

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1837.

1 Victoria – Chapter 4

An Act to extend the Criminal Laws of England to this Colony under certain modifications. (18th November, 1837.)

Whereas the Penal Code and Criminal Laws of England have lately undergone very considerable revisions and improvements; and it is highly desirable to extend the same to this Colony, together with such further Amendments as the said Criminal Laws may from time to time receive by any Act or Acts of the Imperial Parliament to be hereafter passed.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, that from and after the passing of this Act the Criminal Laws and Statutes of the Imperial Parliament in force in England on the Twentieth day of June, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Seven, shall, so far as the same can be applied, extend to and be the Law of this Island, and its Dependencies, in all cases.

II. And be it further enacted, that all Statutes of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain in further Amendment or Alteration of the Criminal Law of England, passed, or which may be passed, subsequently to the Twentieth day of June aforementioned, shall in Twelve Months after the passing of the same, respectively, extend to and be the Law of this Colony, so far as the same can be applied.

III. And be it further enacted, that all pecuniary penalties imposed by any Law in England which, according to the provisions of this Act, shall be held to be in force in this Colony, shall be adjudged to be distributed in the following manner,—that is to say, one half to the Informer and the other half to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to be paid into the Public Treasury, to and for the use of this Island.