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CAP. XXVI.

An Act to abolish the Practice of hanging the Bodies of Criminals in Chains.

[25th *July* 1834.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for consolidating and amending the Statutes in* England *relating to Offences against the Person*, it is amongst other things enacted, that the Body of every Person convicted of Murder shall after Execution either be dissected or hung in Chains, as to the Court which tried the Offender shall seem meet, and that the Sentence to be pronounced by the Court shall express that the Body of the Offender shall be dissected or hung in Chains, whichever of the Two the Court shall order: And whereas by a certain Act passed in the Tenth Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act for consolidating and amending the Statutes in* Ireland *relating to Offences against the Person*, a like Provision is made with respect to Persons convicted of Murder in *Ireland:* And whereas by a certain Act made and passed in the Second and Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating Schools of Anatomy*, so much of the Provision of the said recited Act made and passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Fourth as authorized the Court to direct that the Body of a Person convicted of Murder should after Execution be dissected is repealed, and instead thereof it was enacted, that in every Case of Conviction of any Prisoner for Murder the Court before which such Prisoner shall have been tried shall direct such Prisoner either to be hung in Chains or to be buried within the

9 G. 4. c. 31.

10 G. 4. c. 34.

2 & 3 W. 4. c. 75.

Precincts of the Prison in which such Prisoner shall have been confined after Conviction, as to such Court should seem meet; and that the Sentence to be pronounced by the Court should express that the Body of such Prisoner shall be hung in Chains or buried within the Precincts of the Prison, whichever of the Two the Court should order: And whereas it is expedient to amend the said recited Acts: 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 so much of the said recited Act made and passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth as authorizes the Court to direct that the Body of a Person convicted of Murder should after Execution be hung in Chains, and also so much of the said recited Act made and passed in the Tenth Year of the same Reign as authorizes the Court to direct that the Body of a Person convicted of Murder should after Execution be dissected or hung in Chains, and also so much of the said recited Act made and passed in the Second and Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty as provides that in every Case of Conviction of any Prisoner for Murder the Court shall direct such Prisoner to be hung in Chains, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

So much of recited Acts as authorizes the dissecting or hanging in Chains certain Criminals after Execution repealed.

II. And be it further enacted, That in every Case of Conviction in *Ireland* of any Prisoner for Murder the Court before which such Prisoner shall have been tried shall direct such Prisoner to be buried within the Precincts of the Prison within which such Prisoner shall have been confined after Conviction, and the Sentence to be pronounced by the Court shall express that the Body of such Prisoner shall be buried within the Precincts of such Prison.

On Conviction for Murder in Ireland the Court shall direct the Prisoner to be buried within the Prison.

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