

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That if any person shall speak, act or write anything tending to sedition or disaffection to this government, or disturbance of the peace thereof, or shall maliciously report and spread abroad false news, tending thereto, such person shall be fined, at the discretion of the justices of the respective county court, not less than five pounds, or three months' imprisonment at hard labor in the House of Correction. And whosoever shall by word or writing unjustly defame any person whatsoever, being duly convicted thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty shillings, or shall be otherwise punished by ten days' imprisonment, at the discretion of the justices of the county court.

Passed November 27, 1700; repealed by the Queen in Council, February 7, 1705-6. See Appendix I, Section II.

CHAPTER XV.

AN ACT AGAINST REMOVING LANDMARKS.

For the greater security and certainty of the boundaries of land:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That no person in this province or counties annexed, shall cut, fell, alter or remove any certain bounded tree or other allowed landmark, to the wrong of his neighbor or any other person, under the penalty of any sum not less than ten pounds.

Passed November 27, 1700; allowed to become a law by lapse of time, in accordance with the proprietary charter, having been considered by the Queen in Council, February 7, 1705-6, and not acted upon. See Appendix I, Section II, and the Act of Assembly, passed March 1, 1799, Chapter 2023.