

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1786. Saint John, NB: J. Ryan, 1786.

26 George III – Chapter 19

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,
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:

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.

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.

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.

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.