

“Sophia, Electress and Dutchess Dowager of Hanover, and <sup>Bacon.</sup> the Heirs of her Body, being Protestants. And all these Things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to these express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evasion, or Secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation, and Promise, heartily, willingly and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian. So help me God”

And that without the taking the aforementioned Oaths, and subscribing the Oath of Abjuration, and making and subscribing the Declaration following, ‘I A. B. do Declare, That I do Believe that there is not any Transubstantiation in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, or in the Elements of Bread and Wine, at or after the Consecration thereof, by any Person whatsoever,’ Before some one of the Members of his Lordship’s Honourable Council within this Province, for the Time being, or a Justice of the Provincial or County Courts, or before some Court of Record within this Province, (who are hereby authorized, impowered and required to administer the same, if applied to,) no Person or Persons whatsoever, shall be capable of holding, executing or enjoying any Office, Deputation or Trust within this Province whatsoever. And in case any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall presume to execute or enjoy any such Office, Deputation or Trust, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this present Act, the Commission, Deputation or Authority of such Person or Persons, is not only hereby declared to be utterly void, ab Initio, but also he or they so acting or offending, shall forfeit to his Lordship, the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, his Heirs and Successors, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling; one Half to be applied to the Use of Free-Schools within this Province, the other Half to the Informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

IV. Provided always, That no Person shall be liable to the Penalties of this Act, who shall comply therewith, when required by such Court of Record, or other Persons as have Power to administer the Oaths aforesaid, or who (if not required as aforesaid) shall within Six Months from the End of this present General Assembly, voluntarily comply with the same.

V. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Clerk of any Court of Record, where the Oaths and