

An ACT for the better Supporting the Magistrates in the Administration of Justice within this Province, and for the Disabling Thomas Macnemara, Esq; to Practice the Law therein.

WHEREAS Thomas Macnemara, Esq; a Practitioner of the Law and Attorney in several of the Courts within this Province, has been sundry times suspended here, and in the Province of *Pensylvania* for his Mis-Deeds; and re-admitted to his Practice on his fair Promises of Amendments. And whereas by the Act of Assembly, of this Province, Entituled, *An Act for the rectifying the Ill Practices of Attornies of this Province, and ascertaining Fees to the Attorney General, Clerk of Indictments Attornies and Practitioners of the Law in the Courts of this Province, and for levying the same by way of Execution*, the several Courts have Power given them to admit and suspend such Practitioners, *Suavo Jure Corona*. And whereas the said Thomas Macnemara, on a late Suspension from his Practice obtained Her late Majesty's Order to be restored to it again, which the said Macnemara has often suggested to be an Exemption of him from the Powers given the several Courts by that Law, whereby the Authority of those Courts are not only become dubious in that Part, but the said Macnemara has, seemingly, depended on the said Order as his Justification to treat them in an Indecent Manner, when he pleads before them, and even to despise their Authority, and Affront their Person; which they have been cautious of punishing him for, being partly deterred by the great Interest in *England*, whereon he has frequently Valued himself, as being far superior to theirs, and partly by the Threatning, Litigious and Revengeful Temper, as well as his Method of Practising upon many unthinking People, to surprize them into Certificates and Affidavits in his favour, the better to gain his Points of those that thwart him; by which he has at Length arrived to so Intollerable a Degree of Pride and Arrogance, that he has ever attackt the Governour himself in his Character and Government, for Cautioning *Maurice Birchfield*, Esq; his Majesty's Surveyor-General against preferring the said Macnemara to the Collectorship of *Patuxent*, as a Person of suspected Character and Principle, the said Macnemara being at first coming into this Province, an *Irish* Papist, and since declared himself to be of the Church of *England*, without any other Motives ever heard of by this Assembly, save those of Interest for the sake of his Practice and having Opportunity thereby of serving a *Papish* Faction on all Occasions, as he has frequently done, particularly in his appearing in the Defence of some of them, when prosecuted in a special Court of *Oyer and Terminer* for drinking the Pretender's Health, and audaciously Cursing His sacred Majesty, King *GEORGE*, and firing the City Guns on the supposed Pretender, on which Occasion he so warmly espoused their Cause, as even to dare that Court to proceed against them.

And whereas it is obvious to this present General Assembly, That the said Macnemara's Insolence has much encreased since he has the Honour to be employed to prosecute the Suits of the Crown, by the Means of the said *Maurice Birchfield*, Esq; insomuch as he has affronted the Governour and Chancellor of this Province, publickly in the Execution of

Preamble as
to Mr. Macnemara.