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An Act for the Payment of Coſts and Charges to Proſecutors and Witneſſes, in Caſes of Felony in *Ireland*. [14th *June* 1815.]

WHEREAS many Perſons are deterred from proſecuting or attending to give Evidence againſt Perſons guilty of Felony in *Ireland*, upon Account of the Expence attending ſuch Proſecutions and Attendance: And whereas it is juſt and reaſonable, and may tend in future to the Prevention of Crimes, and to the due Proſecution of all Offenders againſt the Laws in *Ireland*, that every Proſecutor and every Perſon appearing on Recognizance or Subpœna to give Evidence, ſhould be allowed his reaſonable Expences; and alſo in caſe he be poor, a reaſonable Satisfaction for his Trouble and Loſs of Time; and that ſuch Allowance ſhould be made, even though the Perſon accuſed be acquitted, provided it ſhall appear to the Court before whom the Priſoner ſhall have been tried, that there was a reaſonable Ground of Proſecution, and that the Proſecutor had *bonâ fide* proſecuted; 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 from and after the paſſing of this Act it ſhall and may be in the Power of the Court before whom any Perſon ſhall have been tried and convicted of any Felony whatſoever in *Ireland*, or before whom any Perſon ſhall have been tried and acquitted of any Felony whatſoever in *Ireland*, in caſe it ſhall appear to the ſaid Court that there was a reaſonable Ground of Proſecution, and that the ſaid Proſecutor hath *bonâ fide* proſecuted, to order, upon Prayer of the ſaid Proſecutor, the Treaſurer of the County, County of a City or County of a Town in which the Offence ſhall have been committed, or ſhall have been alledged to have been committed, to pay unto ſuch Proſecutor ſuch

The Court before which any Priſoner ſhall be tried for Felony may allow the Proſecutor his Expences; and if poor, a Recompence for his Loſs of Time.

Sum of Money as to the ſaid Court ſhall ſeem reaſonable, not exceeding the Expences which it ſhall appear to the Court the Proſecutor was *bonâ fide* put unto in carrying on ſuch Proſecution; making, in caſe the ſaid Proſecutor ſhall appear to the Court to be in poor Circumſtances, a reaſonable Allowance to ſuch Proſecutor for Trouble and Loſs of Time; which Order the Clerk of the Crown, or Clerk of the Peace reſpectively, is hereby directed and required forthwith to make out and deliver unto ſuch Proſecutor, upon being paid for the ſame the Sum of One Shilling and no more; and the Treaſurer of the ſaid County, County of a City or County of a Town, is hereby authorized and required, out of any public Money then in his Hands, upon ſight of ſuch Order, forthwith to pay to ſuch Proſecutor, or other Perſon authorized to receive the ſame, ſuch Sum of Money as aforeſaid, and ſhall be allowed the ſame in his Accounts.

Court may allow Expences of Witneſſes and Recompence in like manner.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be in the Power of the Court where any Perſon ſhall appear on Recognizance or Subpœna to give Evidence as to any Felony whatſoever in *Ireland*, whether any Bill of Indictment be preferred or not to any Grand Jury, provided the ſaid Perſon ſhall, in the Opinion of the ſaid Court *bonâ fide* have attended the ſaid Court in obedience to ſuch Recognizance or Subpœna, to order the Treaſurer of the County, County of a City or County of a Town, in which the Offence ſhall have been committed, or ſhall have been ſuppoſed to have been committed, to pay unto ſuch Perſon ſuch Sum of Money as to the ſaid Court ſhall ſeem reaſonable, not exceeding the Expences which it ſhall appear to the ſaid Court the ſaid Perſon was *bonâ fide* put unto by reaſon of the ſaid Recognizance and Subpœna; making, in caſe the ſaid Perſon ſhall appear to the ſaid Court to be in poor Circumſtances, a reaſonable Allowance to ſuch Perſon for Trouble and Loſs of Time; which Order the Clerk of the Crown, or the Clerk of the Peace reſpectively, is hereby directed and required forthwith to make out and deliver to ſuch Perſon, upon being paid for the ſame the Sum of Sixpence and no more; and the Treaſurer of the ſaid County, County of a City or County of a Town, is hereby authorized and required, out of any public Money in his Hands, upon ſight of ſuch Order, forthwith to pay to ſuch Perſon, or to any other Perſon authorized to receive the ſame, ſuch Sum of Money as aforeſaid, and ſhall be allowed the ſame in his Accounts.

Grand Juries ſhall make Preſentments for ſuch Expences, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Grand Jury at each and every Aſſizes and Preſenting Term in *Ireland*, and they are hereby required, to preſent all ſuch Sums as ſhall have been ſo paid by the Treaſurer of the County, County of a City or County of a Town, under any ſuch Order, and which ſhall not have been previouſly preſented; ſuch Sums to be ſo preſented either on the County, County of a City or County of a Town, or on any Barony, Half Barony or Pariſh, which ſhall or may appear to ſuch Grand Jury to be juſtly and peculiarly liable thereto.

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