

so they shall severally collect from the Inhabitants thereof, to and for the Use of the several Clergymen, or Parishes, within the same; any Thing in the said Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

An ACT to make the Testimony of
Passed May 15th, 1751. } convicted Persons, legal against con-
 victed Persons.

WHEREAS Murders, Burglaries, and other Felonies and Offences have been so frequent of late, that the Lives and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects within this Province are become precerious; which Offences have been generally committed by the Convicts imported into this Province, and such as they seduce to join with them in their wicked Parties; and which Crimes the said Convicts are encouraged to perpetrate, because they know that they are disabled from being Witnesses against one another as the Law now stands: For Remedy whereof,

It is Enacted, That in all criminal Prosecutions, which shall happen to be against any Convict or Convicts imported into this Province as such, or their Confederates, or Accomplices, being such Convicts imported, the Testimony or Evidence upon Oath of any other Convict or Convicts imported as such, or of any of the Confederates or Accomplices, being Convicts, in the same Crime, committed within this Province, shall be received and allowed as if he, she or they was or were not under any Conviction or Disability, such Conviction or Disability notwithstanding. Provided always, That any Convict imported as such, who shall be sworn as a Witness in any such Case, and who shall swear falsely and shall be thereof convicted by due course of Law, shall suffer as a Person convict of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

THIS Act to continue for Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen, after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

THIS Act is farther continued for the like Time, by Act passed *July 17, 1754.* And Act pass'd in *October, 1757.*

An ACT to prevent disabled and superannuated Slaves, being set Free, or the
Passed June 3d, 1752. } Mannumission of Slaves by any last Will
 or Testament.

WHEREAS sundry Persons of this Province, have set disabled and superannuated Slaves free, who have either perished through
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