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CAP. IX.

An Act to provide for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offences in *Ireland*, by Imprisonment with Hard Labour. [22d *March* 1826.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the Punishment of certain Offences in *Ireland* by Imprisonment with Hard Labour, in like Manner as the same are punished in *England;* 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 lawful for any Court in *Ireland* to pass upon any Person who shall be lawfully convicted before such Court of any Felony with Benefit of Clergy, or of any Grand Larceny, or of any Petit Larceny, Sentence of Imprisonment to Hard Labour, either simply and alone, or in addition to any other Sentence which such Court may or shall be authorized to pass upon any Person lawfully convicted of any of the Offences aforesaid, as to such Court shall seem fit; and such Person shall 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 shall think fit to direct, not exceeding the Time for which such Courts may now imprison for such Offences; and that from and after the passing of this Act, whenever any Person in *Ireland* shall be convicted of any of the Offences hereafter specified and set forth;

Persons convicted of Felony with Benefit of Clergy, or of Grand or Petit Larceny, may be sentenced to Imprisonment with Hard Labour.

and Persons convicted of certain specified Offences

below the Degree of Felony, may also be sentenced to Imprisonment with Hard Labour.

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; any Assault 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 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 in *Ireland* 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 in *Ireland* 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.

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