

*Ordinances of the Lieutenant Governor and Council of His Majesty's Province of Cape Breton passed in the year 1787.* National Archives of the United Kingdom CO 219/1.

27 George III – Chapter 5

**An Ordinance to prevent the Malicious Killing and Maiming and the clandestine carrying away Cattle, Sheep or Lambs in Cape Breton and Its Dependencies.**

Whereas Sundry Persons have lately and do frequently in a Clandestine manner Shoot at, Wound, Maim or Kill and Carry away Cattle, Sheep or lambs - the property of the Inhabitants from the Commons and Places where they run at large by which means it is not in the Power of the owners to detect them for remedy whereof.

Be it Ordained and Ordered by 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 if any Person or Persons shall Maliciously and Wilfully, Kill, Maim, Wound, or otherwise hurt or carry away any Horses Sheep or other Cattle every such Offender or Offenders shall loose and forfeit unto the Party agrieved treble the Damage which he or they shall sustain, to be recovered by Action of Trespass or upon the Case in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in Cape Breton or Its Dependencies.

Approved Ordained &  
Ordered accordingly in  
Council 16th day February 1787.  
in the 27th Year of His  
Majesty's Reign.  
J. F. W. DesBarres

Passed in Council  
this 16th Feby  
1787.

(Signed) Alexr Haire. }  
Geo. Rodgers. }  
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Geo. Moore. }