

Albeit it was Alleged, that the producer of the witness by whom he had carried the cause, could never quarrel their oaths. In respect their posterior testimony could not derogate from the first, and a witness may not correct himself after his testimony is perfected and subscribed, for perjury, perjurication and Perjury to alter their testimony. But the purposer of the Reduction was allowed to raise a special Action of Reprobation, wherein he might prove the Corruption and prompting otherwise, 25 Feb. 1667. A Militour contra Lady Milbourne. Quarta of Reprobation upon Corruption and Prompting of witness, protected for before sentence; may after sentence in foro be proved only Scripsit vel Juramento of the party, by whom the witness was produced, or if it be probable pro voce 25. It may be pleaded for its being proved only, by oath of party or writ that there is Inquisitione parte by the Extracted sentence or Judicata which pro veritate habet and cannot be limited by the posterior testimony of witness. For, if sentenced in foro, which are the Great security of people, he Decided upon such personal Exceptions against the witness, there would be no period of pleas: Seeing if the testimony of the witness where upon the first sentence proceeded may be Reprobated by other witness, a sentence in the Reprobation, the Reprobatory witness might be Reprobated by others, & sic in Infinitum. 2. Periculum cannot by our law be questioned after sentence, tho the witness may be punished if Corruption or perjury be discovered in them; for if there be personal exceptions against witness, he cannot be proved by other witness. 3. Writ may not be taken away by witness, and sentenced in foro are Scripsit vel Juramento. 4. For CONTRA, it may be urged, that such Reprobation may be proved pro voce & sic by other witness. Quarta a door would otherwise be opened to corrupt witness and Reprobatione condoned Plethorals. For to prove the by oath of the party who corrupted the witness, is as good as to refuse Reprobatione: Seeing it cannot be imagined that one should as to corrupt witness, is not supposed to deny it upon oath. 2. The Inconvenience of perpetually prosecuted, if relevantly would not only take away all Reprobatione, but also all Reductione: For a Decree of Reduction may be quarrelled by a second Reductione.

And that by a third &c. Nor can it be thought that every purposer of a Reprobation will prevail, which such an infinite progress suggests; but only that witness in Reprobatione ought to be more rigorous than the witness quarrelled thereby. But on the other hand, it is dangerous Inconvenience by not allowing Reprobatione to be proved by witness is obvious, viz. Parties would venture more readily to corrupt witness, if they suppose Corruption, when fine not to be discovered by him who corrupted them. 3. Witness proved not above 100 pound in cases where writ used to be admitted, in pariam Negligentia, yet they prove in other cases of the highest concern, as Improbation of writs, proving of tenors, Extortion, Circumvention, Spuileries, Ejection and Subornation of what ever kind or quantity. Which I trust is now better minded thus: Reprobatione upon Corruption and prompting of witness examined in presence of the purposer of Reprobatione, are allowed only if protected for before sentence in the principal cause to be proved by witness above Exception, either before or after Decree proceeding upon the testimony of the witness quarrelled. But such Reprobatione of the testimony of witness examined in absence of the purposer of the Reprobatione, or Against hope Examination he was not admitted to object, or Reprobatione are allowed to be proved know ledge since the sentence, tho not protected for before or after sentence, 25 Feb. 1684. Newdown of that Act contra Pope & 30 July 1668. d. Milbourne contra Lady Milbourne puncta 31 January 1671 & 20 Feb. 1672. Inler Epitom. But the Lord thought it desirable that a statute were made for kindring Reprobatione to be pursued after Expiring of three Years after sentence, unless the Evidence of the Corruption or Inhability of the witness were then come to Knowledge. A Reprobatione before sentence for rejecting the testimony of a witness as being infamous and a Vagabond, was not admitted without citing the witness 9 Novemb. 1676. Peter contra John Pound, whose name was placitely concerned.