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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXIV.

An Act for extending the Provisions of an Act of the Thirtieth Year of King *George* the Second, against Persons obtaining Money by false Pretences, to Persons so obtaining Bonds and other Securities.

[9th *June* 1812.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Thirtieth Year of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons who shall attain or attempt to attain Possession of Goods or Money by false or untrue Pretences, for preventing the unlawful pawning of Goods, for the easy Redemption of Goods pawned, and for preventing of Gaming in Public Houses by Journeymen, Labourers, Servants and Apprentices*, it was enacted, That all Persons who knowingly and designedly, by false Pretence or Pretences, should obtain from any Person or Persons, Money, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, with Intent to cheat or defraud any Person or Persons of the same; or should knowingly send or deliver any Letter or Writing with or without a Name or Names subscribed thereto, or signed with a fictitious Name or Names, Letter or Letters threatening to accuse any Person of any Crime punishable by Law with Death, Transportation, Pillory, or any other infamous Punishment, with a View or Intent to extort or gain Money, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, from the Person or Persons so threatened to be accused; should be deemed Offenders against Law and the public Peace; and the Court before whom such Offender or Offenders should be tried, should, in case he, she, or they should be convicted of any of the said Offences, order such Offender or 30 G. 2. c. 24.

or Offenders to be fined and impriſoned, or to be put in the Pillory, or publicly whipped, or to be tranſported as ſoon as conveniently might be according to the Laws made for Tranſportation of Felons, to ſome of His Majeſty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*, for the Term of Seven Years, as the Court in which any ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhould be convicted ſhould think fit and order: And whereas it is expedient that the Proviſions of the ſaid Act ſhould be further extended, in the Manner herein-after mentioned; 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 from and after the paſſing of this Act, all Perſons who knowingly and deſignedly, by falſe Pretence or Pretences, ſhall obtain from any Perſon or Perſons, or from any Body Politic or Corporate, any Money, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, or any Bond, Bill of Exchange, Bank Note, Promiſſory Note, or other Security for the Payment of Money, or any Warrant or Order for the Payment of Money, or Delivery or Transfer of Goods or other valuable Thing, with Intent to cheat or defraud any Perſon or Perſons, or any Body Politic, or Corporate, of the ſame; or ſhall knowingly ſend or deliver any Letter or Writing with or without a Name or Names ſubſcribed thereto, or ſigned with a fictitious Name or Names, Letter or Letters threatening to accuſe any Perſon of any Crime puniſhable by Law with Death, Tranſportation, Pillory, or any other infamous Puniſhment, with a View or Intent to extort or gain any Bond, Bill of Exchange, Bank Note, Promiſſory Note or other Security for the Payment of Money, or any Warrant or Order for the Payment of Money, or Delivery or Transfer of Goods or other valuable Thing, ſhall be deemed Offenders againſt Law and the Public Peace, and ſhall be liable to be proſecuted and puniſhed in like Manner as if they had knowingly and deſignedly, by falſe Pretence or Pretences, obtained Money, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, from any Perſon or Perſons, with Intent to cheat or defraud any Perſon or Perſons of the ſame, or had ſent or delivered ſuch Letter or Writing with a View or Intent to extort Money, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, from the Perſon or Perſons ſo threatened

Puniſhing Perſons obtaining by falſe Pretences Money, Goods, or Securities for Money or Goods;

and Perſons ſending threatening Letters to accuſe Perſons of having committed Crimes with an Intent to extort or gain Money or Goods.

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