

An Act to prevent the execution, in public, of the Sentence of Death.

WHEREAS the execution, in public, of the Sentence of Death, in this Province, is productive of grave evils, and it is expedient to provide a remedy therefor,—Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

- 5 **1.** From and after the passing of this Act, the execution of the sentence of death shall not be done in public, in this Province. Execution not to be in public.
- 2.** Hereafter, when a Sheriff receives from the competent authority, an authentic copy of the sentence, condemning to death any prisoner in his custody in the gaol of his District, the said Sheriff shall, having duly Where execution shall be done.
10 observed the other formalities required by law, cause execution to be done upon the convict in the enclosure or yard attached to the said gaol, upon the day fixed by the said sentence, and in the ordinary manner, unless the said convict has been previously pardoned by the Governor, or unless the sentence has been commuted by the same
15 authority.
- 3.** Excepting the Officers of the gaol, only the persons hereinafter designated shall be admitted to the said execution—that is to say; Who may be present.
Members of the Executive or Legislative Council, or of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, Priests or Ministers of any religious denomination, Justices of the Peace of the District in which such execution
20 takes place, the Officers and Servants of the Court in the District, the relations of the convict, and the representatives of the Press, any law usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.
- 4.** It shall be the duty of the said Sheriff, to see that all the provisions of this Act are faithfully carried into effect. Duty of Sheriff.
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- 5.** This Act shall be a public Act. Public Act.