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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE

CONSTITUTION OF THE U. STATES

AND OF SAID STATE,

IN TWO VOLUMES,

WITH AN APPENDIX.

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VOL. I.
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bearer thereof, which hath been, or which shall be issued as aforesaid, for any debt of this State, or by or for any bank or banking company, within this State, by law established; or of the crime of forging and making any false and counterfeit coin, as aforesaid, for every person that shall be so convicted, the sum of sixty dollars: and for any conviction of the crime of possessing, with an intent to utter, or of knowingly uttering any such false and counterfeit certificate, bill, note, money or coin, the sum of forty dollars, for every person that shall be so convicted. And when it shall happen that two or more are the informers and prosecutors, in any one offence, the reward, thereupon to be allowed, shall be divided between them equally, or in such other proportions, as the Justice or Justices certifying as aforesaid, shall determine and appoint.

Case of more than one prosecutor in one offence—reward to be divided.

[Approved February 19, 1821.]

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CHAPTER XII.

An Act against Perjury and Subornation of Perjury.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That if any person, being lawfully required to depose the truth, in any proceeding in a course of justice, shall commit any manner of wilful perjury, every person so offending, and being thereof convicted before the Supreme Judicial Court, shall be punished by solitary imprisonment, for a term not exceeding three months, and by confinement afterwards to hard labour, for a term not less than two years, and not exceeding fifteen years.

Punishment of Perjury.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That if any person shall commit subornation of perjury, by procuring another person to commit wilful and corrupt perjury as aforesaid, every person guilty of such subornation of perjury, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be liable to, and suffer the same punishment and disability, as in this act is provided for the punishment of wilful perjury.

Of subornation of perjury.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That if any person shall wilfully and corruptly endeavour to incite or to procure

Of a corrupt endeavour to

procure the commission of the crime of perjury.

another person to commit wilful and corrupt perjury, as aforesaid, and the person, so incited, do not commit such perjury, the person so corruptly endeavouring to incite, and procure the committing of perjury, shall be punished by solitary imprisonment, for a term not exceeding two months, and by confinement afterwards to hard labour, for a term not exceeding five years.

Persons convicted of such crimes not to be received as witnesses, until reversed, &c.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the oath of any person offending in any manner aforesaid, and thereof duly convicted as aforesaid, shall not be received, in any Court of record, until such time as the judgment given against such person shall be reversed.

[Approved February 27, 1821.]

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CHAPTER XIII.

An Act for the Suppression and Punishment of Cheats.

Cheating by false pretences.

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That all persons, who knowingly and designedly, by false pretence or pretences, shall obtain from any person or persons, money, goods, wares, merchandize or other things, with intent to cheat, or defraud any person or persons of the same, shall, on conviction thereof, before the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, be sentenced to pay a fine to the use of the State, not less than forty dollars, and not exceeding four hundred dollars; or be sentenced to be confined to hard labour, for a term not exceeding seven years, at the discretion of the Court before whom such conviction shall be had.

Punishable in Supreme Jud. Court.

Supreme Jud. Court to have exclusive jurisdiction of all gross frauds at common law.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the Supreme Judicial Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all gross frauds or cheats at common law; and any person who shall, before said Court, be convicted of any such fraud or cheat, shall be sentenced by the said Court to receive such punishment, as is provided in and by the first section of this Act.

[Approved February 14, 1821.]