

*Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1829.* Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1829.

9 & 10 George IV – Chapter 9

**An Act for amending the Laws of Evidence in certain cases. Passed 10th February, 1829.**

Whereas it is expedient that Quakers and Moravians should be allowed to give evidence upon their solemn affirmation in all cases, criminal as well as civil; and that in prosecutions for Forgery, the party interested should be rendered a competent witness:

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That every Quaker or Moravian, who shall be required to give evidence in any ease whatsoever, criminal or civil, shall, instead of taking an oath in the usual form, be permitted to make his or her solemn affirmation or declaration in the words following:—that is to say, “I A. B. do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm;” which said affirmation or declaration shall be of the same force and effect, in all Courts of justice and, other places where, by Law an oath is required, as if such Quaker or Moravian had taken an oath in the usual form; and if any person making such affirmation or declaration, shall be convicted of having wilfully, falsely, and corruptly affirmed or declared any matter or thing, which, if the same had been sworn in the usual form, would have amounted to wilful and corrupt perjury, every such offending shall be subject to the same pains, penalties and forfeitures to which persons convicted of wilful and corrupt perjury, are, or shall be subject.

II. And be it further enacted, That on any prosecution, by indictment or information, against any person for forging any deed, writing, instrument, or other matter whatsoever, or for uttering or disposing of any deed, writing, instrument or other matter whatsoever, knowing the same to be forged; no person shall be deemed to be an incompetent witness in support of any such prosecution by reason of any interest which such person may have, or be supposed to have, in respect of such deed, writing, instrument, or other matter.