

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.

CHAPTER 58.

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.

Originally chapter 68, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, session and renumbered. Declared a fundamental law, chapter 141, 1683. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as chapter 36.

CHAPTER 59.

LAW ABOUT TAXES.

Chapter 59. *And* that the people may be fully Secured in the Enjoyment of their Property, Be it &c: That no Mony or goods Shall be raised upon, or paid by any of the people of this Province & territories annexed by Way of a Publick-tax, Custom or Contribution, but by a Law for that purpose made by the Governour & free-men of the said Province & territories thereof.. And whosoever Shall Leavy, Collect, receive or pay any Mony or goods Contrary therunto, Shall be held & punished as a publick enemy to the Province, & a Betrayer of the Libertys of the people, And that no Tax at any time Shall Continue any Longer, than the Space of One whole year.

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CHAPTER 60.

LAW ABOUT PUBLISHING THE LAWS.

Chapter 60. *And be it &c:* That the Laws of this Province, from time to time Shall be publisht and printed, That every person may have the knowledge thereof... And they Shall be one of the Books taught in the Schools of this Province and territorys theof.

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