

goods, wares or merchandizes, bills, bonds or other securities for money by false pretences, with intent to cheat any person of the same, or of keeping a common gaming house, a common bawdy house, or a common ill governed and disorderly house, or of wilful and corrupt perjury, or of subornation of perjury, or of making and publishing or of publishing solely any blasphemous or seditious libel, in each and every of the above cases, and whenever any person shall be convicted of any or either of the aforesaid offences, it shall and may be lawful for the Court before which any such offender shall be convicted, or which by Law is authorized to pass sentence upon any such offender, to award and order (if such Court shall see fit) sentence of imprisonment with hard labour, for any term not exceeding the term for which such Court may now imprison for such offences, either in addition to or in lieu of any other punishment which may be inflicted on any such offenders, by any law in force before the passing of this Act, and every such offender shall thereupon suffer such sentence in such place and for such time as aforesaid as such Court shall think fit to direct.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that labour by working at any stepping-mill erected in any house of correction, or the precincts thereof, or in any Common Gaol or the precincts thereof, within this Province, shall be deemed, and taken to be hard labour, within the intent and meaning of this Act, and of all and every other Act or Acts whereby the punishment of hard labour is authorised.