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An Act for amending an Act of His late Majesty, for restrictiing the Punishment of Leasing-making, Sedition, and Blasphemy, in *Scotland*.

[18th *March* 1837.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for restricting the Punishment of Leasing-* 6 G. 4. c. 47. *making, Sedition, and Blasphemy, in* Scotland; whereby, upon a Recital "that it is expedient that the Punishment of the Crimes of Leasing-making, Sedition, and Blasphemy, as known in the Law of *Scotland*, should be restricted, and that these Crimes should be punished in the same Manner as such Crimes would be punished if committed in *England*," it was (among other things) enacted, "that if any Person shall henceforth be convicted of any of the aforesaid Crimes, such Person shall be liable to be punished only by Fine and Imprisonment, or both, at the Discretion of the Court before which such Person shall be tried"; and it was by the said recited Act further enacted, "that if any Person after being so convicted shall offend a Second Time, and be thereof lawfully convicted, such Person may, on such Second Conviction, be adjudged, at the Discretion of the Court, either to suffer the Punishment of Fine or Imprisonment, or both, or to be banished from the United Kingdom and all other Parts of His Majesty's Dominions for such Term of Years as the Court in which such Conviction shall take place shall order": And whereas an Act was passed

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in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth and First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to repeal so much of an Act of the Sixtieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George *the Third, for the more effectual Prevention and Punishment of blasphemous and seditious Libels, as relates to the Sentence of Banishment for the Second Offence, and to provide some further Remedy against the Abuse of publishing Libels,* whereby so much and such Parts of the said Act of the Sixtieth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Third as related to the Sentence of Banishment for the Second Offence was wholly repealed: And whereas it is expedient that the Punishment of the Crimes of Leasing-making, Sedition, and Blasphemy under the Law of *Scotland* should be in like Manner restricted, and that these Crimes should be punished in the same Manner in *Scotland* as they would be punished if committed in *England*: 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 and such Parts of the said recited Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Fourth as regard the Punishment by Banishment of any Person convicted a Second Time of any of the aforesaid Crimes of Leasing-making, Sedition, and Blasphemy, in *Scotland*, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 73.

So much of 6 G. 4. c. 47. as punish Leasing-making, &c. by Banishment, repealed.

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