

Swearing and cursing are the wildest things ever seen
heretofore made grown so ripe that it is to be feared they will
take the Divine vengeance to inflict many & terrible pun-
-ishments upon us to prevent such wickedness for ever

Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty
by and with the Advice and Consent of this present Generall
Assembly and the Authority of the Same that if any person
or persons whatsoever within this Province after the publication
of this Act prophaneely Swear or Curse in the presence or hear-
-ing of any one Justice of the peace or Head Officer of any
Town City or Burrough within this Province or that shall be
proved or convicted by the oath of one Witness before any one Justice
or other Head Officer or by the Confession of the party Offending
shall forfeit and pay for such offence the Sum of five Shil-
-lings to our Sovereigne Lord the King for the use of the poor of
the County where the offence shall be committed to be levied upon
Such Offender or Offenders immediately by Command or Warrant
from the Justice of the peace or Head Officer of any Town City
or Burrough before whom Such Offender or Offenders shall
be convicted to the Constable or other person whom such Justice
or Head Officer shall Command or Appoint by distress or Sale of
his her or their Goods or Chattels rendering to them the overplus
and in case any person should refuse to obey to Execute the
Command or Warrant of any Justice of the peace or Head Officer
as aforesaid in this Case such person or persons shall forfeit and
pay the Sum of five Shillings to be levied as aforesaid
the use aforesaid And be it further Enacted by the Authority
aforesaid that for every time any person or persons