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verdict, and shall be deemed as a debt of record, and if the plaintiff refuse to pay the same, the defendant for the recovery thereof, shall have execution for the same together with the costs of the said action, any law, usage or custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

CAP. XIX.

An ACT for permitting persons of the profession of the people called **QUAKERS** to make an **AFFIRMATION** instead of an **OATH**.

I. Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly,

People called Quakers to make affirmation instead of oath.

THAT every person of the profession of the people called Quakers, who shall be required upon any lawful occasion to take an oath, shall, instead of an oath in the usual form, be permitted to make his or her solemn declaration or affirmation in these words, to wit:

Form of affirmation.

I A. B. do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm.

Which solemn affirmation shall and is hereby declared to be of the same force and effect in all cases where by law an oath shall be required, as if such Quaker had taken an oath in the usual form.

False affirmation punished as perjury.

II. And be it further enacted, That every person who shall have made such solemn affirmation, and shall be convicted of wilfully, falsely and corruptly having affirmed any thing which if the same had been sworn in the usual form would have amounted to wilful and corrupt perjury, shall incur the same penalties as persons convicted of wilful and corrupt perjury.

Not to affirm in criminal causes extending to life or limb.

III. Provided, That no Quaker or reputed Quaker, shall by virtue of this act, be admitted to give evidence in any criminal cause extending to life or limb, by such solemn declaration or affirmation as is hereby directed.

No persons deemed Quakers unless they affirm they are and have been so for one year.

IV. Provided also, That no persons shall be deemed Quakers within the intention of this act, unless they shall affirm in the form before directed, that they are of the profession of the people called Quakers, and have been so for one year then last past.