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An Act to amend the Laws relating to Robbery and Stealing from the Person.

[17th *July* 1837.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend so much of an Act
passed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of
King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for consoli-* 7 & 8 G. 4.
dating and amending the Laws in England *relative to Larceny and* c. 29.
other Offences connected therewith, and also so much of an Act passed
in the Ninth Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act for consoli-* 9 G. 4. c. 55.
dating and amending the Laws in Ireland *relative to Larceny and*
other Offences connected therewith, as relates to any Person who shall
rob any other Person of any Chattel, Money, or valuable Security, or
who shall steal any such Property from the Person of another, or shall
assault any other Person with Intent to rob him, or shall with Menaces
or by Force demand any such Property of any other Person with Intent
to steal the same; and so much of the same Acts as relates to any
Person who shall accuse or threaten to accuse any other Person of
any infamous Crime with a View or Intent to extort or gain from him,
and who shall by intimidating him by such Accusation or Threat
extort or gain from him, any Chattel, Money, or valuable Security;
and so much of the same Acts as relates to any Person who shall
plunder or steal any Part of any Ship or Vessel which shall be in
Distress, or wrecked, stranded, or cast on Shore, or any Goods, Mer-
chandize, or Articles of any Kind belonging to such Ship or Vessel;
and so much of the same Acts as relates to the Punishment of Prin-

cipals in the Second Degree and of Accessaries before and after the Fact respectively to such of the Felonies punishable under those Acts as are herein-before referred to: 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 so much of the said Acts as is herein-before referred to shall continue in force until and throughout the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and shall from and after that Day be repealed, except as to Offences committed before or upon the said Thirtieth Day of *September*, which shall be dealt with and punished as if this Act had not been passed.

Repeal of Provision in recited Acts.

Punishment of Robbery attended with cutting or wounding.

II. And be it enacted, That whosoever shall rob any Person, and at the Time of or immediately before or immediately after such Robbery shall stab, cut, or wound any Person, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall suffer Death.

Punishment of Robbery attended with Violence.

III. And be it enacted, That whosoever shall, being armed with any offensive Weapon or Instrument, rob or assault with Intent to rob any Person, or shall, together with One or more Person or Persons, rob or assault with Intent to rob any Person, or shall rob any Person, and at the Time of or immediately before or immediately after such Robbery shall beat, strike, or use any other personal Violence to 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 his or her natural Life, or for any Term not less than Fifteen Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years.

Punishment for obtaining Property by Threat of accusing of unnatural Crimes.

IV. And be it enacted, That whosoever shall accuse or threaten to accuse any Person of the abominable Crime of Buggery committed either with Mankind or with Beast, or of any Assault with Intent to commit the said abominable Crime, or of any Attempt or Endeavour to commit the said abominable Crime, or of making or offering any Solicitation, Persuasion, Promise, or Threat to any Person whereby to move or induce such Person to commit or permit the said abominable Crime, with a View or Intent in any of the Cases aforesaid to extort or gain from such Person, and shall by intimidating such Person by such Accusation or Threat extort or gain from such Person any Property, 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 his or her natural Life, or for any Term not less than Fifteen Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years.

Punishment of stealing from the Person.

V. And be it enacted, That whosoever shall rob any Person, or shall steal any Property from the Person of another, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for any Term not exceeding Fifteen Years nor less than Ten Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years.

VI. And

Punishment for Assault with Intent to rob.

VI. And be it enacted, That whosoever shall assault any Person with Intent to rob shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall (save and except in the Cases where a greater Punishment is provided by this Act) be liable to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years.

Punishment for attempting to obtain Property by Menace.

VII. And be it enacted, That whosoever shall, with Menaces or by Force, demand any Property of any Person with Intent to steal the same, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years.

Punishment for wrecking.

VIII. And be it enacted, That whosoever shall plunder or steal any Part of any Ship or Vessel which shall be in Distress, or wrecked, stranded, or cast on Shore, or any Goods, Merchandize, or Articles of any Kind belonging to such Ship or Vessel, and be convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for any Term not exceeding Fifteen Years nor less than Ten Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years.

Punishment of Accessaries.

IX. And be it enacted, That in the Case of every Felony punishable under this Act every Principal in the Second Degree and every Accessary before the Fact shall be punishable with Death or otherwise in the same Manner as the Principal in the First Degree is by this Act punishable; and every Accessary after the Fact to any Felony punishable under this Act (except only a Receiver of stolen Property) shall, on Conviction, be liable to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years.

Offences punishable by Imprisonment.

X. And be it enacted, That where any Person shall be convicted of any Offence punishable under this Act for which Imprisonment may be awarded, it shall be lawful for the Court to sentence the Offender to be imprisoned, or to be imprisoned and kept to hard Labour, in the Common Gaol or House of Correction, and also to direct that the Offender shall be kept in solitary Confinement for any Portion or Portions of such Imprisonment, or of such Imprisonment with hard Labour, not exceeding One Month at any one Time, and not exceeding Three Months in any one Year, as to the Court in its Discretion shall seem meet.

Not to affect Powers of 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 38. and 4 G. 4. c. 64.

XI. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to extend to the Alteration or Repeal of any of the Powers, Provisions, or Regulations contained in an Act made and passed in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for effecting greater Uniformity of Practice in the Government of the several Prisons in* England *and* Wales, *and for appointing Inspectors of Prisons in* Great Britain, or in an Act made and passed in the Fourth Year of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for consolidating and amending the Laws relating to the building, repairing, and regulating of certain Gaols and Houses of Correction in* England *and* Wales.

XII. And

Construction of the Word "Property."

XII. And be it enacted, That the Word "Property" shall throughout this Act be deemed to denote every Thing included under the Words "Chattel, Money, or valuable Security" used in the said Acts of the Seventh and Eighth Years and Ninth Year respectively of King *George* the Fourth.

Offences committed within the Admiralty Jurisdiction.

XIII. And be it enacted, That where any Felony punishable under this Act shall be committed within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of *England* or of *Ireland*, the same shall be dealt with, inquired of, tried, and determined in the same Manner as any other Felony committed within that Jurisdiction.

Not to extend to Scotland.

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to *Scotland*.

Commencement of Act.

XV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect on the First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.

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