

Oaths and Test to be taken by all Officers.

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allowed. **Provided** always, That no Person shall be liable to the Penalties of this Act who shall comply therewith, when required by such Court of Record, or other Persons as have Power to administer the Oaths aforesaid, or who (if not required as aforesaid) shall, within six Months from the End of this present General Assembly, voluntarily comply with the same.

*Time allowed for taking the Oaths.*

II. **And be it further Enacted** by the Authority aforesaid, That the Clerk of any Court of Record, where the Oaths and Declaration aforesaid shall be administered, taken, made and subscribed as aforesaid, in open Court, is hereby obliged, *ex Officio*, to keep a fair Transcript in his Office, of the Oath of *Abjuration*, and of the *Declaration* aforesaid, to be subscribed by any Person or Persons taking the Oaths aforesaid, and shall make an Entry in his Minutes and Record-Books, of the Time, &c. when such Person or Persons was sworn, and did subscribe the Oath and Declaration aforesaid, and what Office or Trust they have, hold or enjoy within this Province; and any of the Members of his Lordship's Honourable Council within this Province, Justices of the Provincial or County-Courts, who shall administer the same Oaths out of Court, are hereby likewise required to keep a fair Transcript of the Oath of *Abjuration* and *Declaration* aforesaid, for every Person to subscribe that takes the Oath aforesaid before them, and shall further certify, under their Hands, to the next County-Court holden for the County where such Magistrates inhabit, the Names of all Persons by them sworn, the Time when, and the Office or Place of Trust they have held or enjoy; which Certificate the Justices of the respective County-Courts shall cause to be entered by the Clerk of such Court, *ex Officio*, in the County Records.

*Clerks of Courts to keep fair Transcripts of Abjuration Oath and Test;*

*and make Entry in his Records of the Time, &c. of such Persons subscribing, &c.*

*Members of the Council and Justices to keep such Transcripts;*

*And certify to the County Courts, who take the Oaths, &c.*

*Which is to be entered.*

III. **Provided** always, That any Person or Persons that shall apply themselves to any of the Magistrates aforesaid, out of Court, to have the Oaths aforesaid administered to themselves, for any Office or Place of Trust as aforesaid, be obliged to repair to the Dwelling-place or Habitation of such Magistrate, where such Magistrate shall only be obliged to administer the same Oaths, and not elsewhere.

*How the Magistrates are to be applied to, for administering the Oaths.*

IV. **Provided** also, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to the exempting of such Persons who shall take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration aforesaid, before one Magistrate, as aforesaid, according to the Directions of this Act, from being at any Time afterwards obliged to take the same Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration aforesaid, *de Novo*, in any Court of Record within this Province; but that they shall and are hereby obliged (if required) to take the same Oaths, and make and subscribe the same Oaths, and make and subscribe the same Declaration, in such Court,

*Persons taking the Oaths before a Magistrate, to take them again in Court, if required;*