

## Colonial Crimes and Punishments

Crime	Punishment
assault in sudden anger, blasphemy, counterfeiting, idolatry, murder, rebellion, robbery of a church, witchcraft	death by hanging
denying God, killing chickens, spying, stealing grapes, striking one's mother or father	death (usually by hanging)
forgery, manslaughter, theft	branding with an "F" for forgery, an "M" for manslaughter, or a "T" for theft
hog theft	first offense: 25 lashes and a fine of 400 pounds of tobacco (39 lashes for a Native American or mulatto) second offense: time in the pillory, ear nailing third offense: death (usually by hanging)
perjury	ear nailing, whipping
baking bad bread, brawling, slander	ducking stool
arson, cheating, conjuring, drunkenness, fortune-telling, gaming, impudence, libel, lying, slander, threatening, wife-beating	time in the pillory