

A RETURN, showing how far CRIMES, for which CAPITAL PUNISHMENTS have been abolished in this Country, are still CAPITALLY PUNISHABLE in the COLONIES and DEPENDENCIES of GREAT BRITAIN.—(In continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 738, Sess. 1850.)

DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COLONIES.

— No. 1. —

(No. 238.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Elgin* to Earl *Grey*.

CANADA.

Government House, Toronto, 17 December 1850.

(Received, 7 January 1851.)

My Lord,

WITH reference to your Lordship's despatch No. 517, of the 4th September last, I have the honour to transmit herewith the copy of a communication from the Attorney-general of Canada West, to the Provincial Secretary, with a list of the crimes for which capital punishment has been abolished in the mother country, which are still capitally punishable in this colony. I have at the same time to express my regret, that owing to some irregularity, this information was not supplied at an earlier period.

No. 1.
Earl of Elgin to
Earl Grey,
17 December 1850.
12 December 1850.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Elgin & Kincardine*.

Enclosure 1, in No. 1.

Office of the Attorney-General for Upper Canada,
Government House, Toronto, 12 December 1850.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to enclose, for the information of his Excellency the Governor-general, a list of the crimes for which capital punishment has been abolished in the mother country, which are still capitally punishable in this colony.

Encl. 1, in No. 2.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Robert Baldwin*.

The Honourable James Leslie,
Provincial Secretary.

Enclosure 2, in No. 1.

LIST of the CRIMES for which CAPITAL PUNISHMENT has been abolished in the Mother Country, which are still Capitally Punishable in *Canada*.

Encl. 2, in No. 1.

1. Piracy, at common law, by 28 Henry 8, c. 15, ss. 2, 3.
2. Rape.
3. Carnal knowledge of a girl under 10 years of age.
4. Embezzlement by officers, &c. of the Post-office, under 5 Geo. 3, c. 25, s. 17, and 7 Geo. 3, c. 50, s. 1. These Acts having been reserved as to offences committed in the North American colonies, in the Repealing Act of 1 Vict., c. 32.