CAP. VIII.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the unlawful administering of Poison. [23d *March* 1860.]

'WHEREAS the present Law has been found insufficient to protect Persons from the 'unlawful administering of Poison, except in Cases where the Intent is to commit 'Murder:' Be it enacted by the Queen'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, as follows:

Administering Poison, &c. with Intent to endanger Life or inflict grievous bodily Harm to be Felony.

I. That whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously administer to or cause to be administered to or taken by any other Person any Poison or other destructive or noxious Thing so as thereby to endanger the Life of such Person, or so as thereby to inflict upon such Person any grievous bodily Harm, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to be sentenced to Penal Servitude for any Period not exceeding Ten Years and not less than Three Years, or to Imprisonment for any Term not more than Three Years, with or without Hard Labour, at the Discretion of the Court.

Any Person maliciously administering Poison, &c. with Intent to injure any other Person, to be guilty of a Misdemeanor.

II. Whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously administer to or cause to be administered to or taken by any other Person any Poison or other destructive or noxious Thing with Intent to injure, aggrieve, or annoy such Person, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to be sentenced to Imprisonment for any Period not exceeding Three Years, with or without Hard Labour, at the Discretion of the Court, and the Costs and Expenses of the Prosecution of any such Misdemeanor may be allowed by the Court as in Cases of Felony.

Persons charged with Felony may be found by Jury guilty of Misdemeanor.

III. If, upon the Trial of any Person charged with the Felony above mentioned, the Jury shall not be satisfied that such Person is guilty thereof, but shall be satisfied that he is guilty of the Misdemeanor above mentioned, then and in every such Case the Jury may acquit the Accused of such Felony, and find him guilty of such Misdemeanor, and thereupon the Delinquent shall be liable to be punished in the same Manner as if convicted upon an Indictment for the Misdemeanor.

CAP. IX.

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters. [31st *March* 1860.]

'WHEREAS the raising or keeping a Standing Army within the United Kingdom of 'Great Britain and Ireland in Time of Peace, unless it be with the Consent of 'Parliament, is against Law: And whereas it is adjudged necessary by Her Majesty and 'this present Parliament that a Body of Forces should be continued for the Safety of the 'United Kingdom, the Defence of the Possessions of Her Majesty's Crown, and the Pre-'servation of the Balance of Power in *Europe*, and that the whole Number of such Forces 'should consist of One hundred and forty-three thousand three hundred and sixty-two Men, 'exclusive of Thirteen thousand four hundred and twenty Officers and Men, being the 'Depôts of Regiments in *India* stationed in *Great Britain*, and exclusive of the Officers 'and Men belonging to the Regiments and other Corps employed in Her Majesty's *East* '*Indian* Possessions, but including the Officers and Men of the Troops and Companies 'recruiting for those Regiments and Corps: And whereas no Man can be forejudged of 'Life or Limb, or subjected in Time of Peace to any Kind of Punishment within this 'Realm, by Martial Law, or in any other Manner than by Judgment of his Peers, and 'according to the known and established Laws of this Realm; yet nevertheless it being 'requisite, for the retaining all the before-mentioned Forces in their Duty, that an exact

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