thereto, knowing the same to be false or counterfeit, he shall be guilty of Felony, and shall upon Conviction be liable to Penal Servitude for the Term of Four Years, or to be imprisoned, with or without Hard Labour, for any Term not exceeding Three Years nor less than One Year; and whenever any such Document has been admitted in Evidence by virtue of this Act, the Court or the Person who has admitted the same may, at the Request of any Party against whom the same is so admitted in Evidence, direct that the same shall be impounded and be kept in the Custody of some Officer of the Court or other proper Person for such Period, and subject to such Conditions, as to the said Court or Person shall seem meet; and every Person charged with committing any Felony under this Act may be dealt with, indicted, tried, and, if convicted, sentenced, and his Offence may be laid and charged to have been committed in the County, District, or Place in which he may be apprehended or be in Custody; and every Accessory before or after the Fact to any such Offence may be dealt with, indicted, tried, and, if convicted, sentenced, and his Offence laid and charged to have been committed in any County, District, or Place in which the principal Offender may be tried.

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CAP. XLIII.

An Act to enable Infants, with the Approbation of the Court of Chancery, to make binding Settlements of their Real and Personal Estate on Marriage.

[2d *July* 1855.]

'WHEREAS great Inconveniences and Disadvantages arise in consequence of Persons 'who marry during Minority being incapable of making binding Settlements of their 'Property:' For Remedy whereof 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, as follows:

I. From and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for every Infant upon or in contemplation of his or her Marriage, with the Sanction of the Court of Chancery, to make a valid and binding Settlement or Contract for a Settlement of all or any Part of his or her Property, or Property over which he or she has any Power of Appointment, whether Real or Personal, and whether in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy; and every Conveyance, Appointment, and Assignment of such Real or Personal Estate, or Contract to make a Conveyance, Appointment, or Assignment thereof, executed by such Infant, with the Approbation of the said Court, for the Purpose of giving Effect to such Settlement shall be as valid and effectual as if the Person executing the same were of the full Age of Twenty-one Years: Provided always, that this Enactment shall not extend to Powers of which it is expressly declared that they shall not be exercised by an Infant.

Infants may with the Approbation of the Court of Chancery, make valid Settlements or Contracts for Settlements of their Real and Personal Estate upon Marriage.

II. Provided always, That in case any Appointment under a Power of Appointment, or any disentailing Assurance shall have been executed by any Infant Tenant in Tail under the Provisions of this Act, and such Infant shall afterwards die under Age, such Appointment or disentailing Assurance shall thereupon become absolutely void.

In case Infant die under Age, Appointment, &c. to be void.

III. The Sanction of the Court of Chancery to any such Settlement or Contract for a Settlement may be given, upon Petition presented by the Infant or his or her Guardian, in a summary Way, without the Institution of a Suit; and if there be no Guardian, the Court may require a Guardian to be appointed or not, as it shall think fit; and the Court also may, if it shall think fit, require that any Persons interested or appearing to be interested in the Property should be served with Notice of such Petition.

The Sanction of the Court of Chancery to be given upon Petition.

IV. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall apply to any Male Infant under the Age of Twenty Years, or to any Female Infant under the Age of Seventeen Years.

Not to apply to Males under 20, or Females under 17.