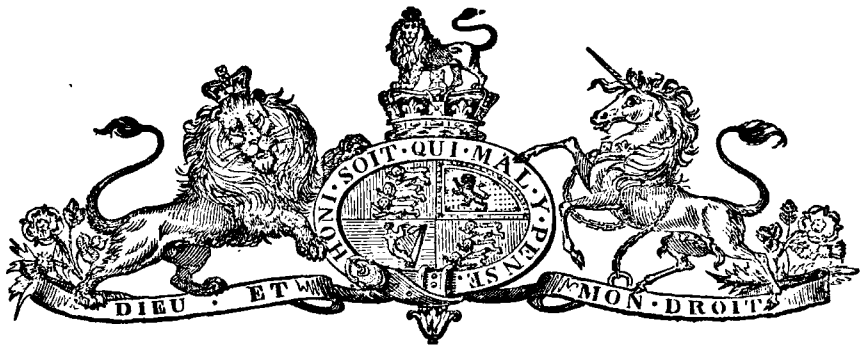


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CAP. LXXVI.

An Act to protect Women from fraudulent Practices for procuring their Defilement.

[28th *July* 1849.]

FOR the better preventing the heinous Offence of procuring the defiling of Women, which certain infamous Persons do most wickedly practise, 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 if any Person shall, by false Pretences, false Representations, or other fraudulent Means, procure any Woman or Child under the Age of Twenty-one Years to have illicit carnal Connexion with any Man, such Person shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall, being duly convicted thereof, suffer Imprisonment for a Term not exceeding Two Years, with hard Labour.

Punishment of Persons procuring Defilement of Women.

II. And be it enacted, That where any Prosecutor or other Person shall appear before any Court on Recognizance to prosecute or give Evidence against any Person charged with any Offence against this Act, every such Court is hereby authorized and empowered, whether any Bill of Indictment for such Charge shall or shall not be actually preferred, to order Payment of the Costs and Expenses of the Prosecutor

Where Persons appear as Prosecutor, &c., Court empowered to award Costs and Compensation for Loss of Time.

Prosecutor and Witnesses for the Prosecution, in the same Manner as Courts are now by Law authorized and empowered to order the same in Cases of Prosecutions for Felony.

Order for Payment of Money shall be made out as Orders for Payment of Costs in Cases of Felony, and Treasurer to be allowed the same in his Accounts.

III. And be it enacted, That every Order for the Payment of any Money by virtue of this Act shall be made out and delivered by the proper Officer of the Court unto such Prosecutor or other Person upon the same Terms and in the same Manner in all respects as Orders for the Payment of Costs are now made in Cases of Felony, and the Treasurer or other Person when any such Order shall be made shall be and he is hereby required, upon Sight of such Order, forthwith to pay to the Person therein named, or to any one duly authorized in that Behalf, the Money in such Order mentioned, and such Treasurer or other Person shall be allowed the same in passing his Accounts.

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