

An Ordinance for the Preservation of  
Moose and Caraboo in the Island of Cape  
Breton and Its Dependencies.

Whereas it is apprehended  
that the frequent killing Moose and Caraboo  
for the sole purpose of taking their skins  
and leaving the Carcasses to rot and perish  
upon the Earth is very injurious to the  
Settlements; And as there is much reason  
to fear the same evil practices will continue,

Be it therefore 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 Caraboo on this Island  
and Its Dependencies shall bring with  
all convenient speed every Carcass of  
Moose and Caraboo 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 Caraboo  
and



and leave the Carcasses to rot or perish  
upon the Earth, upon due Conviction  
thereof upon the oath of some Witnesses  
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  
Moieties to be paid to the Person or Persons  
who shall inform or prosecute, and the  
other Moieties 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  
lawfully 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 for the Space of three Months, unless the Penalty and Costs of Prosecution shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

passed in Council  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1707.

R. Gibbons

Approved Ordained and  
Ordered accordingly in Council  
this Twenty first day of  
November 1707 in the  
Twenty eight year of His  
Majesty's Reign

M. Mearns

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the Records of His Majesty's Council

J. M. D. D.  
Clerk of the Council