

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1786. Saint John, NB: J. Ryan, 1786.

26 George III – Chapter 60

An Act for the Conviction and Punishment of Criminals who shall refuse to plead when arraigned and for the Trial of those who shall peremptorily challenge more than Twenty.

I. Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly,
That in all cases of felony or misdemeanor, if the perform indicted shall refuse to plead to the indictment, stand mute or not answer directly to the same, he shall be deemed guilty and judgment shall be pronounced and execution awarded as if such person had been convicted of such offence by verdict or confession.

II. And if any prisoner, indicted of a capital crime, shall peremptorily challenge more than twenty of the jury such challenge shall be over-ruled, and the jurors shall be sworn for the trial of such prisoner, as if no such challenge had been peremptorily made.