

CAP. VI.

An ACT in addition to the Act for punishing Criminal Offenders.

WHEREAS, the punishment by imprisonment of Clergyable Felonies, Larcenies, and other lesser Criminal Offences, is often nugatory, and a useless expence to the Counties: Preamble.

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the Court before whom any person or persons shall be convicted of any Clergyable Felony, Larceny, of Receiving Stolen Goods knowing them to be Stolen, or other lesser Criminal Offence, to sentence the Offender to be put and kept to Hard Labour, in the House of Correction at Halifax, or elsewhere, or upon the Highways, or other Public Works, in the Province, for any term or time not exceeding seven years, on such terms and conditions as shall appear to be best calculated to promote the reformation of the Offender, a good example to others, and a just retribution to the Public for the injury done to it by such Offender.

Persons liable to be committed to Bridewell, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Supreme Court, from time to time, to make, ordain and promulgate, rules and ordinances, general or special, for the discipline, management and government, of all and every person and persons sentenced to Hard Labour as aforesaid, and to prescribe such Corporal Punishment or Deprivation for the disobedient or refractory conduct of such Offenders as shall appear to the said Court to be fit and proper.

Regulations for Bridewell.

CAP. VII.

An ACT to explain the Acts, concerning Marriage and Divorce, passed in the thirty-second year of His late Majesty's Reign, and the first year of His present Majesty's Reign.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen relative to the construction of the Acts of the Province concerning Marriage and Divorce; for removing thereof: Preamble.

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the Court in which such Causes are tried, on the hearing of any suit of Marriage and Divorce for the cause of Adultery or Cruelty, to declare and decree, by definitive sentence or otherwise, the Marriage between the parties in such suit to be absolutely null and void, from and after the time when such Adultery or Cruelty shall be proved before the said Court to have been committed; or to separate the said parties from bed and board only, and to allow and order Alimony, and reasonable costs, to the Wife so separated, as shall appear to the said Court to be fit and proper, according the condition of the parties, and the rules and practice of the Ecclesiastical Courts in England, in such cases.

Divorce or Separation for Adultery or Cruelty.

Alimony to the Wife.

II. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to allow any person or persons who may be divorced from Bed and Board only, to marry again, without incurring the crime of Bigamy.

Proviso.