

Liber B.L.C. Term of three Years next ensuing, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the End of the said three Years.

7th June 1751
Read and Assented to
by the Lower House of
Assembly
Signed p Order
M. Macnemara Ct. lo. ho.

On behalf of the Right
Honble the Lord Prop^{ty}
of this Province I will
this be a Law
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No. II An Act to make the Testimony of Convicted Persons legal against
P. 534 Convicted Persons.

[Preamble.] Whereas Murders, Burglaries, and other Felonies and Offences have been so frequent of late, that the Lives and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects within this Province are become precarious; which Offences have been generally committed by the Convicts imported into this Province, and such as they seduce to join with them in their wicked Practices; and which Crimes the said Convicts are encouraged to perpetrate, because they know that they are disabled from being Witnesses against each other as the Law now stands: For Remedy whereof,

[The Oath of one Convicted Person to be valid against other Convicted Person or Persons.] 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 in all Criminal Prosecutions, which shall happen or be after the End of this present Session, against any Convict or Convicts imported into this Province as such, or their Confederates, or Accomplices, being such Convicts imported, the Testimony or Evidence upon Oath of any other Convict or Convicts imported as such, or of any of the Confederates or Accomplices, being Convicts, in the same Crime, committed within this Province, shall be received and allowed as if he, she, or they, was or were not under any Conviction or Disability, such Conviction or Disability notwithstanding. Provided always, That any Convict imported as such, who shall be sworn as a Witness in any such Case, and who shall swear falsly, and shall be thereof convicted, by due Course of Law, shall suffer as a Person convict of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

[Proviso.] and allowed as if he, she, or they, was or were not under any Conviction or Disability, such Conviction or Disability notwithstanding. Provided always, That any Convict imported as such, who shall be sworn as a Witness in any such Case, and who shall swear falsly, and shall be thereof convicted, by due Course of Law, shall suffer as a Person convict of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

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

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