

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.

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An Ordinance for the Preservation of Moose and Carraboo [Caribou] in the Island of Cape Breton and Its Dependencies.

Whereas it is apprehended that the frequent killing of Moose and Carraboo [Caribou] for the Sole purpose of taking their skins and leaving the Carcasses to rot and perish upon the Earth is very injurious to the Settlement; And as there is much reason to fear the same evil practices will continue.

Be it Ordained and Ordered by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council, and by the authority of the same. That from and after the publication hereof every Person and Persons killing Moose and Carraboo on this Island and Its Dependencies shall bring with all convenient speed every Carcass of Moose and Carraboo so killed by him her or them to the public Market Place, except what may be necessary for the supply of themselves and families, or what may be otherwise sold for the use of the Inhabitants

And Be it further Ordained and Ordered, by the Authority aforesaid That from and after the publication hereof if any Person or Persons shall presume to kill Moose and Carraboo and leave the Carcasses to rot or perish upon the Earth upon due Conviction thereof upon the Oath of one Witness before one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace or upon view of any Justice of the Peace for every such offence and for every Carcass so left as aforesaid the Offender or Offenders shall forfeit and pay the sum of five Pounds; one moiety to be paid to the Person or Persons who shall inform or prosecute, and the other moiety to be paid into His Majesty's Treasury for the use of this Island, and in Case of non payment the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender or Offenders Goods and Chattels together with the charges of such Distress and Sale by Virtue of a Warrant from a Justice of the Peace who is hereby empowered to Grant the same.

And be it further Ordained and Ordered by the Authority aforesaid That if the Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels be not sufficient, or if no Goods and Chattels the property of the Offender can be found, the Person or Persons Convicted as aforesaid shall be Committed to His Majesty's Goal [Jail] for the space of three Months, unless the Penalty and Costs of Prosecution shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Passed in Council
this 21st day of November 1787.
R Gibbons

Approved Ordained and
Ordered accordingly in Council
this Twenty first day of

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November 1787 in the
Twenty eight year of His
Majesty's Reign.
W. Macarmick

A true Copy extracted from
the Records of His Majesty's Council
Archd. Chas. Dodd
D. C. of the Council