

And to pun-
ish undecent
Liberties.

Further
Power of the
Magistrates
to punish Of-
fenders.

Provided, &c.

Ministerial Officers, or other Persons, who shall use any undecent Liberties to the lessening the Grandeur and Authority of their respective Courts, and to discountenance and punish the same, according to the Nature of the Offence, either by Suspending such Practitioners of the Law from their Practice, perpetually, or for a Time, or to punish such Practitioners or Ministerial Officers, or other Persons, by Fine, at the Discretion of such Court before whom such Offence shall be committed, not exceeding Four Thousand Pounds of Tobacco in the superior Courts, nor Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco in the several County Courts within this Province, on each Offender, for any one Offence. And likewise, all and every the several Magistrates, in the Execution of their Office out of Court, are hereby required, in like manner, to observe the Carriage and Demeanour of all Persons whatsoever, that shall come before them; and if any Person or Persons shall behave themselves indecently towards any of them (or contemn their Authority when lawfully required to assist them) in the Execution of their Office, or otherwise, it shall and may be lawful for any of the several Courts within this Province, upon Information to them made by any such Magistrate or Magistrates, against any Person or Persons who have so Mis-behaved themselves, or contemned their Authority, without any Formality in Law to call such Offender or Offenders before them, and punish them by Fine, Imprisonment, or by setting in the Stocks, at their Discretion; the Fine not to exceed One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, the Imprisonment not to exceed Two Days, nor setting in the Stocks above Two Hours, for any one Offence; all which Fines to be levied by Way of Execution, and by such Court applied towards the Maintaining a Publick School in the County where such Offence is committed.

Provided always, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to lessen the Authority vested by Law in the several Courts, or in any of the Magistrates, before the Making of this Act.

A Supplementary ACT to the Act for causing Grand and Petty Jurors, and Witnesses, to come to the Provincial and County-Courts, and ascertaining their Allowances.

To prevent
Frauds in Ju-
ries by large
Donations,

The Juries
Allowances
are settled and
limited.

TO prevent Jurors from Taking, and Suitors from Giving, larger Sums for a Verdict than is allowed by Law; whereby it is obvious that some Persons (who have more frequent Trials by Jurors than others) have endeavoured to raise a general Expectation in Jurors of larger Donations from them than from their Adversaries, thereby endeavouring to incline them to their Favour: For Prevention whereof for the future,

Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds of Tobacco, or Twelve Shillings in Money, be allowed and paid to every Jury, for hearing or giving their Verdict in any Cause they are Sworn to give their Verdict in, whether in the Provincial or County-Courts, and no more; and that