

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.

CHAPTER 4.

[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.

CHAPTER 5.

[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,

shall pay for every such Offence 5 shillings or suffer 5 days Imprisonment as aforesaid.

Great Law, chapter 6. See Vol. II St.L. 49, ch. XLIV.

CHAPTER 6.

[6] THE LAW AGAINST ADULTERIE.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That whosoever defileth the Marriage bedd by lying with another Woman or Man, than their own wife or husband, being legally convicted thereof, shall for the first offence be publickly whipt & suffer one whole Years imprisonment in the house of Correction at hard Labour to the behoof of the publick & longer if the chief Magistrate see meet, And both he & the Woman shall be lyable to a bill of divorcement if required by the grieved husband or wife within the same terme of one whole year after conviction. And for the second offence, Imprisonment in manner aforesaid during Life. And if the partie with whom the husband or wife shall defile their Boddy, be unmarried, for the first Offence they shall suffer half a years Imprisonment in manner aforesaid, & for the second Offence, Imprisonment for Life.

Great Law, chapter 7. See Vol. II St.L. 8, ch. III.

CHAPTER 7.

[7] THE LAW AGAINST INCEST.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That it any person shall be legally convicted of Incest, which is uncleanness betwixt near Relations in blood, such shall forfeit one half of his Estate, & both Suffer imprisonment a whole year in the house of Correction at hard Labour & for the second Offence, Imprisonment as aforesaid during life.

Great Law, chapter 8. See Vol. II St.L. 8, ch. V.