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C A P. XLVII.

An Act for restricting the Punishment of Leasing-making, Sedition, and Blasphemy, in *Scotland*.

[22d *June* 1825.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Punishment of the Crimes of Leasing-making, Sedition, and Blasphemy, as known in the Law of *Scotland*, should be restricted; and that these Crimes should be punished in the same Manner as such Crimes would be punished if committed 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 if any Person shall henceforth be convicted of any of the aforesaid Crimes, such Person shall be liable to be punished only by Fine or Imprisonment, or both, at the Discretion of the Court before which such Person shall be tried.

Punishment for Leasing-making, Sedition, and Blasphemy.

II. And be it enacted, That if any Person after being so convicted shall offend a Second Time, and be thereof lawfully convicted, such Person may, on such Second Conviction, be adjudged, at the Discretion of the Court, either to suffer the Punishment of Fine or Imprisonment, or both, or to be banished from the United Kingdom and all other Parts of His Majesty's Dominions, for such Term of Years as the Court in which such Conviction shall take place shall order.

Second Offence.

Persons banished, not departing within 30 Days, to be conveyed to any Part out of His Majesty's Dominions.

III. And be it further enacted, That in case such Person so adjudged to be banished as aforesaid, shall not depart from this United Kingdom within Thirty Days after the pronouncing of such Sentence as aforesaid, for the Purpose of going into such Banishment as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty to convey such Person to such Parts out of the Dominions of His said Majesty, as His Majesty, by the Advice of His Privy Council, may direct.

Persons banished, not departing within 40 Days, to be transported.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any Offender, who shall be so sentenced to be banished in manner aforesaid, shall, after the End of Forty Days from the Time such Sentence has been pronounced, be at large within any Part of the United Kingdom, or any other Part of His Majesty's Dominions, without some lawful Cause, before the Expiration of the Term for which such Offender shall have been so adjudged to be banished as aforesaid, every such Offender being so at large as aforesaid, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be transported to such Place as shall be appointed by His Majesty, for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years.

So much of 39 G. 3. c. 49. as to Bail in Cases of Sedition, repealed.

V. And be it enacted, That so much of an Act passed in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to extend the Bail to be given in Cases of Criminal Information*, as authorizes the Court of Justiciary to extend the Bail beyond the Sums specified in that Act, in all Cases where any Person shall in future be imprisoned on a Charge of being guilty of the Crime of Sedition, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

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