

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday the Sixth day of February, 1812, and continued by several Prorogations to Thursday the Eighth day of February, 1816, in the Fifty-sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the Sixth Session of the Tenth General Assembly, convened in the said Province. From Henry H. Cogswell, The Statutes at Large passed in the General Assembly held in His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia: from the Sixth Session of the Eighth General Assembly, to the Fifty-Sixth year of his Majesty's Reign. John Howe and Son, 1816.

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

Whereas, the punishment by imprisonment of clergyable felonies, larcenies, and other less criminal offences, is often nugatory, and a useless expence to the counties:

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, or 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.

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.