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CAP. XCVI.

An Act to facilitate the Trials of Felonies committed on Stage Coaches and Stage Waggons, and other such Carriages; and of Felonies committed on the Boundaries of Counties. [12th *July* 1819.]

WHEREAS Felonies are frequently committed on Stage Coaches, Stage Waggons, Stage Carts, and other such Carriages, employed in carrying and conveying Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, travelling on the several Highways in various Parts of the United Kingdom, as well by breaking open the Casks and Packages containing such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, as in various other Ways: And whereas such Felonies frequently remain undetected until the Arrival of such Carriages at the Place of their Destination, and in consequence of such Highways leading through several Counties, it can seldom be known within what County such Felonies may have been actually committed, and Offenders frequently escape unpunished from Defect of Proof that the Felony with which they are charged was actually committed within the County in which such Offenders may be indicted; 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, in any Indictment for any Felony committed on any Stage Coach, Stage Waggon, Stage Cart, or other such Carriage whatever, employed or used in carrying or conveying Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, or

Indictments for Felonies committed on Stage Coaches, &c. how to be laid.

or in which any such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize shall be, in or upon any Highway in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, it shall be sufficient to allege that such Felony was committed within any County or City through any Part whereof such Stage Coach, Stage Waggon, Stage Cart, or other such Carriage shall have passed in the Course of the Journey during which such Felony shall have been committed; and in all Cases where any Highway shall form the Boundary of any Two Counties, it shall be sufficient to allege, that such Felony committed as aforesaid was committed in either of the said Counties through which or any Part whereof such Stage Coach, Stage Waggon, Stage Cart, or other such Carriage shall have passed in the Course of the Journey during which such Felony shall have been committed; and every such Felony shall and may be inquired of, tried, and determined in the County or City within which the same Felony shall be so alleged to have been committed; and all and every Person and Persons who shall be convicted of any such Felony so to be inquired of, tried, and determined as aforesaid, shall be subject and liable to all such Pains of Death, and other Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as such Person or Persons convicted of such Felony would have been subject and liable to, in case such Felony had been inquired of, tried, and determined in the County in which the same Felony was actually committed; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

How Indictments shall be laid for Felonies committed on the Boundaries of Counties.

II. And whereas Felonies are sometimes committed on or so close to the Boundaries of Two or more Counties, that the Offenders escape unpunished from the Defect of Proof, that the Felony with which they are charged was actually committed within the County in which such Offenders may be indicted; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, in any Indictment for any Felony committed on the Boundary or Boundaries of Two or more Counties, or within the Distance of Five hundred Yards of any such Boundary or Boundaries, it shall be sufficient to allege that such Felony was committed in either or any of the said Counties; and every such Felony shall and may be inquired of, tried, and determined in the County within which the same Felony shall be so alleged to have been committed; and all and every Person and Persons who shall be convicted of any such Felony so to be inquired of, tried, and determined as aforesaid, shall be subject and liable to all such Pains of Death, and other Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as such Person or Persons so convicted of such Felony would have been subject and liable to, in case such Felony had been inquired of, tried, and determined in the County in which the same Felony was actually committed; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

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