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Whosoever shall maliciously or contemptuously disquiet or disturb any meeting, assembly, or congregation whatsoever of persons, assembled for Religious worship, or shall in any wise disturb, molest, or misuse any Preacher, Teacher, or person officiating at such meeting, assembly, or congregation, or any person or persons there assembled, and shall be convicted thereof, by the oath of one or more credible witnesses, before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in any County within this Province, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a sum of not less than ten shillings nor more than forty shillings, at the discretion of such Justice, and in default of payment, shall be committed to the Common Gaol of the County where the offence may be committed, for any term not less than twenty four hours nor more than ten days, at the discretion of the said Justice.

SECTION 2.

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Any person who shall be convicted, by the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in any County within this Province, of shooting, gaming, sporting, playing, hunting, drinking, or frequenting tippling houses, or of servile labour, (works of necessity and mercy excepted,) on the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, shall for every such offence, forfeit and pay a sum not less than five shillings nor more than forty shillings, at the discretion of such Justice, and on default of payment, shall be committed to the Common Gaol of the County where the offence may be committed, for a term not less than twelve hours nor more than four days, at the discretion of such Justice.

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ART. 1.

Drunkenness.

Any person who shall be convicted of Drunkenness, either on view or by the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a sum not less than five shillings nor more than twenty shillings, at the discretion of such Justice, and in default of payment, shall be committed to the Common Gaol of the County where the offence may be committed, for a term not less than twelve hours nor more than four days, at the discretion of such Justice.

ART. 2.

Incest, Adultery and Fornication.

Any person who shall be lawfully convicted of incest, adultery, or fornication, by any Court of Oyer and Terminer or General Gaol Delivery in this Province, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years.

ART. 3.

Gaming house, bawdy house, or other disorderly house.

Any person who shall keep any common gaming house, bawdy house, or other disorderly house, room, or place, and being thereof lawfully convicted before any Court of Oyer and Terminer or General Gaol Delivery, or General Sessions of the Peace, shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years.

ART. 4.

Who master or mistress of gaming house, &c.

Any person who shall appear, act, or behave himself or herself as Master or Mistress, or as the person having the care, government or management of any gaming house, bawdy house, or other disorderly house, shall be deemed and taken to be the keeper thereof, and shall be liable to be prosecuted and punished as such, notwithstanding he or she shall not in fact be the real owner or keeper thereof.