

And be it further Enacted That whosoever shall Swear by any other thing or Name, & is legally convicted thereof, shall pay for every such Offence half a Crown, or Suffer three days imprisonment in the house of Correction at hard Labour having only bread & water for their Sustainance.

Great Law, chapters 3 and 4. Replaced by chapter 133, 1697.

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CHAPTER 4.

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[4] THE LAWS AGAINST PROPHANE SPEAKING.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid for the better prevention of corrupt Communication, That whosoever shall speak loosely or prophanely of Almighty God, Christ, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or the Scriptures of Truth, and is Legally convicted thereof, shall for every 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 and water only, during that time.

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person shall be drunk, or Curse Swear, speak prophanely or obscenely such person shall be punished according to Law by any one Justice of the peace so as the Offence be in the presence of any Officer or magistrate, or by the parties confession or the Evidence of two credible persons . . . And if any Justice of the peace or other publick Officer shall be convicted of any of the aforesaid Crimes, he shall pay double the penalty mentioned against such offenders, & be dismissed his Office.

Great Law, chapter 5. Replaced by Vol. II St.L. 49, ch. XLIV.

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CHAPTER 5.

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[5] THE LAW AGAINST CURSING.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That whosoever shall in their Conversation at any time Curse himself or any other or any thing belonging to himself or any other, & is Legally convicted of the same,