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An Act to make Provision in *Scotland* for the further Prevention of malicious shooting, and attempting to discharge loaded Fire Arms, stabbing, cutting, wounding, poisoning, maiming, disfiguring, and disabling His Majesty's Subjects.

[5th *July* 1825.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the further Prevention of malicious* 43 G.3.c.58.
shooting, and attempting to discharge loaded Fire Arms, stabbing, cutting, wounding, or poisoning, and the malicious using of Means to procure the Miscarriage of Women, and also the malicious setting Fire to Buildings; and also for repealing a certain Act made in England *in the Twenty-first Year of the late King* James *the First, intituled 'An Act to prevent the destroying and murthering of Bastard Children;' and also an Act made in* Ireland *in the Sixth Year of the Reign of the late Queen* Anne, *also intituled 'An Act to prevent the destroying and murthering of Bastard Children;' and for making other Provisions in lieu thereof:* And whereas it is expedient that similar Provisions should be made in *Scotland*, for the further Prevention of some of the said Crimes; 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

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Punishing Persons in Scotland shooting, cutting, or stabbing, with Intent to do any grievous bodily Harm, or administering Poison.

assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, if any Person shall, within *Scotland*, wilfully, maliciously, and unlawfully shoot at any of His Majesty's Subjects, or shall wilfully, maliciously, and unlawfully present, point, or level any Kind of loaded Fire Arms at any of His Majesty's Subjects, and attempt by drawing a Trigger or in any other Manner to discharge the same at or against his or their Person or Persons, or shall wilfully, maliciously, and unlawfully stab or cut any of His Majesty's Subjects, with Intent in so doing or by Means thereof to murder, or to maim, disfigure, or disable such His Majesty's Subject or Subjects, or with Intent to do some other grievous bodily Harm to such His Majesty's Subject or Subjects; or shall wilfully, maliciously, and unlawfully administer to or cause to be administered to or taken, by any of His Majesty's Subjects, any deadly Poison, or other noxious and destructive Substance or Thing, with Intent thereby to murder or disable such His Majesty's Subject or Subjects, or with Intent to do some other grievous bodily Harm to such His Majesty's Subject or Subjects, such Person, being lawfully convicted of any the foresaid Acts, shall be held guilty of a Capital Crime, and receive Sentence of Death accordingly.

Punishing Persons in Scotland throwing Sulphuric Acid, &c. with Intent to do any grievous bodily Harm.

II. And be it enacted, That if any Person in *Scotland* shall, from and after the said First Day of *July*, wilfully, maliciously, and unlawfully throw at or otherwise apply to any of His Majesty's Subject or Subjects, any Sulphuric Acid or other corrosive Substance, calculated by external Application to burn or injure the Human Frame, with Intent in so doing, or by Means thereof, to murder or maim, or disfigure or disable such His Majesty's Subject or Subjects, or with Intent to do some other grievous bodily Harm to such of His Majesty's Subject or Subjects, and where, in consequence of such Acid or other Substance being so wilfully, maliciously, and unlawfully thrown or applied, with Intent as aforesaid, any of His Majesty's Subjects shall be maimed, disfigured, or disabled, or receive other grievous bodily Harm, such Person being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be held to be guilty of a Capital Crime, and shall receive Sentence of Death accordingly: Provided always, that if it shall appear upon the Trial of any Person accused of any of the aforesaid Offences, that under the Circumstances of the Case, if Death had ensued, the Acts done would not have amounted to the Crime of Murder, such Person shall not be held guilty of a Capital Crime, or be subject to the Punishment aforesaid; and provided further, that nothing contained in this or any other Statute enacting a Capital Punishment, shall be held to affect the Power of the Prosecutor to restrict the Pains of Law.

If Death had ensued, and the Acts done would not have amounted to Murder, the Person not to be held guilty of a Capital Crime.

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