

ject, is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electress and Dutchesse Dowager of Hanover, and the Heirs of her Body, being Protestants. And all these Things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to these express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evasion, or secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation and Promise, heartily, willingly and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian.
So help me G O D.

And that without the taking the aforementioned Oaths, and Subscribing the Oath of Abjuration, and making and Subscribing the Declaration following,

To be
Subscribed.

I A. B. Do declare, That I do believe that there is not any Transubstantiation in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or in the Elements of Bread and Wine, at or after the Consecration thereof, by any Person whatsoever, before some One of the Members of his Lordship's Honourable Council within this Province, for the Time being, or a Justice of the Provincial or County-Courts, or before some Court of Record within this Province, (who are hereby authorized, impowered and required to administer the same, if applied to,) no Person or Persons whatsoever shall be capable of holding, executing or enjoying any Office, Deputation or Trust within this Province whatsoever. And in case any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall presume to execute or enjoy any such Office, Deputation or Trust, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this present Act, the Commission, Deputation or Authority of such Person or Persons, is not only hereby declared to be utterly void, *ab Initio*, but also he or they so acting or offending, shall forfeit to his Lordship, the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, of this Province, his Heirs and Successors, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling, One Half to be applied to the Use of Free-Schools within this Province, the other Half to the Informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And the
Test.

Before
whom to be
taken.

Officers
incapable
without tak-
ing the Oaths,
&c.

And their
Commissions
void, *ab In-
itio*.

And shall
forfeit 250 l.
Sterling.

One Half
to Free-
Schools, and
Half to the
Informer.

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 al-
lowed for
taking the
Oaths.

Clerk of
Courts,

To keep
fair Tran-
scripts of
Abjuration,
Oath and
Test,

And make
Entry in his
Records of
the Time,
&c. of Per-
sons subscrib-
ing, &c.

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