

## C A P. VII.

## A N O R D I N A N C E

Explained and amended by Ordinance 31st Geo. III. Cap. 1st.

To prevent the selling of strong liquors to the Indians in the province of Quebec, as also to deter persons from buying their arms or cloathing, and for other purposes relative to the trade and intercourse with the said Indians.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS many mischiefs may be occasioned by the practice of selling rum and other strong liquors to the Indians, and of buying their cloaths and arms; and also by trading with the said Indians, or settling amongst them, without a licence, it is ordained and enacted by his excellency the captain general and governor in chief of this province, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of the same, that from and after the publication of this ordinance, no person or persons whatsoever shall sell, distribute, or otherwise dispose of, to any Indian or Indians within this province, or to any other person or persons for their use, any rum or other strong liquors, of what kind or quality soever, or shall knowingly or willingly suffer the same, in any manner, to come to the hands of any Indian or Indians, without a special licence in writing, for that purpose first had and obtained from the Governor, Lieutenant governor or commander in chief of this province for the time being, or from his Majesty's agents or superintendants for indian affairs, or from his Majesty's commandants of the different forts in this province, or from such other person or persons as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or commander in chief of the province for the time being, shall authorise for that purpose.

No strong liquors to be sold or distributed to Indians,

Under a penalty of 5l. & 1 month's imprisonment for the first offence & 10l. & 2 month's imprisonment for the second.

Besides forfeiture of the licence if a publican,

Every person offending herein shall, for the first offence, forfeit the sum of Five pounds, and suffer an imprisonment for any time not exceeding one month, and for the second, and every subsequent offence, shall forfeit Ten pounds, and suffer an imprisonment for any time not exceeding two months.

If the person so offending; be a publican, inkeeper, or retailer of strong liquors, he shall, over and above the said penalty and imprisonment, be rendered incapable, from the day of his conviction, of selling or retailing liquors to any person whatsoever, notwithstanding any licence that he may have for that purpose, which licence is hereby declared to be null and void from the day of his conviction.

No person to purchase the cloaths or arms of Indians under a penalty of £. 5 and 1 month's imprisonment, &c.

II. From and after the publication of this ordinance, no person or persons whatsoever shall purchase, or receive in pledge, or in exchange, any cloaths, blankets, fire-arms or ammunition belonging to any Indian or Indians within this province, under a penalty of Five pounds and imprisonment for any time not exceeding one month, for the first offence and of Ten pounds and imprisonment for any time not exceeding two months for the second; and every other subsequent offence.

No person to settle in any Indian country or village without a licence. Under a penalty of 10l. for the 1st offence & 20l. for the 2d.

III. From and after the publication of this ordinance, it shall not be lawful for any person to settle in any indian village or in any indian country within this province, without a licence in writing from the Governor, Lieutenant governor, or Commander in chief of the province for the time being, under a penalty of Ten pounds for the first offence, and Twenty pounds for the second, and every other subsequent offence.