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CAP. XIX.

An Act for the Amendment of the Law as to the Offence of sending threatening Letters.

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WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for allowing the Benefit of Clergy to Persons convicted of certain Felonies under Two Acts, of the Ninth Year of King* George *the First and of the Twenty-seventh Year of King* George *the Second, for making better Provision for the Punishment of Persons guilty of sending or delivering threatening Letters, and of Assaults with Intent to commit Robbery;* certain Provisions are made for the Punishment of any Person who shall knowingly and wilfully send or deliver any such Letter or Writing as in the said Act is mentioned, threatening to accuse any of His Majesty's Subjects of any Crime punishable by Law with Death, Transportation, or Pillory, or of any infamous Crime, with such View or Intent as in the said Act mentioned, or who shall procure, counsel, aid, or abet the Commission of the said Offence, or shall forcibly rescue any Person being lawfully in Custody of any Officer or other Person for the said Offence; and also for the Punishment of any Person who shall maliciously threaten to accuse any other Person of any Crime punishable by Law with Death, Transportation, or Pillory, or of any infamous Crime, with such View or Intent as in the said Act is mentioned, or who shall procure, counsel, 4 G. 4. c. 54.

counsel, aid, or abet the Commission of the said Offence: And whereas it is expedient to enact that not only every Crime now by Law deemed infamous by reason of the Person convicted thereof being thereby rendered incompetent to give Evidence, but also that each of the several Offences herein-after mentioned shall be deemed and taken to be an infamous Crime within the Meaning of the said Act: 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 as well every Crime now by Law deemed infamous, as also every Assault with Intent to commit any Rape, or the abominable Crimes of Sodomy or Buggery, or either of those Crimes, and every Attempt or Endeavour to commit any Rape, or the said abominable Crimes or either of them, and also every Solicitation, Persuasion, Promise, Threat, or Menace, offered or made to any Person, whereby to move or induce such Person to commit or to permit the said abominable Crimes or either of them, shall be deemed and taken to be an infamous Crime within the Meaning of the said recited Act.

Certain Crimes deemed infamous within the Meaning of the recited Act.

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