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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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CAP. CXXXVIII.

An Act to abolish the Punishment of the Pillory, except in certain Cases. [2d *July* 1816.]

WHEREAS the Punishment of the Pillory has in many Cases been found inexpedient and not fully to answer the Purpose for which it was intended; 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 Judgment shall not be given and awarded against any Person or Persons convicted of any Offence, that such Person or Persons do stand in or upon the Pillory, except for the Offences hereinafter mentioned; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided that all Laws now in force whereby any Person is subject to Punishment for the taking any false Oath, or for committing any Manner of wilful and corrupt Perjury, or for the procuring or suborning any other Person so to do, or for wilfully, falsely, and corruptly affirming or declaring, or procuring or suborning any other Person so to affirm and declare, in any Matter or Thing, which if the same had been deposed in the usual Form would have amounted to wilful and corrupt Perjury, shall continue and be in full Force and Effect; and that all Persons guilty of any of the said several Offences shall incur and suffer the same Punishment, Penalties, and Forfeitures as such Persons were subject to by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, or any of them, before the passing of this Act and as if this Act had not been made.

Judgment of Pillory to be awarded for certain Offences only.

Court may fine or imprison Offenders.

II. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where the Punishment of the Pillory has hitherto formed the Whole or a Part of the Judgment to be pronounced, it shall and may be lawful for the Court before whom such Offence is tried, to pass such Sentence of Fine or Imprisonment, or of both, in lieu of the Sentence of Pillory, as to the said Court shall seem most proper: Provided that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend in any Manner to change, alter, or affect, any Punishment whatsoever which may now be by Law inflicted in respect of any Offence, except only the Punishment of Pillory, in Manner as herein above is enacted.

Not to change any Punishment for Offences, except the Pillory.

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