CAP. X.

An Act for removing Doubts as to the Punishment which may be awarded under the Provisions of an Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of Her present Majesty, "for taking away the Punishment of Death in certain Cases," for certain Offences therein specified. [11th *April* 1843.]

'WHEREAS in and by an Act passed in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for taking away the Punishment of Death in certain Cases, and substituting other Punishments in lieu thereof*, it was amongst other things enacted, that whereas by an Act passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for consolidating and amending the Laws relating to malicious Injuries to Property*, it was amongst other things enacted, that if any Persons riotously and tumultuously assembled together to the Disturbance of the public Peace should unlawfully and with Force demolish, pull down, or destroy, or begin to demolish, pull down, or destroy, any Church or Chapel, or any Chapel for the Religious Worship of Persons dissenting from the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, duly registered or recorded, or any House, Stable, Coach-house, Out-house, Warehouse, Office, Shop, Mill, Malthouse, Hop-oust, Barn, Granary, or any Building or Erection used in carrying on any Trade or Manufacture, or any Branch thereof, or any Machinery, whether fixed or moveable, prepared for or employed in any Manufacture, or in any Branch thereof, or any Steam Engine or other Engine for sinking, draining, or working any Mine, or any Staith, Building, or Erection used in conducting the Business of any Mine, or any Bridge, Waggon-way, or Trunk for conveying Minerals from any Mine, every such Offender should be deemed guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof should suffer Death as a Felon; and that in case of every Felony punishable under that Act every Principal in the Second Degree and every Accessory before the Fact should be punishable with Death or otherwise, in the same Manner as the Principal in the First Degree was by that Act punishable: And whereas it was expedient that the said last-mentioned Offences should be no longer punishable with Death; that from and after the Commencement of the said Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, if any Person should be convicted of any of the Offences herein-before specified, whether as Principal, or as Principal in the Second Degree, or as Accessory before the Fact, such Person should not be subject to any Sentence, Judgment, or Punishment of Death, but should, instead of the Sentence or Judgment in and by the said Act herein-before first recited ordered to be

4 & 5 Vict. c. 56.

7 & 8 G. 4. c. 30.

'given and awarded against Persons convicted of the above-'mentioned Offences or any of them respectively, be liable, at 'the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the 'Seas for any Term not less than Seven Years, or to be 'imprisoned for any Time not exceeding Three Years: And 'whereas Doubts have arisen whether such Offenders are liable, 'under the Provisions of the said Act of the Fourth and Fifth 'Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty herein-before 'recited, to be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of 'their natural Lives: And whereas it is expedient to put an 'end to such Doubts:' Be it therefore 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, That from and after the passing of this Act, if any Person shall be convicted of any of the Offences herein-before in the said Act first above recited specified, such Person shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of the natural Life of such Person, or for any Term not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned, with or without hard Labour, for any Time not exceeding Three Years.

Punishment for Offences herein-before specified.

CAP. XI.

An Act to indemnify Witnesses who may give Evidence before the Lords Spiritual and Temporal on a Bill to exclude the Borough of *Sudbury* from sending Burgesses to serve in Parliament. [11th *April* 1843.]

'WHEREAS the Commons of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in 'Parliament assembled have passed a Bill, intituled *An* 'Act to exclude the Borough of* Sudbury *from sending Burgesses* 'to serve in Parliament:* And whereas it is alleged that there 'has been open, general, and systematic Bribery and Cor-'ruption at the last Election of Burgesses to serve in Parlia-'ment for the Borough of *Sudbury:* And whereas it may be 'desirable to examine as Witnesses at the Bar, or before a 'Select Committee of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, 'several Persons in respect of such alleged Bribery and Cor-'ruption, and in respect of Bribery and Corruption practised 'at former Elections in the said Borough, and the Evidence of 'such Persons may tend to expose them to penal Conse-'quences: And whereas it is expedient to indemnify such 'Persons, upon their making such true and faithful Disclosure 'and Discovery as herein-after mentioned:' Be it therefore 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, That for the more effectually prosecuting the said Inquiry every Person who may have been implicated or engaged in such alleged Bribery and Corruption

All Persons implicated in Bribery at Sudbury, who may