

ANNO QUINTO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. XXX.

An Act to prevent the Stealing of Records, Deeds, and Papers, in *Ireland*. [17th *May* 1824.]

WHEREAS Difficulties have arisen in the Prosecution of Persons who have stolen, taken, and carried away Deeds, or other written Papers, Parchments, or Pieces of Vellum, concerning the Proceedings in His Majesty's Courts of Justice in *Ireland*, and concerning the Business of the Offices of the several Persons holding Offices or Employments under His Majesty in *Ireland*: 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, any Person or Persons who shall, in *Ireland*, steal, take, or secretly or forcibly carry away any Record, Deed, Security, or Instrument, or any Paper, Parchment, or Piece of Vellum, or any Part thereof, written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, in anywise relating to or concerning the Proceedings in His Majesty's Courts of Justice in *Ireland*, or concerning the Business of any Person holding any Office or Employment under His Majesty, and remaining or deposited for safe Custody in any of the Offices appertaining to the said Courts of Justice, or in His Majesty's Castle of *Dublin*, or in any of His Majesty's Custom Houses, Post Offices, or other Public Offices in *Ireland*, shall be guilty of Felony, and upon Conviction thereof, upon Indictment by due Course of Law, shall and may

Stealing Records or other Instruments to be deemed Felony.

may be transported for the Term of Seven Years, in the Manner prescribed by Law for the Transportation of Offenders; or shall and may be sentenced to Imprisonment with Hard Labour, and shall and may be imprisoned for any Time not exceeding Two Years, as the Court before whom such Offender shall be tried shall think fit; and every such Offender who shall be ordered to be imprisoned or transported, shall be subject and liable to all Laws concerning Offenders ordered to be transported or imprisoned.

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