
 CHAPTER 18.

[18] THE LAW AGAINST CHALLENGING TO FIGHT.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That whosoever shall Challenge another person to fight, he that Challengeth, & he that accepteth the Challenge, shall for every such Offence pay 5 pounds or suffer 3 months imprisonment in the house of Correction at hard Labour.

Great Law, chapter 25. See Vol. II St.L. 51, ch. XLV.

 CHAPTER 19.

[19] THE LAWS AGAINST RUDE SPORTS, PLAYS & GAMES.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That whosoever shall introduce into this Province or frequent such rude and riotous Sports & Practices, as Prizes, stage-plays Masques, Revells Bull-baitings, Cockfightings with such like, being convicted thereof, shall be reputed & fined as Breakers of the peace, & suffer at least tenn days Imprisonment at hard Labour in the house of Correction, or forfeit 20 shillings.

And be it further enacted, that if any person be convicted of playing at Cards, dice, Lotteries, or such Like enticing vain & evill sports & games, such persons shall for every such offence pay 5 shillings or suffer 5 days Imprisonment in the house of Correction at hard Labour.

Great Law, chapters 26 & 27. See Vol. II St.L. 4, ch. II.

 CHAPTER 20.

[20] THE LAW AGAINST SEDITION.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if any person shall speak writ or Act any thing tending to Sedition or disturbance of the Peace, & be duely convicted thereof, The partie so offending, shall for

every such offence be fined, according to the nature and circumstance of the Fact, Provided it be not less than 20 shillings.

Great Law, chapter 28. See Vol. II St.L. 14, ch. XIV.

CHAPTER 21.

[21] THE LAW AGAINST SPREADERS OF FALSE NEWS.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Scandalous & malicious Reporters, Defamers & Spreaders of false News whether against Magistrates or privat persons, being Legally convicted thereof, shall be accordingly severely punisht as Enemies to the Peace and Concord of the Province.

Great Law, chapter 30. See Vol. II St.L. 14, ch. XIV.

CHAPTER 22.

[22] THE LAWS AGAINST SCOLDING.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall be Clamouros & Scolding & Railing with their Tongues, upon Complaint & full proof thereof before a Justice of the peace, The said Justice of the peace shall for every such offence Committ such person to the house of Correction, there to remain 3 days at hard Labour

To the end that the exorbitancie of the tongue may be bridled & rebuked, Be it further Enacted, That every person convicted before any Court or Magistrate for Railing or Scolding, shall stand one whole hour in the most publick place where such offence was Committed with a Gag in his Mouth, or pay five shillings.

Great Law, chapter 31; chapter 121, 1683. See Vol. II St.L. 85, ch. LXVIII.