

All offences of Treason by the Stat. 25 Edw: Cap: 2^d done L. H. J. within this province shall be punished as Treason useth to be in England.

All offences of wilfull murther by the Law of England shall be punished as Wilfull murther useth to be in England

The same Sessions in An Act made Intituled An Act for the punishment of certain Less Capital Offences is Contained p. 96 as followeth

These following shall be adjudged Capital offences within This Province that is to say all offences of Homicide Piracy Robery Burglary Sacriedge Sodomy Sorcery Rape and Larceny to be Determined by the Judge as near as may be to the Laws of England

In An Act made the 20th day of October Anno 1678 Entituled an Act for the better Administration of Justice In the County Courts of this province is Contain'd as followeth.

For the Administration of Justice and Regulation of County Courts Be it Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ty} By and with the advice and Consent of the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that the Statute Books of England to these Times named Keebles Abridgem^t of the Statutes and Daltons Justice of the peace be bought by the Justices of the Peace or Commissioners of the Severall County Courts att the Charge of the Respective Countys to be kept in their Severall County Courts that the Justices and officers of the said Courts and Others may have Recourse to the same as they shall have occasion and that the said Justices of the said Court do purchase and procure the same by the first Day of Jan^{ry} in the year of our Lord 1679

The same Provision was made by an Act made in the year 1692 and the Country hath never been without a Law to the same purpose

An Act for the more Speedy bringing to Tryall and Suppressing Criminalls and Limiting their punishm^{ts} for Certain offences when Prosecuted in the County Co^{ts}

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Whereas the Severity of the Laws of England ag^t all Thieveing Stealing and purloyning are very suitable to that and all other populous Kingdoms But not agreeable to the Nature and Constitution of this Province so Meanly and Thinly Inhabited and Whereas according to the Laws of England all or most Crimes above petty Larceny are punishable by Loss of Member burning in the hand or forehead cropping of Ears or pains of Death besides Confiscation of