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CAP. LXII.

An Act to amend the Law as to burning Farm Buildings. [6th *August* 1844.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to burning or destroying Buildings and Ships*, it is enacted, that whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously set fire to any House, Stable, Coach-house, Outhouse, Warehouse, Office, Shop, Mill, Malt-house, Hop-oast, Barn, or Granary, or to any Building or Erection used in carrying on any Trade or Manufacture, or any Branch thereof, whether the same or any of them respectively shall then be in the Possession of the Offender, or in the Possession of any other Person, with Intent thereby to injure or defraud any Person, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of the natural Life of such Offender, or for any Term not less than Fifteen Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years; but it hath been doubted whether the Provisions of the recited Act extend to the Offence of unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to any Hovel or Shed not being appendant to any House: Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual

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and

and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That whoever shall unlawfully and maliciously set fire to any Hovel, Shed, or Fold, or to any Farm Building, or any Building or Erection used in farming Land, whether the same or any of them respectively shall then be in the Possession of the Offender, or in the Possession of any other Person, with Intent thereby to injure or defraud any Person, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of the natural Life of such Offender, or for any Term not less than Fifteen Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years.

Setting fire to any Farm Building.

II. And be it enacted, That whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously set fire to any Hay, Straw, Wood, or other Vegetable Produce being in any Farm House or Farm Building, or to any Implement of Husbandry being in any Farm House or Farm Building, with Intent thereby to set fire to such Farm House or Farm Building, and to injure or defraud any Person, shall be liable to the Pains and Penalties of unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to the said Farm House or Farm Building with Intent thereby to injure or defraud such Person.

Setting fire to Farm Produce or Implements in Farm Buildings.

III. And be it enacted, That every Male Person under the Age of Eighteen Years who shall be convicted of any Offence under this Act shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court before which he shall be convicted, in addition to any other Sentence which may be passed upon him, to be publicly or privately whipped, in such Manner, and as often, not exceeding thrice, as the Court shall direct.

Males under 18 Years of Age may be whipped in addition to any other Sentence.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed a Part of the recited Act.

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V. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

Act may be amended this Session.

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