
BILL (*from the Legislative Council*) intituled; 'an Act for
'consolidating and amending the Laws in Lower-Ca-
'nada, relative to Larceny and other offences connected
'therewith.'

WHEREAS various Statutes now in force in this Province; relative to Larceny and other offences of Stealing, and to Burglary, Robbery and threats for the purpose of Robbery or of Extortion, and to Embezzlement, false pretences, and the receipt of stolen property, are, by an Act of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, repealed from and after the last day of June in the present year, except as to offences committed before or upon that day; and it is expedient that the provisions contained in those various Statutes should be amended and consolidated into this Act, to take effect at the same time; as the said repealing Act: 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 of 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 the authority of the same, that this Act shall commence on the first day of July in the present year.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the distinction between Grand Larceny and Petty Larceny shall be abolished, and every Larceny, whatever be the value of the property stolen, shall be deemed to be of the same nature, and shall be subject to the same incidents in all respects as Grand Larceny was before the commencement of this Act, and every Court whose power as to the trial of Larceny was before the commencement of this Act limited to Petty Larceny, shall have power to try every case of Larceny, the punishment of which cannot exceed the punishment herein-after mentioned for simple Larceny, and also to try all accessories to such larceny.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person convicted of simple larceny, or of any felony, hereby made punishable like simple larceny, shall except in the cases herein-after otherwise provided for, be liable, at the discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the seas, for the term of seven years, or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years, and if a male, to be once, twice or thrice publicly or privately whipped, if the Court shall so think fit, in addition to such imprisonment.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that judgment or sentence shall in no case be given that any female convicted of any offence shall be whipped either publicly or privately, but in cases where whipping of female offenders has formed either part or the whole of the sentence, it shall be lawful for the Court to pass sentence of confinement, to hard labour in the Common Gaol or House of Correction or Penitentiary, for any time not exceeding six months, nor less than one month, or of solitary confinement therein for any space not exceeding the space of seven days at any one time, in lieu of the sentence of being publicly or privately whipped.