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CAP. XXVII.

An Act to facilitate the Trial of Felonies committed on board Vessels employed on Canals, Navigable Rivers, and Inland Navigations.

[19th *May* 1819.]

WHEREAS Felonies are frequently committed on board Vessels employed in carrying and conveying Goods, Wares, and Merchandize in or upon Canals, Navigable Rivers, and Inland Navigations, in various Parts of the United Kingdom, as well by breaking open the Casks and Packages containing such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, as in various other Ways: And whereas such Felonies frequently remain undetected until the Arrival of such Vessels at the Places of their Destination; and in consequence of such Canals and Navigations passing through several Counties forming the Boundaries of Counties on each Side or Bank, it can seldom be known within what County such Felonies may have been actually committed, and Offenders frequently escape unpunished from Defect of Proof that the Felony with which they are charged was actually committed within the County in which such Offenders may be indicted: For Remedy thereof be it 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, in any Indictment for any Felony committed on board any Barge, Boat, Trow, or other Vessel whatever, employed or used in

Felonies on Navigations may be prosecuted in

any County through which the Navigation passes.

in carrying or conveying Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, or in which any such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize shall be, in or upon any Canal, Navigable River or Inland Navigation, in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, it shall be sufficient to alledge that such Felony was committed within any County or City through any Part whereof such Boat, Barge, Trow, or other Vessel shall have passed in the Course of the Voyage or Journey during which such Felony shall have been committed; and in Cases wherein the Sides or Banks of any Navigable River, Canal, or Inland Navigation, or the Centre thereof, shall constitute the Boundary of any Two Counties or Cities, it shall be sufficient to alledge that such Felony was committed in either of the said Counties or Cities through which or any Part thereof such Boat, Barge, Trow, or other Vessel shall have passed in the course of the Voyage or Journey during which such Felony shall have been committed; and every such Felony shall and may be inquired of, tried, and determined in the County or City within which the same Felony shall be so alledged to have been committed; and all and every Person and Persons who shall be convicted of any such Felony so to be inquired of, tried, and determined as aforesaid, shall be subject and liable to all such Pains of Death, and other Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures, as such Person or Persons convicted of such Felony would have been subject and liable to in case such Felony had been inquired of, tried, and determined in the County in which the same Felony was actually committed; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to affect the Jurisdiction of the High Court of Admiralty, or of any Commission for the Trial of Offences under an Act passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, intituled *For Pirates*.

Persons so tried and convicted to be subject to like Pains and Penalties as if tried in the County where Fact committed.

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