

sence of her Husband, and shall not be able by credible evidence to prove that her Husband hath Cohabited or been in companie with her within one year Last past, before the birth of such Child, such woman shall be Liabile to be Corporally or pecuniarily punished as in the case of fornication.

P.H.M.C., Archives, H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 22, 1697, chapter 6. See Vol. II St.L. 5, ch. III.

CHAPTER 133.

THE LAW AGAINST SWEARING.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that whosoever Shall Swear in their Common Conversation by the Name of God or Christ or Jesus being Legally Convicted Thereof Shall pay for every Such offence five Shillings or Suffer five Days Imprisonment in the House of Correction at hard Labour to the behooff of the Publick & be fed with Bread & water only, dureing that Time And for the Second offence Six Shillings or Six days Imprisonment as aforesaid and for the Third offence Ten Shillings or Suffer Ten days Imprisonment as aforesaid, And if Such Person Shall after Presume to Commit the Same offence and Be Legally Convicted thereof he Shall be Fined at the Discretion of the County Court not Exceeding five pound or be Compelled to worke in Prison at hard Labour as the Said Court Shall think fit not Exceeding two Moneths and Shall be Deemed a Common Swearer.

And be it farther Enacted that whosoever Shall Swear by any other name or thing, and is Legally Convicted thereof Shall pay for every Such offence halfe a Crown or Suffer Three days Imprisonment in the house of Correction at hard Labour having only Bread and Water for their Sustenance any Law Custom or Usage to The Contrary notwithstanding.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 112.
H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 22, 1697, chapter 7. See Vol. II St.L. 49, ch. XLIV.