

ACTS
AND
LAWS,

Passed by the
General Court
OR
ASSEMBLY
Of His Majesties
PROVINCE
OF
New-Hampshire
IN
New-England.



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Rape, Buggery, Blasphemy, &c.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Man shall Ravish any Woman, committing Carnal Copulation with her by force against her will: Or if any Man shall unlawfully, and carnally know and abuse any Woman Child under the Age of Ten Years; Every person or persons so offending in either of the cases aforesaid, being thereof Convicted, shall be accounted Felons, and shall be adjudged to suffer the pains of Death, as in cases of Felony.

Rape.

And for avoiding of the Detestable and Abominable Sin of Buggery with Mankind, or Beast, which is contrary to the very light of Nature:

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the same offence be adjudged Felony; and such Order and Form of Process therein to be used against the offenders as in cases of Felony. And that every Man being duly convicted of Lying with Man-kind as he Lyeth with a Woman; And every Man or Woman that shall have Carnal Copulation with any Beast or brute Creature, the offender and offenders in either the cases before-mentioned, shall suffer the pains of Death, and the Beast shall be slain and burned.

Buggery.

And be it likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person shall presume wilfully to Blaspheme the Holy Name of God, Father, Son, or Holy Ghost, either by Denying, Cursing or Reproaching the true God, his Creation or Government of the World; or by Denying, Cursing, or Reproaching the Holy Word of God, that is, the Canonical Scriptures, contained in the Books of the Old, and New Testament, Namely, *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Samuel, Kings, Kings, Chronicles, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Solomons Song, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, Corinthians, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, Peter, Peter, John, John, John, Jude, Revelations*; Every one so offending shall be punished by Imprisonment, not exceeding Six Months, and until they find Sureties for their good Behaviour, by setting in the Pillory, by Whipping, boaring through the Tongue, with a red hot Iron, or setting upon the Gallows with a Rope about their Neck, at the Discretion of the Court of Assize and General Goal Delivery, before which the Tryal shall be, according to the circumstances, which may aggravate or alleviate the offence.

Blasphemy.

Provided, that no more than Two of the fore-mentioned Punishments, shall be inflicted for one and the same fact.

But two Punishments for one Fact.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person shall commit Burglary by breaking up any Dwelling-house,

Burglary.