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An Act for extending the Laws against Receivers of Stolen Goods to Receivers of Stolen Bonds, Bank Notes, and other Securities for Money.

[15th *May* 1822.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the more effectual preventing and further Punishment of Forgery, Perjury, and Subornation of Perjury, and to make it Felony to steal Bonds, Notes, or other Securities for Payment of Money,* 2 G. 2. c. 25. it was enacted, amongst other Things, that if any Person or Persons should steal or take by Robbery any Exchequer Orders or Tallies, or other Orders, entitling any other Person or Persons to any Annuity or Share in any Parliamentary Fund, or any Exchequer Bills, Bank Notes, *South Sea* Bonds, *East India* Bonds, Dividend Warrants of the Bank, *South Sea* Company, *East India* Company, or any other Company, Society, or Corporation, Bills of Exchange, Navy Bills or Debentures, Goldsmiths Notes for Payment of Money, or other Bonds or Warrants, Bills or Promissory Notes for the Payment of any Money, being the Property of any other Person or Persons, or or of any Corporation, notwithstanding any of the said Particulars were termed in Law a *Chose in Action*, it should be deemed and construed to be Felony with or without the Benefit of Clergy, according to the Nature of the Case, as specified and provided for by the said Act: And whereas no Provision was made by the said Act for

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the prosecuting and Punishment of Persons receiving or buying any such Orders, Tallies, Bills, Bonds, Warrants, Debentures, or Notes, knowing the same to have been stolen: And whereas it is expedient that such Persons should be liable to be prosecuted and punished in like Manner as Persons receiving or buying stolen Goods or Chattels, knowing the same to have been stolen, are liable to be prosecuted and punished: 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 Persons who shall receive or buy any Exchequer Order or Tally, or other Order, entitling any other Person or Persons to any Annuity or Share in any Parliamentary Fund, or any Exchequer Bill, Bank Note, *South Sea* Bond, *East India* Bond, Dividend Warrant of the Bank of *England*, *South Sea* Company, *East India* Company, or any other Company, Society or Corporation, Bill of Exchange, Navy Bill or Debenture, Goldsmiths Note for the Payment of Money, or other Bond, Order or Warrant, Bill or Promissory Note for Payment of Money, knowing the same to have been stolen, shall be liable to be prosecuted and punished respectively for Felony or Misdemeanor, as the Case may be, in like Manner as Persons receiving or buying Stolen Goods and Chattels, knowing the same to have been stolen, are by the Laws now in force liable to be prosecuted and punished.

Persons receiving or buying any Bond or other Security for the Payment of Money, knowing the same to have been stolen, may be prosecuted as Persons receiving Stolen Goods.

II. And be it further enacted, That all Powers, Provisions, and Enactments, contained in the several Acts now in force, relative to the searching for and discovery of Stolen Goods and Chattels, and to the apprehending, prosecuting, and punishing of Persons receiving or buying Stolen Goods or Chattels, knowing the same to have been stolen, shall extend, and be deemed and construed to extend, to the searching for and discovery of any such Stolen Order, Tally, Bill, Bond, Warrant, Debenture, or Note; and to the apprehending, prosecuting, and punishing of Persons receiving or buying any such Stolen Order, Tally, Bill, Bond, Warrant, Debenture, or Note, knowing the same to have been stolen, in the same Manner as if the said Powers, Provisions, and Enactments were herein severally recited and re-enacted.

Provisions of 2 G. 2. c. 25. extended to this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where the Offence of any Person receiving or buying Stolen Goods or Chattels, or any such Stolen Order, Tally, Bill, Bond, Warrant, Debenture, or Note, knowing the same to have been stolen, shall be deemed and construed to be Felony, such Offender shall and may be tried and convicted of such Felony, as well before as after the Trial of the principal Felon, and whether the said principal Felon shall have been apprehended, or shall be amenable to Justice, or not.

Offenders may be convicted whether before or after Conviction of principal Offender.

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