CHAPTER 36.

LAW ABOUT WITNESSES.

Chapter 36. And be it &c: That ther Shall be Two credible Witnesses in all Cases in order to judgment, And all Witnesses coming or Called to testify their knowledge in or to any matter or thing in any Court, or befor any Lawfull Authority within the Said Province & territories thereunto annexed Shall there give & deliver in their Evidence or testimony, By solemnly promising to speak the truth, the whole truth, & nothing but the truth to the mater or thing in Question.

And in Case any Person so called to evidence shall afterwards be Convicted of Will-full false hood, Such person Shall Suffer & Undergo Such damage or penalty, as the person or persons against whom hee or shee bore false witness, did or should undergo, & Shall also make Satisfaction to the party wronged, & be publickly exposed for a false witness, never to be Credited again in any Court, or befor any Magistrate in the said Province &c.

And whosoever shall be Convicted of Lying in Conversation, Shall for every Such offence pay half a Crown, or Suffer 3 days' imprisonment in the house of Correction at hard Labour.

Originally chapter 44, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, and renumbered. Declared a fundamental law by chapter 141 1683. Abrogated in 1693.

CHAPTER 37.

LAW ABOUT PLEADING IN ENGLISH.

Chapter 37. And be it &c: That all pleadings, processes & Records in Courts, Shall be Short & in English, & in an ordinary & plain Character, that they may be easily read & understood, & justice Speedily administered.