

appointments thereof, the said Oath being voided into him or them in such manner as the said Act directs and appoints and nothing therein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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An Act for Punishment of persons suborning of witnesses or
(committing) wilfull and corrupt perjury.

Whereas severall persons void of grace and the dread of the Almighty
have and doe still continue for small profits accruing to themselves to
commit wilfull and corrupt perjury or cause of procure the same to be
committed either out of a Designe for the reasons and purposes aforesaid or
merely to revenge an Imaginary Injurie done them to the great prejudice
of Divers of their Majesties Loyall subjects Inhabiting within this Province
and inasmuch as the Lawes for this Province heretofore made for the
prevention of the like mischief and inconvenience have upon a mature and
Deliberate consideration by this present Generall Assembly been found altogether
inconsistent with the Constitution of this Province or the Lawes of England in such
cases made and provided, Be it therefore enacted by the King and Queens
most Excellent Majesties 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, promises or by any other
manner unkeifull labour and means whatsoever to commit any wilfull and corrupt
perjury in any matter or cause whatsoever now depending or which hereafter
shall depend in fields or any way by any writt, action, bill, Complaint or
Information in any wise touching or concerning any lands Tenements or how-
ever tenements or any goods Chattels or any damages in any of the Courts of Record
within this Province or that shall unlawfully corruptly procure or suborne
any witness or witnesses from and after the publication aforesaid to be sworn
to testify in person or in memoriam that then every such offender or offenders
shall for his or their said offence being thereof lawfully convicted or attained
or forfeit the sum of forty pounds sterling and if it
happon any such offender or offenders being convicted or attained
shall not have goods or Chattels lands or Tenements to the value