

And be it likewise Enacted, That where any Person, Witness against any Person or Persons accused of any Crime or Crimes within this Province, cannot find Surety for his or her Appearance, to testify as a Witness against any Person so arrested, accused, or prosecuted as aforesaid, and for Want of such Surety shall be committed to Prison; that then and in such Case, the County where the Prosecution shall be carried on, shall be chargeable with and pay such Witness's Imprisonment Fees: And in case the Prosecution shall be in a superior Court, then and in such Case, the Public shall be chargeable with and pay such Fees; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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[Fees of Witnesses imprisoned for want of Sureties, to be discharged in like Manner.]

And be it likewise Enacted, That the Justices of the several and respective County Courts within this Province shall, and they are hereby obliged and directed to assess and levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of their respective Counties, all such Fees as are herein before directed to be paid by the respective Counties of this Province, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, as often as the Case shall require, during the Continuance of this Act.

[The said Fees to be levied on the taxable Inhabitants.]  
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And be it likewise Enacted, That all such Fees shall and may be paid by the Inhabitants of this Province in the same Manner, as they are allowed by Law to pay any other County or Public Charges; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

[And paid as other Public and County Levies.]

This Act to continue for three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said three Years.

[Continuation of this Act.]

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1749  
Read and Assented to  
by the Lower House of  
Assembly  
Signed p Order  
M. Macnemara Cl lo ho.

On behalf of the Right  
Honble the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup>  
of this Province I will  
this be a Law.  
Sam: Ogle

23 June 1749  
Read and Assented to  
by the Upper House of  
Assembly  
Signed p Order  
J Ross Ct Up Ho.

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An Act for taking off corporal Punishment inflicted on Females having base-born Children, and other Purposes therein mentioned.

No. 12

Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, every free Woman who shall commit Fornication, and shall be thereof convict in any County Court of this Province, either by Confession or Verdict, shall be fined by the Justices of the said Court in the Sum of thirty Shillings, current Money of this Province, for her said Offence. And in case such Offender shall refuse or neglect to discover to the said Court, upon Oath, the Person with

[Persons convicted of Fornication, to be fined 30 s. each.]