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CAP. CXIV.

An Act to provide for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offences, by Imprisonment with hard Labour. [5th *August* 1822.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to repeal a certain Provision respecting Persons convicted of Felony without Benefit of Clergy, contained in an Act made in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for the Erection of a Penitentiary House for the Confinement of Persons convicted within the City of* London *and County of* Middlesex, *and for making other Provisions in lieu thereof*, it was enacted, that it should and might be lawful for any Court to pass upon any Person who should be lawfully convicted before such Court of Felony with Benefit of Clergy, or of any Grand Larceny, or of any Petit Larceny, the Sentence of Imprisonment to hard Labour, either simply and alone, or in addition to any other Sentence which such Court might or should be authorized to pass upon any Person lawfully convicted of any of the Offences aforesaid, as to such Court should seem fit; and such Person should thereupon suffer such other Sentence, and be moreover imprisoned and kept to hard Labour, or be simply imprisoned and kept to hard Labour, in such Place and for such Time as such Court should think fit to direct, not exceeding the Time for which such Courts might then imprison for such Offences: And whereas it is expedient that the Provisions of the said Act should be extended to certain aggravated Misdemeanors, and Offences below the Degree of Felony:

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lony: 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, whenever any Person shall be convicted of any of the Offences hereafter specified and set forth; that is to say, any Assault with Intent to commit Felony; any Attempt to commit Felony; any Riot; any Misdemeanor for having received stolen Goods knowing them to have been stolen; any Assault upon a Peace Officer, or upon an Officer of the Customs or Excise, or upon any other Officer of the Revenue, in the due Discharge and Execution of his or their respective Duty or Duties, or upon any Person or Persons acting in Aid of any such Officer or Officers in the due Discharge and Execution of his or their respective Duty or Duties; any Assault committed in pursuance of any Conspiracy to raise the Rate of Wages; being an Utterer of counterfeit Money, knowing the same to be counterfeit; knowingly and designedly obtaining Money, Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, Bills, Bonds, or other Securities for Money, by false Pretences, with Intent to cheat any Person of the same; keeping a common Gaming House, a common Bawdy House, or a common ill-governed and disorderly House; wilful and corrupt Perjury, or of Subornation of Perjury; having entered any open or inclosed Ground with Intent there illegally to destroy, take, or kill Game or Rabbits, or with Intent to aid, abet, and assist any Person or Persons illegally to destroy, take, or kill Game or Rabbits, and having been there found at Night armed with any offensive Weapon; in each and every of the above Cases, and whenever any Person shall be convicted of any or either of the aforesaid Offences, it shall and may be lawful for the Court before which any such Offender shall be convicted, or which by Law is authorized to pass Sentence upon any such Offender, to award and order (if such Court shall think fit) Sentence of Imprisonment with hard Labour, for any Term not exceeding the Term for which such Court may now imprison for such Offences, either in addition to or in lieu of any other Punishment which may be inflicted on any such Offenders by any Law in force before the passing of this Act; and every such Offender shall thereupon suffer such Sentence, in such Place, and for such Time as aforesaid, as such Court shall think fit to direct.

Persons convicted of the Offences herein mentioned, may be sentenced to hard Labour.

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