

him, doth or shall by any Gift or Reward, or by any Promise or Security for any Gift or Reward, corrupt any Person or Persons to give his or their Vote or Votes in any such Election, or shall use any Threats or Menaces to induce or compel any Person to give or not give his Vote, such Person, so offending, shall, for every Offence, forfeit *Five Pounds* current Money of *Maryland*, to any Person who will sue for the same.

IF any Person offending against this Act, shall, within Twelve Months next after such Election, discover any other Person offending against the same, so that such Person be thereof convicted, the Person so discovering and not being before that Time convicted, shall be indemnified from all Penalties and Disabilities which he then shall have incurred, for any Offence against this Act.

THE Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen shall cause this Act to be read openly, after reading the Writ of Election, and before the Electors proceed to Vote.

ALL Prosecutions for any Breach of this Act, shall be commenced within One Year after such Breach shall be committed and not after.

Passed May 28th, 1717. } An ACT for the Punishment of such as shall counterfeit the Lord Proprietaries greater or lesser Seal at Arms, within the Province.

ANY Person or Persons whatsoever that shall presume to counterfeit the great Seal of the Province for the Time being, or the Sign Manual or Seal at Arms of the Lord Proprietary, or any other the publick Seals of the Province, or shall steal away any of the said true Seals, or without lawful Warrant and Authority, shall falsely, corruptly or with evil Intention, affix any of them to any Deed, Warrant or Writing, and shall afterwards, in the Province, publish or make any Use of any such Deed, Warrant or Writing, as if such respective Seals had been affixed thereto by lawful Warrant and Authority, shall forfeit all their Goods, Chattels, Lands and Tenements, whereof possess at the Time of committing such Offence; one half towards the Support of a publick School in the County, the other half to the Informer or Suer for the same; and shall be whipped with Thirty Nine Lashes on the bare Back, stand Two Hours on the Pillory, and be banished the Province for ever.