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An Act to repeal an Act, paſſed in the Fifty-fourth Year of His preſent Majeſty, for the Puniſhment of Perſons deſtroying Stocking or Lace Frames, and Articles in ſuch Frames; and to make, until the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and twenty, other Proviſions in lieu thereof. [11th *July* 1817.]

WHEREAS an Act was paſſed in the Fifty-ſecond Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the more exem-* 52 G.3. c.16.
plary Puniſhment of Perſons deſtroying or injuring any Stocking or Lace Frames, or other Machines or Engines uſed in the Framework Knitted Manufactory, or any Articles and Goods in ſuch Frames or Machines; to continue in force until the Firſt Day of March *One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen*: And whereas an Act paſſed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act of the* 54 G.3. c.42.
Fifty-ſecond Year of His preſent Majeſty, for the Puniſhment of Perſons deſtroying Stocking or Lace Frames, or any Articles in ſuch Frames, and to make other Proviſions inſtead thereof: And whereas it is expedient that the ſaid laſt-recited Act of the Fifty-fourth Year aforeſaid ſhould be repealed, and other Proviſions made inſtead thereof: Be it therefore enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords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 Parlia-

54 G. 3. c. 42. repealed.

ment assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act the said last-recited Act of the Fifty-fourth Year aforesaid shall be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed, save and except as to so much of the said last-recited Act as repeals the said recited Act of the Fifty-second Year aforesaid, and also save and except as to any Thing done before the passing of this Act, with respect to which the said Act shall remain and be in full Force and Effect as if this Act had not been made.

Persons destroying Machinery or Goods therein to be deemed guilty of Felony.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, if any Person or Persons shall by Day or by Night enter by force into any House, Shop, or Place, with an Intent to cut or destroy any Framework Knitted Pieces, Stockings, Lace, or other Articles or Goods, being in the Frame, or upon any Machine or Engine thereto annexed, or therewith to be used or prepared for that Purpose, or with an Intent to break or destroy any Frame, Machine, Engine, Tool, Instrument, or Utensil used in and for the working and making of any such Framework Knitted Pieces, Stockings, Lace, or other Articles or Goods in the Hosiery or Framework Knitted Manufactory, or shall wilfully and maliciously, and without having the Consent or Authority of the Owner, destroy or cut, with an Intent to destroy or render useless, any Framework Knitted Pieces, Stockings, Lace, or other Articles or Goods, being in the Frame or upon any Machine or Engine as aforesaid, or prepared for that Purpose, or shall wilfully and maliciously, and without having the Consent or Authority of the Owner, break, destroy, or damage, with an Intent to destroy or render useless, any Frame, Machine, Engine, Tool, Instrument, or Utensil used in and for the working and making of any such Framework Knitted Pieces, Stockings, Lace, or other Articles or Goods in the Hosiery or Framework Knitted Stockings, or Framework Lace Manufactory, or shall wilfully and maliciously, and without having the Consent or Authority of the Owner, break or destroy any Machinery contained in any Mill or Mills used or any way employed in preparing or spinning of Wool or Cotton, or other Materials, for the Use of the Stocking or Lace Manufactory, every Offender being thereof lawfully convicted shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

Continuance of Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the First Day of *August* which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty.

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