

An Ordinance to prevent
 Trespasses upon Crown Lands in Cape
 Breton.

Preamble.

Whereas sundry evil minded
 Persons have presumed not only to take
 Possession of ungranted Lands in the Island
 of Cape Breton and Its Dependancies, but
 also without leave from Government
 to encourage ignorant ~~Persons~~ ^{Persons} to settle
 on such Lands without obtaining any
 Grant thereof - which Practices are highly
 offensive to the honor and Dignity
 of the Crown.

Be it therefore 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

That any Persons convicted of either
offending themselves of any ungranted
Lands in this Government, or that shall
presume to place thereon any Substitutions
or occupy such Lands in any manner
whatsoever without leave in writing
first obtained for that purpose from the
Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Comm-
-ander in Chief for the Time being
may and shall be prosecuted for the
same by Bill, Plaint, or Informations
in any of His Majesty's Courts of
Record in this Government and upon
due conviction thereof by the Oath
of one credible Witness shall be
adjudged to forfeit and pay the

Sum

Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Approved Ordained and
ordered accordingly in
Council the 16th Day of
February 1787. in the
2th Year of His Majesty's
reign.

Passed in Council
the 16th Feb^{ry} 1787.

J. W. DEWBANK

(Signed) Alex. Hair.
Geo. Rogers
Nannalapsel
Geo. Moore.