

No. 16.—1842.

AN ORDINANCE to assimilate the Law of this Colony relative to Treason and Misprision of Treason to the Law of England in the like cases.

(L.S.) C. CHICHESTER,

Acting Governor, Lieut.-Colonel 81st Regiment.

WHEREAS it is expedient to assimilate the law of this Colony relative to Treason and Misprision of Treason to the law of England, and to make provision for the punishment of all treasons and misprisions of treason: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the said Island and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government thereof, That 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.

The compassing, imagining, inventing, &c., any act, matter, &c., the compassing imagining, inventing, &c., whereof would be treason by the Law of England, to be treason in this Colony.

Offender to suffer death.

2. And be it enacted, That every person who shall know of any treason, and shall not forthwith reveal the same to some Judge or Justice of the Peace, 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.

Misprision of treason.

3. And be it enacted, That 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, in the presence of two or more credible

A copy of indictment and list of witnesses to be served on every person indicted of treason or misprision of treason.

witnesses : but such person shall in all other respects be indicted, arraigned, tried, and attainted, in the same manner and according to the same course and order of trial as if such person stood charged with any other felony.

No person to be attainted of treason or misprision of treason but on the oath of two witnesses.

4. And be it enacted, That no person shall be indicted, or tried for, or attainted 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.

Commencement of Ordinance.

5. And be it enacted, That this Ordinance shall take effect from and immediately after the promulgation thereof.

Passed in Council this thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two.

THOMAS F. JOHNSTON,
Clerk of Council.

No. 17.—1842.

AN ORDINANCE to prohibit the setting of Spring Guns, Man-Traps, and other Engines calculated to destroy human life, or inflict grievous bodily harm.

(L. S.) C. CHICHESTER,

Acting Governor, Lieut.-Colonel 81st Regiment.

WHEREAS it is expedient to prohibit the setting of spring-guns, and man-traps, and other engines calculated to destroy human life, or inflict grievous bodily harm: Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the said Island and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government thereof, That from and after the passing of this Ordinance, if any person shall set or place, or cause to be set or placed, any spring-gun, man-trap or

Persons setting or placing spring-guns, &c., guilty of