

any false form of a lottery ticket purporting to be a lottery ticket made and issued as aforesaid, or shall pass or sell any such false, forged, counterfeited or altered lottery ticket, or any false form of a lottery ticket, purporting to be a lottery ticket made and issued by order and under the authority aforesaid, knowing the same to be false, forged, counterfeited or altered, or that shall advise or assist in the forging, altering, counterfeiting or making any such ticket as aforesaid; every person so offending, and being thereof convicted before the superior court of judicature, court of assize, etc., shall be punished by being set on the gallows for the space of one hour, with a rope round his neck, and shall pay a fine not exceeding one thousand pounds, at the discretion of the court before whom the conviction may be, to the use of this state; and suffer not more than twelve months' imprisonment, nor less than three; and be publickly whipped, not exceeding thirty-nine stripes; or shall suffer only part of the foregoing punishments, at the discretion of the court before whom the conviction shall be, according to the circumstances of the offence; and shall pay to the person or persons defrauded treble damages.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

Reward for information.

[SECT. 2.] That any person who shall make discovery and give information of any offences committed against this act, so that the offender shall be brought to punishment (provided the informer is no party to such offence), shall receive, as a reward therefor, upon every conviction, out of the treasury of the state, the sum of thirty pounds. [Passed June 16.]

## CHAPTER 6.

### AN ACT FOR PROLONGING THE TIME FOR ADMINIST[R]ING THE OATH, OR AFFIRMATION, OF FIDELITY AND ALLEGIANCE.

Preamble.  
1777-78, chaps. 18  
and 25.

WHEREAS, by law, it is required that the oath, or affirmation, of fidelity and allegiance be administered to all commissioned officers, both civil and military, and attornies-at-law, in this state, by the [20] [twenty]th day of June, in the present year, otherwise that such person be considered as disqualified to act in either of said offices or places; which time does not appear to this court sufficient for that purpose, —

*Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,*

Prolonging the time for administering the oath, or affirmation, of fidelity and allegiance.

[SECT. 1.] That the time for administ[r]ing said oath, or affirmation, of fidelity and allegiance, be prolonged to the [30] [thirty]th day of September, in the present year; and that no person be considered as disqualified from acting in any of the offices aforesaid, before the expiration of said time, altho[ugh] the oath or affirmation aforesaid be not to them administ[r]ed; any law of this state to the contrary notwithstanding.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

Militia officers required to take said oath by or before the 30th of September.

[SECT. 2.] That the commanding officer of each regiment of militia in this state, require and enjoin every militia officer under his command, to take said oath of fidelity and allegiance, by or before the [30] [thirty]th day of September aforesaid. [Passed June 18.]