

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO PRIMO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XLI.

An Act to repeal ſo much of an Act, paſſed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the more effectually preventing the ſtealing of Linen, Fuſtian, and Cotton Goods and Wares, in Buildings, Fields, Grounds, and other Places uſed for printing, whitening, bleaching, or drying the ſame,* as takes away the Benefit of Clergy from Perſons ſtealing Cloth in Places therein mentioned; and for more effectually preventing ſuch Felonies. [31ſt *May* 1811.]

WHEREAS by an Act, paſſed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the more effectually preventing the ſtealing of Linen, Fuſtian, and Cotton Goods and Wares, in Buildings, Fields, Grounds, and other Places uſed for printing, whitening, bleaching, or dying the ſame,* it is amongſt other Things enacted, That every Perſon who at any Time after the Firſt Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and forty-five ſhall, by Day or Night, feloniouſly ſteal any Linen, Fuſtian, Calico, Cotton Cloth, or Cloth worked, woven, or made of any Cotton or Linen Yarn mixed, or any Thread, Linen or Cotton Yarn, Linen or Cotton Tape, Incle, Filletting, Laces, or any other Linen, Fuſtian, or Cotton Goods or Wares whatſoever, laid, placed, or expoſed to be printed, 18 G.2. c.27.

printed, whitened, bowked, bleached, or dried, in any whitening or bleaching Croft, Lands, Fields, or Grounds, Bowking Houſe, Drying Houſe, Printing Houſe, or other Building, Ground, or Place made uſe of by any Calico Printer, Whitſter, Crofter, Bowker, or Bleacher, for printing, whitening, bowking, bleaching, or drying of the ſame, to the Value of Ten Shillings, or who ſhall aid or aſſiſt, or ſhall wilfully or maliciouſly hire or procure any Perſon or Perſons to commit any ſuch Offence, or who ſhall buy or receive any ſuch Goods or Wares ſo ſtolen, knowing the ſame to be ſtolen as aforeſaid, being lawfully convicted thereof, ſhall be guilty of Felony; and that every ſuch Offender ſhall ſuffer Death as in Caſes of Felony, without 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therein mentioned, and it is therefore expedient that ſo much of the ſaid Act as is herein-before recited ſhould be repealed: And whereas it might tend more effectually to prevent the aforeſaid Crimes if the ſame were puniſhable more ſeverely than ſimple Larceny; be it therefore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, 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 Act as is herein-before recited ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be and the ſame is hereby repealed.

Recited Act in Part repealed.

Puniſhing Perſons ſtealing Linen, &c. from Bleaching Places, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act every Perſon who ſhall felonioufly ſteal any Linen, Fuſtian, Calico, Cotton Cloth, or Cloth worked, woven, or made of any Cotton or Linen Yarn mixed, or any Thread, Linen or Cotton Yarn, Linen or Cotton Tape, Incle, Filſetting, Laces, or any other Linen, Fuſtian, or Cotton Goods or Wares whatſoever, laid, placed, or expoſed to be printed, whitened, bowked, bleached, or dried in any whitening or bleaching Croft, Lands, Fields, or Grounds, Bowking Houſe, Drying Houſe, Printing Houſe, or other Building, Ground, or Place made uſe of by any Calico Printer, Whitſter, Crofter, Bowker, or Bleacher, for printing, whitening, bowking, bleaching, or drying of the ſame, to the Value of Ten Shillings, or who ſhall aid or aſſiſt, or wilfully or maliciouſly hire or procure any other Perſon or Perſons to commit any ſuch Offence, or who ſhall buy or receive any ſuch Goods or Wares ſo ſtolen, knowing the ſame to be ſtolen as aforeſaid, being lawfully convicted thereof, 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 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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