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 CHAPTER 56.
 

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## LAW ABOUT THE MANNER OF PUNISHMENTS.

Chapter 56. *And be it &c:* That as in diverse Laws the penalty of the Offence, is thus exprest, either a certain Sum of Mony, or a certain time of imprisonment, at hard Labour in the house of Correction.... It Shall be Left to the Choice of the Civil- Magistrate, which of the 2 punishments hee will inflict upon the persons so offending. And whosoever shall know of any of the fore-mentioned Offences, and inform the civil Magistrat therof, shall have 1/3 of the fine, And if any one Shall Conceal Such person, hee or shee shall pay one half of the fine due from the guilty persons.

Originally chapter 66, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, session and renumbered. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as chapter 34.

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 CHAPTER 57.
 

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## LAW ABOUT ELIGIBILITY AS FREE MEN AND OFFICE HOLDERS.

Chapter 57. *And to the End,* That it may be known Who those are That, in this Province & Territories therunto belonging, have Right of free-men to Choose or to be Chosen, & with the Proprietary & Governour make and Enact Laws.

That every Inhabitant of the said Province & territories therunto annexed, that is or shall be a Purchaser of .100. acres of Land, and hath Seated the same, his heirs & assigns...

And every person who shall have paid his passage & taken up .100. acres of Land at 1 penny per acre & hath Seated the Same...

And every person that hath bin a Servant of Bond-man, & is free by his Service, & shall have taken up his .50. acres of Land, & seated the same...

And every Inhabitant, Artificer or other Resident in the said Province or territories that payeth Scot & Lot to the government...

Shall be deemed & accompted a free-man of this Province & territorys therof, And Such only Shall have Right of Election or being elected to any Service in the government therof.

Provided also And be it &c That all persons holding any office in this Province or territories thereunto belonging; Or that hath or shall have right to Choose, or to be Chosen, Members in/of Assembly, Shall be Such as Shall first Subscribe this following declaration.

I. AB do hereby freely acknowledge and Solemnly declare & promise fidelity & Law-full Obedience to William Penn, Son & heir of Sir William Penn deceased, & his heirs & Assigns as Rightfull Proprietary & Governour of the same according to the King's Letters Patents & deeds of Grant & feoffment from James Duke of York & Albanie &c: & That I will never act or do by word or deed, directly or indirectly any thing, Nor Consent to, nor Conceal any person or thing whatsoever, to the breach of this Solemn Engagement. In witness of which I have hereunto Set my hand this said day of &c. in the year &c:

A. B.

Originally chapter 67, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, session and renumbered. Declared a fundamental law, chapter 141, 1683. Abrogated in 1693. See chapter 154, 1700.

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## CHAPTER 58.

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### LAW ABOUT FREE ELECTIONS.

Chapter 58. *And* that Elections may not be Corruptly Managed, Upon which the present & futur good of the Province so much depends.

Be it &c that all Elections of Members or Representatives of the people & free-men of the Province of Pennsylvania, & territories annexed to Serve in the Assembly thereof, Shall be Free & Voluntary... And that the Elector that Shall receive any reward or Gift, in Meat, Drink, Monys, or otherwise, Shall forfeit his right to elect... And such person as shall give, promise or bestow, any such reward as aforesaid to be elected, Shall forfeit his election, and be therby incapable to Serve as aforesaid... And the Assembly Shall be the Sole Judges of the Regularity or Irregularity of the elections of the Members therof.