

10 Concerning Swearing

It is Enacted that every person or persons within the Province that shall be lawfully convicted of Swearing shall be liable to pay for every Outr ten pounds of Tobacco which shall be discovered and brought to Trial and punishment as is mentioned in the Act concerning Drunkenness And if any Person or Persons shall be known and convicted to be a Common Swearer Blasphemer or Curser by any imprecations whatsoever against God or man after one admonition by a Magistrate shall be subject to such penalty or punishment as the Governor before whom it is tried shall determine

11 Concerning false Reports Slandering and Tale Bearing

All such as shall raise and publish false News and Reports to the disturbance of the publick peace of the Inhabitants being lawfully convicted thereof shall pay one thousand Pounds of Tobacco and Lask half whereof shall be to the Informer and the other half to publick use and if the person so Offending shall not be able to pay the said Fine then to suffer such Punishment as the Court before whom the Cognizance of such Offence shall come do determine

That all such person or persons who by Slandering Tale Bearing or Backbiting shall scandalize the Good name of any person or Persons directly or indirectly in such words and expressions as in the Common acceptance of the English Tongue or such Language as is understood shall be counted Slander being lawfully convicted shall be censured both by way of Satisfaction to the Party Injured thereby and also to the Commonwealth for the Breach of the Peace thereof