

judge or justice for examination, who may commit him to the public gaol, if an offender against the laws, or dangerous person to this, or the United States, or any of them, there to remain till discharged by due course of law, and if not an offender or dangerous as aforesaid, the said judge or justice may discharge him and give him a pass.—Feb. 1777, c. 20, § 16. See *Negroes and slaves*, 60.

P E R J U R Y.

1. ANY person corruptly procuring any witness to commit perjury in any matter depending in suit in any court of record within this province, or corruptly procuring or suborning any witness to be sworn *in perpetuam Rei Memoriam*; and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall forfeit 40l. sterling: Or, not having goods to the value, shall suffer one year's imprisonment without bail, and stand one hour in the pillory.—1692, c. 16, § 2.

2. Any person convicted of wilful and corrupt perjury, whether by subornation, or otherwise, in any court of record, or being examined *in perpetuam Rei Memoriam*, shall forfeit 20l. sterling, and suffer six months imprisonment, without bail: Or, not having goods to the value, shall be set in the pillory, and have both ears nailed.—*ibid.* § 4.

3. No person, convicted as aforesaid, shall be received as a witness, in any court of record, till such judgment be reversed by attain or otherwise; in which case he shall recover damages against the person procuring such judgment, by action on the case.—*ibid.* § 3 and 4.

4. One moiety of the fines in this act to be for the support of government, and the other to the party grieved, who will sue for the same.—*ibid.* § 4.

5. Any person taking the oath or affirmation by this act directed, and shall upon indictment be convicted of perjury, or wilfully and corruptly affirming any matter or thing therein contained, such person shall suffer as in cases of wilful and corrupt perjury, and liable to be taken on process *de novo*, and charged in execution for his or her debts, and never after have the benefit of the insolvent act.—1774, c. 28, § 21.

See *Administrators*, 19. *Advancement of justice*, 9. *Criminal jurisdiction of Baltimore*, 7. *Fornication*, 2. *Inspectors notes*, 6. *Negroes, &c.* 30. *Quarantine*, 8. *Replevin*, 13. *Witnesses*, 1.

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