

Lib. L. I. shall be adjudged ffelons and Shall Suffer pains of Death as  
No. 64. ffellons without any Benefitt of Clergy.

And be it Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that any Person or Persons whatsoever that shall after the end of this Sessions of Assembly prophane Swear or Curse either in the presence or hearing of any Justice of the peace or other head Officer or that shall be Convict thereof by the oath of one Witness or by his own Confession before any one Justice of the peace or other head Officer shall forfeitt and pay for Such Offence the Summe of five shillings and in Case of Non payment thereof the Justice of peace before whom Such Conviction shall be shall make his Warrant to the next Constable to levy the same by distress and sale of the Offenders Goods rendring to him the Overplus and such Constable shall render Account thereof to the County Justices at the time of laying the County Levy And in Case the Constable shall refuse to obey and Execute the Comānd or Warrant of any Justice of the Peace or Head Officer as aforesaid then such Constable shall forfeitt and pay the Summe of five Shillings to be levyed as aforesaid to the use aforesaid. And in Case the Severall Offenders aforesaid shall not have wherewith to pay the said ffines then such person or persons shall be punish'd by setting in the Stocks for the Space of one hour or Whipping.—

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that if any person or persons shall prophanely Swear or Curse in any Court house during the sitting of any Court and shall be thereof Convict informe aforesaid he she or they so offending shall imediately p. 124 forfeit and pay the Summe of tenn shillings to be levyed as aforesaid to the use aforesaid or shall be sett in the Stocks two hours.

Provided allways that noe person shall be prosecuted upon this Act for Prophane Cursing and Swearing unless the same be proved and prosecuted within tenn days after the Offence Comitted.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that every Justice of the peace or Head Officer before whom such Conviction of Swearing and Cursing shall happen to be shall receive the forfeitures aforesaid and shall give Account thereof at the time of the laying of Each County Levy.

September 30<sup>th</sup> 1704

Read and Assented to  
by the house of Delegates.  
W Taylard Cl hD.

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Majestys hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill  
W Bladen Cl Concil