatsoever now depending or which hereafter shall depend in suit and variance by any writt Action bill Complaint or Information in any wise touching or concerning any Lands Tenem^{ts} or hereditaments or any goods Chattles debts or damages in any of the Courts of Record within this Province, or that shall unlawfully & Corruptly procure or subborne any witness or witnesses from and after the publication aforesaid be sworn to testify in perpetuam rei memoriam, That then every such offender or offenders shall for his or their said offence being
 p. 57 thereof Lawfully Convicted or attainted loose & forfeit the sum of forty pounds sterl And if it happen any such offender or offenders so being Convicted or attainted as aforesaid shall not have goods Chattles 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 Imprisonm^t for and during the space of one whole year without baile or main prize and stand upon the Pillory one whole hour at the Pillory next adjoyning the place where he she or they shall be Convicted as aforesaid. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no person or persons being Convict or attaint as aforesaid shall be from thence forth received as a Witness to be deposed