

Twenty Pounds Sterling, to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, to be applied to the use of the Parish Church where such Offence shall be committed, to be levied upon his her or their Bodies, Goods or Chattles, Lands or Tenements. And if such Offender or Offenders shall not Redeem his her or their Body by the Payment of such Fine with his, her or their Goods or Chattles, Lands or Tenements, then such Offender or Offenders shall, by Virtue of a Commitment or *Levari Facias* on such Judgment of Conviction, be Immediately detained in Prison, and shall in lieu of the said Fine, suffer *Six Months Imprisonment* of his, her and their Bodies, without Bail or Mainprize, to be accounted from the Day of such Offenders first Commitment, after such Judgment rendred against him; 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 Kings Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, to be applyed, to the uses aforesaid, to be levied as aforesaid, and in default of Satisfaction thereof, as aforesaid, to suffer *Twelve Months Imprisonment*, as aforesaid, on such Execution or Commitment, as aforesaid, in lieu thereof; And for every *Third Offence* whereof such Offender or Offenders shall be legally Convict, he, she or they so Offending shall be adjudged Felons, and shall suffer Pains of DEATH without any Benefit of Clergy.

For the second.

Beware of the Third.

And forasmuch as it hath been too plainly found, by long Experience, that there are some such bold Offenders, as, to the Scandal of a Christian People and Civil Government, at once dare sportingly contemn the Laws of God, and of their King and Country, by *Prophane Cursing* and *Swearing*, notwithstanding the Provisions that have been heretofore made against them,

The Impudence of Swearers.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall after the End of this present Sessions of Assembly, *Prophanely Swear* or *Curse* in the Presence or Hearing of any Magistrate, the Commissary General, the Secretary, Constables, Provincial or County Clerk, Sheriff, Coroner, Minister, Vestry-Man or Church-Warden, or that shall be convicted of *Prophane Cursing* or *Swearing*, by the Oath of one Witness, or by the Confession of the Party Offending, before any Justice of the Peace, or other Magistrate, that then for every such Offence the Party so Offending shall forfeit and pay to the Use of the County where such Offence or Offences shall be committed, the respective Sums hereafter mentioned, that is to say, The first Oath or Curse, *Two Shillings and Six Pence*, and for every Oath or Curse after the first, *Five Shillings* currant Money.

Their manner of Conviction.

Their Temporal Punishment by Fine.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That upon Neglect or refusal of Payment of the said Forfeiture, in Money or Goods, to the Value thereof, any Magistrate, the Commissary General, Secretary, Provincial or County Clerk, Sheriff, Coroner, Constable or Minister of a Parish, any Vestry-Man or Church-Warden, shall and are hereby Authorized and Required to commit the said Offender to the Stocks for the space of one Hour, for every Oath Curse, not exceeding three Hours at any one Time of Conviction or Punishment, or order him, her or them Punishment by Whipping, not exceeding *Five Lashes* for any one Oath or Curse; nor Thirty nine at any one Time of Conviction or Punishment; And, if Occasion be, to call or command Assistance in the Executing the same, in the same Manner as any Sheriff or Constable might or ought to do in other Cases of contemning his Majesty's Pro-

Stocks.

Whipping.

The Magistrates Power to call Assistance.