
BILL.

An Act to provide for the more effectual punishment of certain offences.

WHEREAS it is necessary to provide for the more effectual punishment of certain offences;—Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America,*" and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for any Court to pass upon any person who shall be lawfully convicted before any such Court of Felony with benefit of Clergy, or of any Grand Larceny or of any Petit Larceny, the sentence of imprisonment to hard labour either simply and alone or in addition to any other sentence which such Court may or shall be authorized by Law to pass upon any person lawfully convicted of any of the offences aforesaid as to such Court shall seem fit: and such person shall thereupon suffer such other sentence and be moreover imprisoned and kept to hard labour, or be simply imprisoned and kept to hard labour in such place and for such time as such Court shall think fit to direct, not exceeding the time for which such Courts may now imprison for such offences.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, whenever any person shall be convicted of any of the offences herein-after specified and set forth, that is to say: any assault with intent to commit murder or any other felony, or any attempt to commit felony, or any riot or any misdemeanor, for having received stolen goods, knowing them to have been stolen, or any assault upon a Peace Officer or upon an Officer of the Customs, or upon any other officer of the Revenue, in the due discharge and execution of his or their respective duty or duties, or of being an utterer of counterfeit money, knowing the same to be counterfeit, or of knowingly and designedly obtaining money,