

And authority of their respective Courts and to discountenance and punish the same according to the nature of the Offence, either by suspending such practitioner of the law from their practice perpetually or for a time or to punish such practitioner or Ministerial Officer 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 <sup>any</sup> one Offence. And likewise all and every the several Magistrates in the Execution of their Office out of Court are here by Required in like Manner to observe the Carriage and Behaviour of all persons whatsoever that shall come before them and if any person or persons ~~shall behave themselves~~ 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 Magistrate against any person or persons who have so misbehaved 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 each Offender the Imprisonment not to exceed two days nor the setting in the Stocks above two hours for any one Offence, all which fines to be conveyed by way of Execution and by such Courts 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 Authorities vested by Law in the several Courts or in any of the Magistrates before the making of this Act.

At a Court held at the City of New York the 2<sup>d</sup> of May 1719

Read and Assented to by the Lower House of Assembly

And Signed by the Speaker of the said House

May 3<sup>d</sup> 1719

Read and Assented to by the Upper House of Assembly

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1719

Signed by Order of the Board of Trade

On Behalf of his Majesty the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietor of this Province  
I will this day