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CAP. LXIX.

An Act to assimilate the Law in *Ireland* to the Law in *England* as to Costs in Actions of Libel.

[31st *July* 1868.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to assimilate the Law in *Ireland* to the Law in *England* as to Costs in Actions of Libel: 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:

When Damages in an Action for Libel are under 40*s*. Plaintiff not to get more Costs than Damages.

1. In all Actions for Libel, where the Jury shall give Damages under Forty Shillings, the Plaintiff shall not be entitled to more Costs than Damages, unless the Judge before whom such Verdict shall be obtained shall immediately afterwards certify on the Back of the Record that the Libel was wilful and malicious.

To apply to Ireland only. Short Title.

2. This Act shall not apply to *England* and *Scotland*, and for all Purposes may be cited as The Libel Act (*Ireland*), 1868.

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