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C A P. XXXIX.

An Act to repeal so much of an Act, passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the Linen and Hemp Manufactures*, as takes away the Benefit of Clergy from Felons convicted of stealing Cloth from Bleaching Grounds; and for more effectually preventing such Felonies. [31st *May* 1811.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the Linen and Hemp Manufactures*, it is amongst other Things enacted, That no Felon convicted, according to the Course of the Law and Statutes of that Kingdom, of stealing of Linen, Hempen or Cotton Yarn, or Linen or Hempen Cloth, or Cloth made of Linen and Cotton Yarn, or any Materials or Utensils used in bleaching the same, above the Value of Five Shillings, from or out of any Bleachyard, Backhouse or Workhouse thereunto belonging, whether the Fact be committed by Day or Night, shall be allowed the Benefit of Clergy: And whereas the said Act has not been found effectual for the Prevention of the Crimes therein mentioned, and it is therefore expedient that so much of the said Act as is herein-before recited should be repealed: And whereas it might tend more effectually to prevent the aforesaid Crimes, if the same were punishable more severely than simple Larceny; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, Irish Act, 3 G. 3.

by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That ſo much of the ſaid recited Act as is herein-before recited ſhall from and after the paſſing of this Act be and the ſame is hereby repealed.

Recited Act repealed.

Perſons convicted of Stealing Linen from Bleachyards, liable to Tranſportation, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, every Perſon who ſhall be convicted in *Ireland*, according to the Courſe of the Law and Statutes of that Part of the United Kingdom, of feloniouſly ſtealing Linen, Hempen or Cotton Yarn, or Linen or Hempen Cloth, or Cloth made of Linen and Cotton Yarn, or any Materials or Utenſils uſed in bleaching the ſame, above the Value of Five Shillings, from or out of any Bleachyard, Backhouſe or Workhouſe thereunto belonging, whether the Fact be committed by Day or Night, ſhall be liable to be tranſported beyond the Seas for Life, or for ſuch Term, not leſs than Seven Years, as the Judge before whom any ſuch Perſon ſhall be convicted ſhall adjudge; or ſhall be liable, in caſe the ſaid Judge ſhall think fit, to be impriſoned only, or to be impriſoned and kept to hard Labour in the Common Gaol, Houſe of Correction or Penitentiary Houſe, for any Term not exceeding Seven Years.

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