

every Clause, Matter, and Thing therein contained, be, and the same is and are hereby repealed.

II. *Provided always, and be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to affect any Action or Suit now depending, but the same may be prosecuted without delay.

Proviso, not to affect any Action now depending.

III. *Provided also*, That nothing herein contained shall have any Force or Effect until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be known.

Suspending Clause until His Majesty's Pleasure be known.

Q This Act is reputed to have been approved of by His Majesty: but the regular official Notice of such the Royal Pleasure, is not at present to be found.

C A P. X.

An ACT for permitting Persons of the Profession of the People called QUAKERS to make an AFFIRMATION instead of taking an OATH.

BE it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That all Persons of the Religious Profession of the People called Quakers, who shall or may be required upon any lawful occasion to take an Oath, may, instead of an Oath in the usual Form, be permitted to make his, her, or their solemn Declaration or Affirmation in the following Words, to wit: *I A. B. do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm*: Which solemn Affirmation, being duly administered, shall be adjudged and taken to be of the same Force and Effect, in all Cases where by Law an Oath shall or may be required, as if such Quakers had taken an Oath in the usual Form.

Quakers may make solemn Affirmation instead of taking an Oath.

Form of Affirmation.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That all Persons who shall or may have made such solemn Affirmation, and who shall or may have been duly convicted of having wilfully, falsely, and corruptly affirmed any thing which, if the same had been sworn in the usual Form of an Oath, would have amounted to wilful and corrupt Perjury, are here-

Persons falsely affirming to suffer as if guilty of Perjury.