

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1759, and in the 33<sup>d</sup> year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several Prorogations until Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 1760, in the 34<sup>th</sup> Year of His Majesty's Reign.*

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**An Act in Amendment of an Act, intitled, “An Act relating to Treasons and Felonies.”**

Whereas by an Act intitled, “An Act relating to Treasons and Felonies,” it is amongst other matters enacted, “That if any person or persons indicted of any offence, for which they are excluded from the benefit of clergy, or of the said Act, shall challenge peremptorily above twenty of the jury, judgment shall be pronounced and execution awarded against such person or persons, as if such person or persons, had been convicted of such offence by verdict or conviction.” And whereas it will be more agreeable to the common course of justice, to allow the benefit of defence and trial, be it therefore enacted by his Excellency the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that in all cases where any prisoner shall challenge peremptorily above twenty of the jury, such challenge shall be overruled, and the jurors shall be sworn for the trial of such prisoner, as if no such challenge had been peremptorily made.