

ORDINANCES

OF THE

LATE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

IT appears, on a revision of the Ordinances of the late Province of Quebec, that none of them remain in force in this Province, unless it be the 2d and 4th clauses in an Ordinance passed in the 17th year of George 3. ch 7, entitled "An Ordinance 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 Clothing, and for other purposes relative to the trade and intercourse with the said Indians" which prohibits the purchase of Indian Presents, and whereby it is enacted "That 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."

"That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever, to sue for the penalties and forfeitures aforesaid, by information before one or more of the Commissioners of the Peace of the District in which any offence against any of the above articles of this Ordinance shall have been committed, who is and are hereby authorised and required to hear and determine such information in a summary manner, and upon the oath of one credible witness, (being some other than the informer himself,) and to inflict the said imprisonment, and to levy the said penalties or forfeitures, together with the costs of suing for the same, by a warrant to seize and sell the goods or lands of the offenders. *Provided always,* That such informations shall be brought within six calendar months from the time the offence shall have been committed, and not after."

And that part of the Ordinance passed in the 29th year of George the 3d, c 3, entitled "An Act to continue an Ordinance regulating the Practice of the Law, and to provide more effectually for the dispensation of Justice, and especially in the new Districts" which enacts "That simple larceny, when the goods stolen shall not in value exceed twenty shillings sterling money of Great Britain, shall be deemed and adjudged only petty larceny."