

The
Statutes at Large
of
PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE TIME OF
WILLIAM PENN

COMPILED UNDER THE
AUTHORITY OF THE ACT OF MAY 19, 1887, AS SUPPLEMENTED,
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Chapter 4 And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that whosoever shall swear by any other thing or Name and is Legally Convicted thereof shall for Every Such offence pay halfe a Crowne or Suffer three days Imprisonment in the house of Correction at hard Labour haveing only bread and Water for their Sustinance.

Chapter 5 And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid for the better prevention of Corrupt Communication that whosoever shall Speake Loosly and prophanely of Almighty God Christ Jesus the Holy Sperit or the Scriptures of truth and is Legally Convicted thereof shall for Every Such offence pay five Shillings or Suffer five Days Imprisonment in the house of Correction at hard Labour to the behoof of the Publick and be fed with bread and Water only during that time.

Chapter 6 And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that whosoever Shall in their Conversation at any time curse himselfe or an Other or any thing belonging to himselfe or any other and is Legally Convicted thereof Shall pay for Every Such offence five Shillings or Suffer five days Imprisonment as aforesaid.

Chapter 7 And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Person shall with Malice or premeditation Kill or be accessory to the death of an Other Person Man Woman or Child being Legally Convicted thereof Shall according to the Law of God and all Nations Suffer death and that the Estates of such Capitall offenders shall go one halfe to the Next of Kin to the Sufferer and the remainder to the next of Kin of the Criminall.

Chapter 8 And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Persons Guilty of Mans Slaughter or Chance-medley Shall be punished according to the Nature and Circumstance of the offence.

Chapter 9 And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that whosoever defileth the Marriage bed by Lying with an other Woman or Man then [than] their own wife or husband being Legally Convicted thereof Shall for the first offence be publikely Whipt and Suffer one Whole years Imprisonment in the house of Correction at hard Labour to the behoofe of the Publick and Longer if the Cheif Magistrate See meet and both he and the Woman shall be Liable to a bill of Divorsement if required by the greived husband or Wife within the Said terme of One whole Year after Conviction and for the Second offence imprisonment in Manner aforesaid during Life and if the Party with whom the husband or Wife shall defile their bedds be unmarried for the first offence they shall Suffer half a years Imprisonment in the Manner aforesaid and for the Second offence Imprisonment for Life.

Chapter 10 And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Person shall be Legally Convicted of Incest which is uncleanness betwixt near Relations in blood Such Shall forfeit one halfe of his Estate and boath Suffer Imprisonment a Whole year in the house of Correction at hard Labour and for the Second offence Imprisonment in Manner aforesaid for Life.

Chapter 11 And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Person shall be Legally Convicted of the Unnaturall Sin of Sodomy or Joyning with beasts such persons shall be whipt and forfeit one third part of his or her Estate and worke Six months in the house of Correction at hard Labour and for the Second offence Imprisonment as aforesaid during Life.

Chapter 12 And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that whosoever shall be Legally Convicted of a Rape or Ravishment that is forsing A Maid Widdow or Wife shall forfeit one third of his Estate to the Parent of the Said Maid and for want of a Parent to the Said Maid and if a Widdow to the Said Widdow and if a Wife to the husband and the Said party be Whipt and Suffer a Years Imprisonment in the house of Correction at hard Labour and for the Second offence Imprisonment in manner aforesaid during Life.

Chapter 13 And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That whosoever shall be Convicted of Uncleanness or the Comission of fornication that is if any Single Man shall defile a Single Woman they Shall Suffer three Months Imprisonment in the house of Correction at hard Labour and after the Expiration of the Said terme Shall take one an Other in Marriage & Live as Man and Wife together but if the Man be Married he shall forfeit one third of his Estate and both be Imprisoned as aforesaid and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that Whoso Ever Shall be Convicted of Speakeing an Unclean Word