
CHAPTER 8.

[8] THE LAW AGAINST POLYGAMIE.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That whosoever shall be convicted of having two Wives or two husbands, at one & the same time, shall be imprisoned all their Life-time in the house of Correction at hard Labour to the behoof of the former Wife & Children or the former husband & children—And if a Man or Woman being unmarried do knowingly marry the husband or wife of another person, he or she shall be punished after the manner aforesaid.

Great Law, chapter 11. See Vol. II St.L. 8, ch. VI.

CHAPTER 9.

[9] THE LAW AGAINST DRUNKENNESS.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every person disordering & abusing himself with Drink unto drunkenness being Legally convicted thereof, shall for the first time pay 5 shillings or work 5 days in the house of Correction at hard Labour & be fed only with bread & water, and for the second Offence & ever after 10 shillings or 10 days labour as aforesaid.

Great Law, chapter 12. See Vol. II St.L. 99, ch. LXXXII.

CHAPTER 10.

[10] THE LAWS AGAINST SUCH AS SUFFER DRUNKENNESS IN THEIR HOUSES AND ABOUT ORDINARIES.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That they who do suffer such excess of drinking in their houses, shall be lyable to the same punishment with the drunkard.

And it is further enacted That no person within this province or Territories shall presume to keep any Ordinary or drinking house without License first had & Obtained of the Governor . . . And to the end that all Travailleurs and such as are not house keepers may be reasonably accommodated in places where Ordinaries now are or shall be hereafter kept, No such keeper of an Ordinary shall demand above Seaven pence halfpenny per meal by the head which Meal shall consist of Beef, Pork or such like produce of the Countrey with small Bere . . . And of a Foot man he shall not demand above two pence a Night for his bedd, & of a horseman, nothing he paying Six pence a Night for his Horse's Hay or Grass . . . And in Case any person Shall keep an Ordinary or Drinking house without a Licence, such person shall forfeit five pounds . . . And in Case any such keeper of an ordinary presume to ask more than is herein exprest, shall forfeit 5 shillings for every such Offence . . . And in case any such keeper of an Ordinary or Master or Mistress of such drinking house, shall keep a disorderly house, it shall & may be Lawful for the County-Sessions where hee or she lives, upon sufficient Testimony or Evidence thereof, to Suppress the same.

Great Law, chapter 13; and chapter 169, 1684. See Vol. II St.L. 99, ch. LXXXII.

CHAPTER 11.

[11] THE LAW AGAINST DRINKING HEALTHS.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person shall drink Healths which may provoke people to unnecessary & excessive drinking, being Legally convicted thereof, shall for every such offence forfeit 5 shillings and whosoever shall pleadge the same, shall be lyable to the same punishment.

Great Law, chapter 14. See Vol. II St.L. 99, ch. LXXXII.