

Ordinances of the Lieutenant Governor and Council of His Majesty's Province of Cape Breton passed in the year 1804. National Archives of the United Kingdom CO 219/2.

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An Ordinance to Adopt and make valid the Corrections and Amendments of the Several Ordinances heretofore made and passed in the Island of Cape Breton.

[Whereas] several Ordinances which have been passed from time to time in the Island of Cape Breton, have been found in a very imperfect and incorrect state, and in many instances torn, mutilated, and unintelligible. – In Consequences whereof His Honor Major General Despard President of His Majesty's Council for the said Island of Cape Breton and its Dependencies was pleased to direct that a Committee of His Majesty's Council should be Appointed to Examine into the state and Condition of the said Ordinances, and to Correct – such Errors and supply such defects as in their judgement should appear agreeable and Conformable to the true spirit and meaning thereof in order that these Ordinances so Corrected might be printed and dispersed throughout the different Settlements in the Government for the Guidance and Information of His Majesty's Subjects In habiting the same.

And Whereas a Committee of His Majesty's Council was Appointed in Council to carry into Effect His Honor's intentions and having inquired in to and Examined with much zeal and Attention the state and Condition of the said – Ordinances did Repeat, the Result of their proceeding in Council and produced fair Clear and Corrected Copies of all the Ordinances which they had been able to obtained.

And Whereas these Corrected Copies were read in Council and Examined Clause by Clause throughout the whole and compared with the Original or such parts thereof as were intelligible, they were unanimously approved of; and it was Resolved that the same be adapted and Acted upon as the standing local Ordinances of the Island, and that an Ordinance be made and passed for the Express purpose of adopting and confirming them as such in order that there may be a perfect knowledge of, and positive certainty of the Laws of the Island.

Be it therefore Ordained and Ordered by His Honor Major general Despard President of His Majesty's Council and Commanding His Majesty's Forces in the Island of Cape Breton 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 the Corrected Copies of Ordinances which have heretofore been Examined Approved and Passed by the Lieutenant Governor, President, or Commander in Chief in and for the said Island, and His Majesty's Council shall henceforth be taken, had, and Accepted as the perfect true, Lawful, and only Existing Ordinances in the Government and from henceforth be Acted upon and observed so much.

Be it further Ordained and Ordered by the Authority aforesaid that when the said Corrected Ordinances shall be printed a Copy thereof shall be Examined and Corrected to the present [illegible word] and approved Copies by His majesty's Council, and that such Corrected printed

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Copy shall be marked by the several Members thereof as having been so Examined Corrected and Approved, and shall be so printed in the office of the Secretary of the Island amongst the Records thereof to be therein kept and passed as an Authentick Document to be Resorted to on all Occasions to resolve doubts that may Arise upon the true Constructions thereof and as a perfect, Standard of the Existing Laws of the Island to this present time.

Approved Ordained Ordered and Passed in Council the 6th day of September 1804 and in the 44th Year of His Majesty's Reign.

John Despard Major General
Commr in Cape Breton