

THE  
PUBLIC GENERAL LAW  
OF  
MARYLAND.

MAY, 1692.—CHAPTER 16.

AN ACT for punishment of persons suborning of witnesses, or committing wilful and corrupt perjury.

N. B. This law is declared to remain and be in full force by 1705, *ch. 8.*

WHEREAS several persons, void of grace, and the dread of Preamble. the Almighty, have, and do still continue, for small profits accruing to themselves, to commit wilful and corrupt perjury, or cause or procure the same to be committed, either out of a design for the reasons and purposes aforesaid, or merely to revenge an imaginary injury done them, to the great prejudice of divers of their majesties loyal subjects, inhabiting within this province: And forasmuch as the laws for this province heretofore made, for the prevention of the like mischiefs and inconveniences, have, upon a mature and deliberate consideration, by this present general assembly, been found altogether inconsistent with the constitution of this province, or the laws of England, in such cases made and provided:

SEC. 2. *Be it therefore enacted, by the King and Queen's most excellent majesties, by and with the advice and consent of this present General Assembly, and the authority of the same, That* if any person or persons whatsoever, from and after the publication hereof, shall unlawfully or corruptly procure any witness or witnesses, by letters, rewards, promises, or by any other sinister, unlawful labour or means whatsoever, to commit any wilful and corrupt perjury, in any matter or cause whatsoever, now depending, or which hereafter shall depend in suit and

Penalty for corrupting witnesses, &c.