

CHAPTER V.

AN ACT AGAINST INCEST, SODOMY AND BESTIALITY.

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That whosoever shall be convicted of having committed incest, shall forfeit one-half of their estates to the use of the proprietary and governor, and suffer one whole year's imprisonment in the House of Correction at hard labor to the use aforesaid: and for the second offense, imprisonment during life. And whosoever shall be legally convicted of sodomy or bestiality, shall suffer imprisonment during life, and be whipped at the discretion of the magistrates, once every three months during the first year after conviction. And if he be a married man, he shall also suffer castration, and the injured wife shall have a divorce if required. And if a married woman be legally convicted of bestiality her husband may have a divorce if requested.

Passed November 27, 1700; repealed by the Queen in Council, February 7, 1705-6. See Appendix I, Section II, and the Act of Assembly passed January 12, 1705-6, Chapters 121 and 124.

CHAPTER VI.

AN ACT AGAINST BIGAMY.

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That whosoever shall be convicted of having two wives or two husbands at one and the same time, shall be imprisoned all their lifetime in the House of Correction at hard