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An Act to abolish Appeals of Murder, Treason, Felony, or other Offences, and Wager of Battel, or joining Issue and Trial by Battel, in Writs of Right. [22d *June* 1819.]

WHEREAS Appeals of Murder, Treason, Felony, and other Offences, and the Manner of proceeding therein, have been found to be oppressive; and the Trial by Battel in any Suit, is a Mode of Trial unfit to be used; and it is expedient that the same should be wholly abolished: 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 Appeals of Treason, Murder, Felony, or other Offences, shall cease, determine, and become void; and that it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons, at any Time after the passing of this Act, to commence, take, or sue Appeal of Treason, Murder, Felony, or other Offence, against any other Person or Persons whomsoever, but that all such Appeals shall, from henceforth, be utterly abolished; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Appeals of Murder or other Offences to cease and determine.

No Tenant shall be received to wage Battel, nor any Trial be had by Battel in any Writ of Right.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, in any Writ of Right now depending, or which may hereafter be brought, instituted, or commenced, the Tenant shall not be received to wage Battel, nor shall Issue be joined nor Trial be had by Battel in any Writ of Right; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

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