
 CHAPTER 4.

LAW AGAINST SWEARING BY ANY OTHER THING OR NAME.

Chapter 4. *And be it &c:* That whosoever Shall Swear by any other thing or Name, & is Legally convicted thereof, Shall for every Such offence pay half a Crown, or Suffer 3 days' imprisonment in the house of Correction, at hard Labour having only bread and water for their Sustainance.

Originally chapter 4, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683. Supplemented by chapter 83, 1683. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as part of chapter 3.

 CHAPTER 5.

LAW AGAINST PROFANE SPEAKING.

Chapter 5. *And be it &c:* for the better prevention of Corrupt Communication, That whosoever Shall Speak Loosly & prophanely of Almighty God, Christ Jesus, The holy Spirit, or the Scriptures of truth and is Legally Convicted thereof, Shall for evry Such offence pay 5 shillings or Suffer 5 days' imprisonment in the house of Correction at hard Labour, to the behoof of the publick and be fed with bread & water only during that time.

Originally chapter 5, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683. Supplemented by chapter 83, 1683. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as part of chapter 4.

 CHAPTER 6.

LAW AGAINST CURSING.

Chapter 6. *And be it &c:* That whosoever Shall in their Conversation at any time Curse himself or anyother, or any thing belonging to himself or any other, and is Legally convicted thereof, Shall pay for

evry Such offence 5 shillings or Suffer 5 days' imprisonment as aforesaid.

Originally chapter 6, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683. Supplemented by chapter 83, 1683. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as chapter 5.

CHAPTER 7.

LAW AGAINST ADULTRY.

Chapter 7. *And be it &c:* That whosoever defileth the marriage bed, by Lying with another Women or Man, than their own wife or husband, being Legally convicted thereof, Shall for the first offence be publickly whipt, & Suffer one whole year's imprisonment in the house of correction at hard Labour, to the behoof of the publick & Longer if the chief Magistrate See meet And both hee & the Woman Shall be Liable to a Bill of Divorcement, if required by the greived husband or wife, within the said term of one whole year after Conviction. And for the Second Offence Imprisonment in Manner aforesaid, during Life. And if the party with whom the husband or wife Shall defile their beds be Unmarried, for the first offence they Shall Suffer half a year's imprisonment in the manner aforesaid. And for the Second offence, Imprisonment for Life.

Originally chapter 9, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, and renumbered. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as chapter 6.

CHAPTER 8.

LAW AGAINST INCEST.

Chapter 8. *And be it &c:* That if any person Shall be Legally convicted of Incest, which is uncleanness betwixt near relations in blood, Such Shall forfeit one half of his Estate, and both Suffer imprisonment a whole year in the house of Correction at hard Labour, And for the Second offence imprisonment in Manner aforesaid during Life.