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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXXV.

An Act to abolish the Punishment of Public Whipping on Female Offenders.

[7th *July* 1817.]

WHEREAS the Punishment of Public Whipping of Female Offenders has been found inexpedient; 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 Judgment shall not be given and awarded against any Female or Females convicted of any Offence that such Female Offender or Offenders do suffer the Punishment of being publicly whipped; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Judgment of Whipping shall not be awarded on Females;

II. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where the Punishment of Public Whipping on Female Offenders has hitherto formed the Whole or Part of the Judgment to be pronounced, it shall and may be lawful for the Court before whom any such Offender shall be tried, to pass such Sentence of Confinement to Hard Labour in the Common Gaol or House of Correction, in lieu of the Sentence of being publicly whipped, as to the said Court shall seem most proper: Provided, that nothing herein

but Imprisonment.

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contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend in any Manner to change, alter, or affect any Puniſhment whatſoever, which may now be by Law inflicted in reſpect of any Offence, except only the Puniſhment of Public Whipping on Female Offenders, in Manner as herein above is enacted.

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