

An Ordinance, for the
Better observation and keeping of
the Lords day.

Be it Ordained and Ordered by His
Honor the President of His Majesty's Council and
Commander in Chief of the Island of Cape Breton by
and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council
and it is hereby Ordained and Ordered by Authority of the
same in order that all Persons may on the Lords Day apply
themselves to duties of Religion and Piety, both Publicly and
privately, No Tradesman, Warehouse Keeper, Shop Keeper or
other Person whatsoever shall for the future open his, her or
their Shop, or warehouse or either by himself or herself or by His
or her Servant, or Servants, Child or Children, sell expose or offer
to Sale, upon any Beach, Stall or Shed, or stand or carry out any
manner of Goods or Merchandize on the Lords day or any
part thereof, Provided nevertheless that this Ordinance shall
not extend to prevent any Person from selling or exposing to
sale Milk, fresh Fish, and Moose Meat, before the Hours of
nine in the Morning and after five of the Clock in the afternoon
on the said Day.

And be it further Ordained and Ordered by the
Authority aforesaid that no Person whatsoever for the future
shall do or exercise any Labour, work or business of his her
or their ordinary Calling, or other worldly labour or suffer the
same

same to be done by his her or their Servant or Servants Child
or Children, either by Land or Water (Works of necessity and
Charity only excepted) or use or suffer to be used any sport,
Game, Play, or Pastime on the Lords day, or any part thereof
upon pain that every Person or Persons so offending in any of the
particulars before mentioned upon conviction thereof, upon the Oath
of one Credible Witness, before any one of His Majesty's Justices
of the Peace of this Island or its Dependences or upon view of one
Justice of the Peace, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay
the sum of Ten Shillings.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid
that no Tavern Keeper, Retailer, of Spirituous Liquors
Vintner or other Person keeping a Public House of Entertainment
within this Government shall for the future, on any pretence
whatsoever entertain or suffer any of the Inhabitants or Town
Dwellers of Sydney, or any of the Towns respectively where such
Tavern Keepers, Retailers of Spirituous Liquors Vintners, or other
Persons keeping Public Houses of Entertainment respectively do
or others not being Strangers or Lodgers in such houses, or such
come there for necessary dieting and Victualling only, to abide or
remain in their Dwelling houses, Out Houses, or Yards, drinking
or idly spending their time on the Lords day, but shall keep the
Doors shut during the time of divine service, on penalty of forfeit
(and paying the sum of Ten Shillings for every Person or Persons
respectively so found drinking or abiding in such Public House
or the Dependences thereof as aforesaid and every such Person or
Persons who shall be found so drinking or abiding in such Public
house or its Dependences as aforesaid shall respectfully forfeit
and pay the sum of five shillings.

And be it further Ordained and Ordered by the Authority aforesaid that all Fines and Penalties incurred by this Ordinance, are to be to the use of the Poor of the Town where such offence is committed and the Justice and Justices before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of offending against this Ordinance are required to make a Record thereof in a Book, to be kept by him or them for that purpose, Provided always that no Person shall be prosecuted for any Offence before mentioned unless they be prosecuted for the same within Ten days after the Offence committed.

And be it further Ordained and Ordered by the Authority aforesaid that every Justice of the Peace shall have full power and Authority to levy the Penalties herein before respectively mentioned in case the same shall not upon conviction be paid by the offender or offenders, by distress and sale of the Offender or Offenders Goods and Chattels with Costs, and in default of Distress to commit such Offender or Offenders to the common Goal of the County Town, or District, there to remain in Close confinement for a time not exceeding forty eight hours, nor less than Twenty four hours.

And be it further Ordained and Ordered by the Authority aforesaid, that this Ordinance shall be publicly read, Twice in every Year (1825) At the opening of every Court of General Sessions of the ^{Peace} immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn, and also Twice every Year (1825) on every first Sunday in September, and on every first Sunday in March in all Public Places of Worship within this Government immediately after divine service.

Passed in Council
6th June 1808.

W. M. W. W.

Approved Ordinance and Ordered
in Council 6th June 1808.

W. M. W. W.
Esq. Comm.