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An Act to abolish Deodands. [18th *August* 1846.]

WHEREAS the Law respecting the Forfeiture of Chattels which have moved to or caused the Death of Man, and respecting Deodands, is unreasonable and inconvenient: Be it 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 First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six there shall be no Forfeiture of any Chattel for or in respect of the same having moved to or caused the Death of Man; and no Coroner's Jury sworn to inquire, upon the Sight of any dead Body, how the Deceased came by his Death, shall find any Forfeiture of any Chattel which may have moved to or caused the Death of the Deceased, or any Deodand whatsoever; and it shall not be necessary in any Indictment or Inquisition for Homicide to allege the Value of the Instrument which caused the Death of the Deceased, or to allege that the same was of no Value.

Deodands and Forfeiture of Chattels moving to or causing Death abolished from and after 1 Sept. 1846.

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