

Capital Laws.

1. If any Man or Woman after legal conviction shall Have or Worship any other God but the Lord God, he shall be put to death. *Deu. 13. 6. 17. 21. Ex. 22. 2*

Idolatry.

2. If any person within this Colony shall Blaspheme the Name of God the Father, Son or Holy Ghost, with direct, exprest, presumptuous or high handed Blasphemy, or shall Curse in the like manner, he shall be put to death, *Levit. 24. 15, 16.*

Blasphemy.

3. If any Man or Woman be a Witch, that is, hath or consuleth with a Familiar Spirit, they shall be put to death, *Exo. 22. 18. Lev. 20. 27. Deu. 18. 10, 11.*

Witch-craft.

4. If any person shall commit any wilful Murder, committed upon Malice, Hatred or Cruelty, not in a mans just and necessary defence, nor by casualty against his will, he shall be put to death, *Exod. 21. 12, 13, 14. Numb. 35. 30, 31.*

Murder.

5. If any person shall slay another through guile, either by Poysoning, or other such Devilish practises, he shall be put to death, *Exod. 21. 14.*

Murder through guil.

6. If any Man or Woman shall lye with any Beast or Bruit Creature by carnal Copulation, they shall surely be put to death, and the Beast shall be slain and buried, *Lev. 20. 15, 16.*

Beastiality.

7. If any man lyeth with Man-kinde as he lyeth with a Woman, both of them have committed abomination, they both shall surely be put to death, except it appear that one of the parties were forced, or under fifteen years of age, *Levit. 20. 13.*

Sodomy.

8. If any Man shall lye with his Mother, or Fathers Wife, or Wives Mother, his Daughter or Daughter in Law, having Carnal Copulation with them, both of them have committed abomination, they both shall be put to death, except it appear that the Woman was forced, or under fourteen years of age, *Levit. 20. 11, 12, 14. & 18, 7, 8, &c.*

Incest.

9. If any Man shall forcibly and without consent Ravish any Maid or Woman, by committing Carnal Copulation with her against her consent, he shall be put to death, provided prosecution and complaint be made forthwith upon the Rape, *Deut. 22. 25.*

Rape.

10. If any Man stealeth a Man or Man-kinde, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall be put to death, *Exod. 21. 16.*

Man stealing.

11. If any person rise up by False Witness wittingly and of purpose to take away any mans life, he or she shall be put to death, *Deut. 19. 16, 18, 19.*

False-witness

12. If any person shall conspire or attempt any Invasion, Insurrection or publick Rebellion against this Colony, or shall Treacherously and Perfideously attempt the Alteration and Subversion of our Frame of Government Fundamentally Established by His Majesties Gracious Charter Granted to this Colony, by endeavouring the betraying of the same into the hands of any forreign power, he shall be put to death.

Conspiracy.

13. If any person of the age of sixteen years and upward, shall wilfully and of purpose fire any Dwelling-House, Barn or out-House, he shall be put to death, or suffer such other severe punishment as the Court of Assistants shall determine; if no prejudice or hazard to the life of any person come thereby, and also satisfie all damages to the wronged or agrieved party.

Wilful firing of dwelling house &c.

14. If any Childs or Children above sixteen years old, and of sufficient understanding, shall Curse or Smite their natural Father or Mother, he or they shall be put to death, unless it can be sufficiently testified, that the Parents have been very unchristianly negligent in the education of such Children, or so provoked them by extream and cruel correction, that they have been forced thereunto to preserve themselves from death or maiming, *Exod. 21. 17. Levit. 20. 9. Exod. 21. 15.*

Children curse or smite parents

15. If any man have a stubborn or rebellious Son, of sufficient understanding and years, viz. sixteen years of age, which will not obey the voice of his