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CAP. XCIII.

An Act for regulating Trials for High Treason and Misprision of High Treason, in certain Cases.

[28th *July* 1800.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that in Cases of High Treason in compassing or imagining the Death of the King, and of Misprision of such Treason, where the Overt Act or Overt Acts of such Treason alledged in the Indictment for such Offence shall be the Assassination or killing of the King, or any direct Attempt against His Life, or any direct Attempt against His Person whereby His Life may be endangered, or His Person may suffer bodily Harm, the Trial for such Offence should not be different from Trials for Murder or wilful and malicious Shooting; be it 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 in all Cases of High Treason in compassing or imagining the Death of the King, and of Misprision of such Treason, where the Overt Act or Overt Acts of such Treason which shall be alledged in the Indictment for such Offence shall be Assassination or killing of the King, or any direct Attempt against His Life, or any direct Attempt against His Person whereby His Life may be endangered or His Person may suffer bodily Harm, the Person or Persons charged with such Offence shall and may be indicted, arraigned, tried, and attainted, in the same

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Life, &c. the Offender ſhall be tried in the ſame Manner as if charged with Murder, *etc.*

ſame Manner and according to the ſame Courſe and Order of Trial, in every Reſpect, and upon the like Evidence, as if ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſtood charged with Murder; and none of the Proviſions contained in the ſeveral Acts of the Seventh Year of King *William* the Third and the Seventh Year of Queen *Anne* reſpectively, touching Trials in Caſes of Treaſon and Miſpriſion of Treaſon reſpectively, ſhall extend to any Indictment for High Treaſon in compaſſing and imagining the Death of the King, or for Miſpriſion of ſuch Treaſon, where the Overt Act or Overt Acts of ſuch Treaſon alledged in the Indictment ſhall be ſuch as aforeſaid, but upon Conviction on ſuch Indictment, Judgement ſhall be nevertheleſs given and Execution done as in other Caſes of High Treaſon, any Law, Statute, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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