

CHAPTER 12.

TREASON.

*Ordinance
No. 20.*

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO TREASON AND MISPRISION OF
TREASON.

[22nd July, 1844.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Treason Ordinance.

Treason.

2. If any person shall compass, imagine, invent, devise, or intend any act or acts, matter or thing, the compassing, imagining, inventing, devising, or intending whereof is treason by the law of England, and such compassings, imaginations, inventions, devices, and intentions, or any of them, shall express, utter, or declare by publishing any printing or writing, or by any overt act or deed, or shall do or commit any act or acts which if done or committed in England would amount to or be deemed to be treason according to the law of England, every such person so offending and being convicted thereof shall be deemed, declared, and adjudged to be a traitor, and shall suffer death by hanging.

Misprision of
treason.

3. Every person who shall know of any treason, and shall not forthwith reveal the same to some Judge or Justice, shall be guilty of misprision of treason, and being convicted thereof shall suffer such punishment by way of imprisonment and fine as the Court shall award.

Procedure.

4. When any person shall be indicted for treason or misprision of treason, a copy of the indictment and a list of the witnesses that shall be produced on the trial for proving the said indictment, mentioning their names, professions, and places of abode, shall be delivered to the person so indicted ten days before the trial.

5. No person shall be indicted or tried for, or convicted of, treason or misprision of treason, but upon the oath of two lawful witnesses, either both of them to the same overt act, or one of them to one overt act and the other of them to another overt act of the same treason, unless such person shall willingly and without violence, in open Court, confess the same. Evidence.