

with leather or parchment cover with large Margins and also alphas the said Book in good order and set the Seal of his Office thereto, and the Clerk or Clerks that do Record the said Acts shall make Oath before the Governour of this Province for the time being, or before one of her Majestys Council, or two of the Justices of the Provincial Court that he or they have carefully examin'd the Record of the said Acts by the original Acts which have pass'd the great Seal, all which shall be done within six Months successively after the end of each Session.

And in case the Secretary shall not pursue the directions of this Act but shall make default he shall forfeit the Sum of ten thousand pounds of Tobacco for every such neglect, the one half thereof to her Majesty for the support of the Government of this Province and the other half to him that will sue for the same to be recover'd in any Court of Record within this Province by bill plaint or information wherein no choyse of protection or wager of Law to be allow'd.

And be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Clerk of the House of Delegates for the time being shall transcribe the Journal of the said House into a fair Book and in a good fair & legible Character within two Months after the end of each Session and shall transmit the same so transcribed into the Secretaries Office there to remain and the Secretary is required by this Act to receive the same accordingly, and the Clerk making default shall forfeit five hundred pounds of tobacco for every offence the one half to her Majesty for the support of the Government of this Province, and the other half to him that will sue for the same.

And be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid that the Secretary shall be allow'd for Recording the said Acts in the Publick Levy so much as the General Assembly shall think the said Secretary shall reasonably deserve.

An Act for the punishment of Blasphemy prophane swearing & Curfing.

BE it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice & Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same, that from & after the end of this present Sessions of Assembly if any person or persons whatsoever within this Province shall blaspheme God (that is to say) curse Him, or deny our Saviour Iesus Christ to be the Son of God, or shall deny the Holy Trinity the Father Son and Holy Ghost or the Godhead of any of the Three Persons or the Unity of the Godhead, or shall utter any prophane words concerning the Holy Trinity or any of the Persons thereof for his her or their first offence shall be bored through his her or their tongue & fined the sum of twenty pounds sterling to her Majesty to be applied to the defraying of the charge of the County where such offence shall be committed to be levied upon his her or their Goods or Chattels Lands or Tenements, and if such offender or offenders shall not have any Goods or Chattels Lands or Tenements whereby the said fine may be levied as before is directed then such offender or offenders shall suffer six Months imprisonment of his her or their Bodys without bail or mainprize, and for every second offence whereof such offender or offenders shall be legally convicted he she or they shall be stigmatized by burning in the Forehead with the Letter B and be fined by the Court where he she or they shall be convicted forty pounds sterling to the Queens Majesty to be apply'd to the uses aforesaid to be levied as aforesaid and if such offender or offenders shall not have any Goods or Chattels Lands or Tenements whereby the said fine may be levied as before is directed then such offender or offenders shall suffer imprisonment of his her or their Bodys for the space of one whole year from the time of his her or their conviction or convictions without bail or mainprize, and for every third offence whereof such offender or offenders shall be legally convicted he she or they so offending shall be adjudg'd Felons and shall suffer pains of death as felons without any benefit of Clergy.

And be it Enacted by the authority advice & consent aforesaid, that any person or persons whatsoever that shall after the end of this Sessions of Assembly prophanely Swear or Curse either in the presence or hearing of any Justice of the Peace or other head Officer or that shall be convicted thereof by the Oath of one witness or by his own confession before any one Justice of the Peace or other head Officer shall forfeit & pay for such offence the sum of five shillings & in case of nonpayment 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 & sale of the offenders goods rendering 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 & execute the Command or Warrant of any Justice of the Peace or head Officer as aforesaid, then such Constable shall forfeit & pay the sum of five shillings to be levied as aforesaid to the use aforesaid and in case the severall offenders aforesaid shall not have wherewith to pay the said Fines then such person or persons shall be punish'd by setting in the Stocks