

AG E1 and AG E2 September 20, 1833

Attorney General's Office
20th September 1833

To John Beikie Esquire
Clerk to the Honorable the Executive Council

Sir,

To the question which the Executive Council have done one the honor to submit to one in relation to the Requisition from the governor of Michigan dated 12th of August 1833 “whether if a similar outrage had been committed in this Province, the offender or offenders would be taken to undergo any of the punishments stated in the Act (2 W. 4 C.1) posed last session? My opinion is that a forcible rescue from the custody of the sheriff in this Province attended with the aggravated circumstances detailed in the affidavits of John M. Wilson and Alexander McArthur though by the law of England and it would subject the offender and those actively aiding and abetting him to serve corporal punishment, by the law of the Province as it now stand could not be visited by a graver punishment than fine and imprisonment, which is not one of those enumerated in the Act.

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