

II. *And Be it further enacted*, that so much of an Act or Ordinance, passed by the Governor and Legislative Council, in the twenty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to continue the Ordinance regulating the practice of the Law and to provide more effectually for the dispensation of Justice and especially in the new Districts, as respects Simple Larceny and declares what shall be considered Petit Larceny and the manner of accusation, trial and punishment to be inflicted, as well for Petit Larceny as Breach of the Peace, and the duties of Gaolers, Constables and Peace-officers, respecting the punishments in the said Act mentioned, shall from and after the passing of this Act cease and determine, and such parts of the said Act or Ordinance are hereby repealed.

III. *And whereas it is requisite to annex such punishment, to the commission of crimes and offences, as that wicked and evil disposed persons may not hope to escape judgment; Be it therefore further enacted*, that simple Larceny, where the goods or chattels stolen shall not in value exceed twenty shillings sterling money of Great Britain, shall be considered and adjudged only Petit Larceny and that the Judgment of Law to be pronounced upon any felon, committing Simple Larceny, to the value aforesaid, shall be as in cases of Petit Larceny, any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. *And whereas the Benefit of Clergy was heretofore extended by the Laws of England, and more particularly by a Statute, passed in the twenty-fifth year of the Reign of King Edward the third, to the crime of Larceny of every denomination, but the said Benefit has by several Statutes since the period above mentioned, been taken away from various kinds of the said crime, for reasons that are not applicable to the condition of this Province, Be it therefore further enacted*, that all and every person who hereafter may be convicted of Simple Grand Larceny, and from which the Benefit of Clergy shall have been taken away by any Statute, passed since the twenty-fifth year of the Reign of King Edward the third, shall be restored to and receive the Benefit of Clergy for the first offence, except where it is otherwise provided and directed by this Act; any Statute or Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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