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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XLIV.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of His present Majesty, for the more effectual Punishment of Murders, Manslaughters, Rapes, Robberies, and Burglaries committed in Places not within His Majesty's Dominions, as relates to the Trial of Murders, Manslaughters, Rapes, Robberies, and Burglaries committed in *Honduras*. [21st *June* 1819.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Murders and Manslaughters committed in Places not within His Majesty's Dominions*, it was among other Things provided and enacted, that from and after the passing of that Act, all Murders and Manslaughters committed, or that shall be committed on Land at the Settlement in the Bay of *Honduras*, by any Person or Persons residing or being within the said Settlement, shall and may be tried, adjudged, and punished in any of His Majesty's Islands, Plantations, Colonies, Dominions, Forts, or Factories, under or by virtue of the King's Commission or Commissions which shall have been, or shall hereafter be, issued under and by virtue of an Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of His present Majesty, 57 G. 3. c. 53.

46 G. 3. c. 54. Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more speedy Trial of Offences committed in distant Parts upon the Sea:* And whereas Doubts have arisen whether in the said Settlements in the Bay of *Honduras*, there be a Fort or Factory to which a Commission may issue for the Trial of Offences under the said last-mentioned Act: And whereas by reason of such Doubts, and the great Delay and Difficulty of removing Offenders in *Honduras* for Trial to *England*, or to any of His Majesty's Islands, Plantations, Colonies, Dominions, Forts, or Factories, such Crimes do oftentimes escape unpunished; for Remedy thereof, be it 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 Murders, Manslaughters, Rapes, Robberies, and Burglaries committed, or that shall be committed on Land, at the said Settlement in the Bay of *Honduras*, may be enquired of, tried, heard, determined, and adjudged, within the said Settlement in the Bay of *Honduras*, under or by virtue of the King's Commission or Commissions, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to be directed to any such Four or more discreet Persons, as the Lord Chancellor of *Great Britain*, Lord Keeper, or Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, for the Time being, shall from Time to Time think fit to appoint, in the same Manner as is provided and enacted with respect to any Crimes directed to be enquired of, heard, determined, or adjudged, under and by virtue of any Commission issued under and by virtue of the aforesaid Act of the Forty-sixth Year of His present Majesty, in any of His Majesty's Islands, Plantations, Colonies, Dominions, Forts, or Factories.

Certain Offences committed on Land in the Bay of Honduras, to be tried under a Commission under the Great Seal.

Powers of the Commissioners appointed under such Commission.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners so to be appointed, or any Three of them, shall have such and the like Powers and Authorities for the Trial of all such Murders, Manslaughters, Rapes, Robberies, and Burglaries, committed within such Settlement in the Bay of *Honduras*, as any Commissioners appointed or to be appointed under the said Act of the Forty-sixth Year of His present Majesty have, or would have, for the Trial of any Offences committed upon the Seas; and all Persons convicted of either of the said Offences so to be tried by virtue of any Commission to be issued according to the Directions of this Act shall be subject and liable to, and shall suffer all such and the same Pains, Penalties, or Forfeitures, as by any Law or Laws now in force Persons convicted of the same respectively would be subject and liable to in case the same were respectively enquired of, tried, heard, determined, and adjudged, within any of His Majesty's Islands, Plantations, Colonies, or Dominions, by virtue of any Commission made according to the Directions of the aforesaid Acts of the Forty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Years of His present Majesty, or either of them; any Statute, Law, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provisions of 33 H. 8. c. 23. not affected.

III. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall repeal or affect the Provisions of an Act passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, intituled *An Act to proceed by Commission of Oyer and Terminer against such Persons as shall confess*

Treason, et cetera, *without remanding the same to be tried in the Shire where the Offence was committed.*

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament. Act may be altered this Session.

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