

Collectors of Revenue detaining in their Hands any Collection longer than one Quarter or Guilty of any Fraud. The Governor may order prosecution.

Any Officer Guilty found to be rendered incapable to hold any civil Office for ever.

Act continued for One Year.

vince, shall have rendered false or unfair Accounts, shall have detained the Government Money in his or their Hands longer than one Quarter of a Year, after the same was due, or appropriated any Part thereof to his or their Use, or shall be guilty of any Fraud or Collusion in such Office, in that Case it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, to direct an Order to the Attorney or Solicitor General for this Province, stating therein the Misconduct of such Officer or Officers, and directing the said Attorney or Solicitor General to file an Information in his Majesty's Supreme Court against such Officer or Officers for such Offence as shall be contained in such Order and to prosecute the same until Verdict and final Judgment had thereon, which Order the said Attorney or Solicitor-General are hereby bound to obey, and if on a fair and impartial Trial of said Information before the said Court, and a Special or Petty Jury at the Option of the Parties, such Officer or Officers shall be found guilty or if such Officer or Officers on due Notice being given him or them of such Information being filed, and he or they shall neglect to appear and defend the same, and shall suffer Judgment of said Court to be given against him for want of such Appearance in either Case, such Officer or Officers are for ever after hereby rendered incapable to serve his Majesty in any Civil Office of Trust or Confidence whatsoever within this Province.

XVIII. *And be it further Enacted*, That this Act and every Matter and Thing therein contained, shall continue and be in full Force for One Year, from said First Day of January next.

## C A P. II.

An Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province, for the Support of its Government.

Preamble.

*WHEREAS* the Revenue heretofore raised within this Province, has been found inconvenient and insufficient; *We do therefore grant unto His Most Excellent Majesty, his Heirs and Successors for the public Use of this Province, and the Support of the Government thereof, the Rates and Duties hereafter mentioned.*

Duties granted.

I. *Be it Enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly*, That from and after the first Day of January, which will be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, there shall be paid on the several Articles herein after enumerated, which shall or may