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An Act to protect Maſters againſt Embezzlements by their Clerks or Servants. [12th *July* 1799.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Bankers, Merchants, and others, are, in the Courſe of their Dealings and Tranſactions, frequently obliged to entruſt their Servants, Clerks, and Perſons, employed by them in the like Capacity, with receiving, paying, negociating, exchanging, or transferring, Money, Goods, Bonds, Bills, Notes, Bankers Drafts, and other valuable Effects, and Securities: And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether the embezzling of the ſame by ſuch Servants, Clerks, and others, ſo employed by their Maſters, amounts to Felony by the Law of *England*, and it is expedient that ſuch Offences ſhould be puniſhed in the ſame Manner in both Parts of the United Kingdom; be it enacted and declared 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 if any Servant or Clerk, or any Perſon employed for the Purpoſe in the Capacity of a Servant or Clerk, to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, or to any Body Corporate or Politick, ſhall, by virtue of ſuch Employment, receive or take into his Poſſeſſion any Money, Goods, Bond, Bill, Note, Banker's Draft, or other valuable Security, or Effects, for or in the Name or on the Account of his Maſter or Maſters, or Employer or Employers, and ſhall fraudulently embezzle, ſecrete, or make away with the ſame, or any Part thereof, every ſuch Offender ſhall be deemed to have feloniouſly ſtolen the ſame from his Maſter or Maſters, Employer or Employers, for

Servants or Clerks taking into their Poſſeſſion any Money or other Effects on their Maſter's Account, and fraudulently embezzling or ſecreting any Part thereof, ſhall be deemed to have

feloniouſly ſtolen the ſame;

whoſe Uſe or in whoſe Name or Names, or on whoſe Account the ſame was or were delivered to, or taken into the Poſſeſſion of ſuch Servant, Clerk, or other Perſon ſo employed, although ſuch Money, Goods, Bond, Bill, Note, Banker's Draft, or other valuable Security, was or were no otherwiſe received into the Poſſeſſion of his or their Servant, Clerk, or other Perſon ſo employed; and every ſuch Offender, his Adviſer, Procurer, Aider, or Abettor, being thereof lawfully convicted or attainted, ſhall be liable to be tranſported to ſuch Parts beyond the Seas as His Majeſty, by and with the Advice of His privy Council, ſhall appoint, for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years, in the Diſcretion of the Court before whom ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted or adjudged.

and ſuch Offenders and their Abettors ſhall, on Conviction, be liable to be tranſported for 14 Years.

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