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*An Act to alter and amend the Criminal Law in certain Cases, and to provide more effectual Remedies against the Commission of Crimes and Offences.*

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HEREAS many Penal Statutes and Laws, now in force in this Province, are not applicable to the state and condition of this Colony, and it is requisite to provide other and more adequate remedies to prevent the Commission of Crimes and 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 authority of the same: "

I. That an Act passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His Majesty, King *GEORGE* the first, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual punishing evil disposed persons, going armed in disguise " and doing injuries and violation to persons and properties of His Majesty's subjects, and for the more speedy bringing the offenders to Justice." nor any part of the said Act or Statute shall from and after the passing of this Act be held, taken or considered as making part of the Laws of this Province, or have force or effect within the same, otherwise than herein after provided: *Provided always*; that, nothing herein contained shall extend to repeal that part of the above recited Act, which takes away the Benefit of Clergy from any person who shall be lawfully convicted of setting fire to any House, Barn or Out-house.