

In Ordinance to adopt and  
 to valid the Corrections and  
 Amendments of the Several Ordinances  
 before made and passed in the  
 of Cape Breton.

Several Ordinances which have been  
 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 and mutilated, and  
 unintelligible. In consequence 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 judgment  
 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  
Inhabiting 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 into and Examined with much Zeal  
and Attention the state and Condition of the said  
Ordinances, did report, the Result of their proceedings  
in Council and produced fair, Clear and Corrected  
Copies of all the Ordinances which they had been able to  
obtain. — And Whereas these Corrected Copies  
were read in Council and Examined Clause by Clause  
throughout the whole, and compared with the Originals  
or such parts thereof as were intelligible, they were  
unanimously approved of; and it was resolved that  
the same be adopted 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 adopted as the perfect true, Lawful, and only Existing Ordinances in the Government, and from henceforth be acted upon and observed as such. —

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 corrected and approved Copies by His Majesty's Council, and that such Corrected printed Copy shall be attested by the several Members thereof as having been so Examined, Corrected and Approved, and shall be deposited in the Office of the Secretary of the Island amongst the Records thereof to be therein kept and preserved as an Authentick Document to be resorted to on all Occasions, to resolve doubts that may arise upon the true Construction thereof and as a perfect Standard of the Existing Laws of the Island to the present time. —

Approved Ordained, Ordered and passed in Council the 3. day of September 1804. and in the 41<sup>st</sup> Year of His Majesty's Reign. —

John Despard Major General  
Comm<sup>d</sup> in Cape Breton