

of this Province heretofore made, for the Prevention of the like Mischiefs and Inconveniencies, have, upon a mature and deliberate Consideration by 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 any Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Goods, Chattels, Debts 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 to testify *in perpetuam Rei Memoriam*, That then every such Offender or Offenders, being thereof lawfully convicted or attainted, shall loose and forfeit the Sum of Forty Pounds Sterling. And if it happen any such Offender or Offenders, being convicted or attainted as aforesaid, shall not have Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenements, to the Value of Forty Pounds, as aforesaid, Then every such Person or Persons, so being convicted or attainted, as aforesaid, shall, for his or their said Offence, suffer Imprisonment for and during the Space of one whole Year, without Bail or Mainprize, and stand upon the Pillory the Space of one full Hour, at the Pillory next adjoining to the Place where he, she, or they shall be convicted, as aforesaid.

*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Person or Persons, being Convict or Attaint, as aforesaid, shall be from thenceforth received as a Witness, to be deposed and sworn in any Court of Record within this Province, until such Time as the Judgment given against such Person or Persons be reversed, by Attaint or otherwise: And that upon every such Reversal, the Parties grieved, to recover his, her or their Damages, against all and every such Person or Persons as did procure the said Judgment so reversed; to be given against them, or any of them, by Action or Actions, upon his, her, or their Case or Cases, according to the common Course or Courses of the Laws of this Province.

*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any Person or Persons, after Publication hereof, either by Subornation, unlawful Procurement, sinister Persuasion, or Means of any other, or by their own Act, Consent or Agreement, wilfully and corruptly commit any Manner of wilful Perjury, by their Deposition in any Court of Record within this Province, as aforesaid, or being examined *in perpetuam Rei Memoriam*, That then every Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof duly convicted or attainted, by the Laws of this Province, shall, for his or their Offence, loose and forfeit Twenty Pounds Sterling, and suffer Imprisonment the Space of Six Months, without Bail or Mainprize; and the Oaths of such Person or Persons so offending, from thenceforth not to be received in any Court of Record within this Province, until

Any Person corruptly procuring Witnesses.

To commit perjury in any matter depending in Suit.

By Writ, Bill, Action, Complaint or information touching Lands or Chattels in any Court of Record or in perpetual Memory:

Shall forfeit 40 l. Sterling,

Or, suffer Imprisonment, and Pillory.

And be disabled to give Evidence in any Court of Record, Whilst Conviction stands:

And if reversed, the Party grieved thereby to recover his damage by Action on the Case.

If any commit wilful Perjury, in any Court of Record or in perpetual memory

They shall forfeit 20 l. Sterling and suffer Six months Imprisonment, and not be received as evidence, till judgment against them be reversed.