

Originally chapter 45, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, and renumbered. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as chapter 24.

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CHAPTER 38.

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LAW ABOUT TRIAL BY TWELVE MEN.

Chapter 38. *And be it &c:* That all Tryalls in Civil Cases, Shall be by .12. men, and as Neer as may be Peers or Equalls & of the Neigh-bour-hood, & men without just exception.

And in Criminal matters of Life, ther Shall be first 24 returned by the Sheriff for a Grand-Inquest, of whom 12 at Least Shall find the Complaint to be true, and then 48 Shall be Like- Wise returned by the Sheriff of whom 12 Shall have the final Judgment But reasonable Challenges Shall be always admitted against all or any of them. vid: chapter 69.

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CHAPTER 39.

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LAW ABOUT FEES, BRIBERY AND EXTORTION.

Chapter 39. *And be it &c:* That all Fees and Salaries in all Cases, Shall be Moderate, and Limited by the Governour & Assembly, and be hung up in a Table in every respective Court, And whosoever Shall be Convicted of taking more Shall pay 2fold & be dismissed his Employment, One Moity of which Shall go to the party wronged.

And that all persons Convicted of Bribery and Extortion, shall forfeit double the same.

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