

Ordinances of the Lieutenant Governor and Council of His Majesty's Province of Cape Breton passed in the year 1785. National Archives of the United Kingdom CO 219/1.

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An Ordinance for more Effectually preventing and Punishing Felonies and Larcenies.

Be it Ordained and Ordered by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council And by the authority of the same It is hereby Ordained and Ordered that whenever any Male Person shall be convicted of Grand Larcenary [Larceny] for which Clergy is allowable or of Petit Larceny the Court before which such Conviction shall happen besides burning the Offender the in the hand of Grand Larceny and sentencing the Offender to whipping for Petit Larceny shall at the discretion of such respective Court sentence such offender of Offenders to be kept to hard Labor in the Coal Mines of the Island for any term of time not exceeding One Year during which term the Master Overseer or Director of such Mine shall have and exercise all the Power and authorities of a Keeper of an House of Correction in respect to such Offender or Offenders.