

No. 10.—1856.

22nd September.

AN ORDINANCE regarding Offenders sentenced on summary conviction to short terms of Imprisonment.

CHARLES ELLIOT.

WHEREAS it is expedient to avoid the expense of removing to the Royal Gaol persons sentenced on summary conviction to short terms of imprisonment: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government, That where any person shall be convicted of any offence before any Stipendiary Justice, or two or more Justices of the Peace, and shall be sentenced to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding thirty days, such offender shall be imprisoned at the Station nearest to the Police Office, at which he shall have been so convicted, which shall have been duly licensed as a prison by the Governor, and if sentenced to hard labour may be worked on the public roads, or in such other works as the Governor may from time to time direct.

2. That if any such offender, during such imprisonment shall escape, or attempt to escape from the Police Station, where he shall be imprisoned, or from the custody of any Police Constable or other officer in whose charge such offender may be when going from or returning to such Police Station, or when employed on any public road or at any other work, such offender shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction thereof before the Supreme Criminal Court, be imprisoned in the Royal Gaol with hard labour, for such term not exceeding two years, as the Court shall award.

Passed in Council this twenty-second day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

RICHARD D. CADIZ,

Clerk of Council.