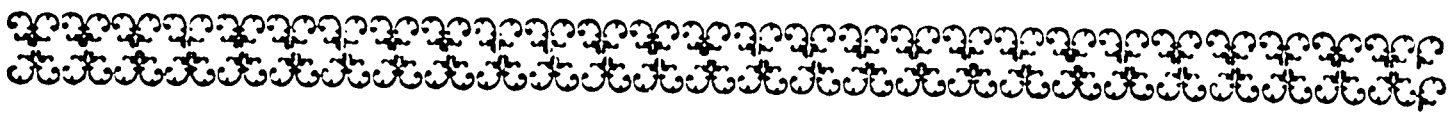


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An Act for Punishment of Persons suborning Witnesses, or committing wilful and corrupt Perjury. No. 1.



HEREAS several Persons void of Grace, and the Dread of the Almighty, have and do still continue, for small Profits accruing to themselves, to commit wilful and corrupt Perjury, or cause or procure the same to be committed, either out of a Design for the Reasons and Purposes aforesaid, or meerly to revenge an imaginary Injury done them, to the great Prejudice of divers of Their Majesties Loyal Subjects inhabiting within this Province : And forasmuch as the Laws of this Province heretofore made for the Prevention of the like Mischiefs and Inconveniencies, have, upon a mature and deliberate Consideration of this present General Assembly, been found altogether inconsistent with the Constitution of this Province, or the Laws of *England* in such Cases made and provided ; Be it therefore Enacted by the King and Queen's most Excellent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General 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 sinister unlawful Labour or Means whatsoever, to commit any wilful and corrupt Perjury in any Matter or Cause whatsoever, now depending, or which hereafter shall depend in Suit and Variance, by any Writ, Action, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any wise touching or concerning any Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Goods, Chattels, Debt, or Damages in any of the Courts of Record within this Province ; or that shall unlawfully and corruptly procure or suborn any Witness or Witnesses from and after the Publication aforesaid, to be sworn *in perpetuam*

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