

for want of the benefit of his, her, or their said Testimony; and the Costs attending such subpoena Ticket and Attendance (the same to be ascertained and taxed by any one of the said Justices,) shall be allowed over and above the several other Costs herein before mentioned.

VIII. *And be it further enacted*, That all Persons who shall or may be examined, on Oath, before the said Justices of the said Supreme Court, or any one of them, by Virtue of this Act, and who shall commit wilful Perjury, and be thereof duly convicted, shall be severally set in and upon the Pillory, for the space of *One Hour*, beside having his, her, or their Ears nailed thereto.

Persons examined on Oath, who shall commit wilful Perjury, to be set in Pillory for one Hour, and Ears to be nailed thereto.

#### C A P. XIV.

An Act to prevent the Multiplicity of Law-Suits.

**B**E it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That in all Actions sued on Book Accounts, the Defendants therein may file their respective Accounts against the Plaintiffs with the Clerk of His Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature, or the Clerk of any other Court of Record that now is, or which shall or may hereafter be established in this Island, wherein such Actions now are or hereafter shall or may be depending; *Provided* the same be filed, and an attested Copy thereof be served on the Plaintiff, or his Attorney, at least *Seven Days* before the first Day of the respective Terms of the said Courts. And the said Courts are hereby respectively empowered to proceed, on Issue joined, to enquire into the Merits of both Accounts, before one and the same Jury, and on the Verdict of the Jury, to award Costs as they shall find, whether for the Plaintiffs or Defendants. And where the Action shall be commenced on any Bond, Bill, Note or Agreement in Writing, the Defendant may, in like manner, file his Receipt or Discharge for Part or the whole, according as he hath made Payment: *Provided*, such Receipt or

In Actions sued upon Book Accounts, Defendant may file Account with the Clerk of the Court, seven Days before the sitting thereof.

Both Accounts to be proceeded on, and inquired into, by the same Jury.

Actions commenced on Bond, &c. Receipts may be filed and proceeded on as above directed.