

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO QUARTO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXLVI.

An Act to alter the Puniſhment in certain Caſes of High Treaſon. [27th *July* 1814.]

WHEREAS in certain Caſes of High Treaſon, as the Law now ſtands, the Sentence or Judgement required by Law to be pronounced or awarded againſt Perſons convicted or adjudged guilty of the ſaid Crime, in ſuch Caſes is, that they ſhould be drawn on an Hurdle to the Place of Execution and there be hanged by the Neck but not until they are dead, but that they ſhould be taken down again, and that when they are yet alive their Bowels ſhould be taken out and burnt before their Faces, and that afterwards their Heads ſhould be ſevered from their Bodies, and their Bodies be divided into Four Quarters, and their Heads and Quarters to be at the King's Diſpoſal: And whereas it is expedient in the ſaid Caſes of High Treaſon to alter the Sentence or Judgement now required by Law: 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 in all Caſes of High Treaſon, in which, as the Law now ſtands, the Sentence or Judgement ordained by Law is as aforeſaid, the Sentence or Judgement to be pronounced or awarded from and after the paſſing of this Act againſt any Perſon convicted or adjudged guilty ſhall be, that ſuch Perſon ſhall be drawn on a Hurdle to the Place of Execution, and be there hanged by the Neck until ſuch Perſon be dead; and that afterwards the Head ſhall be ſevered from the Body of ſuch Perſon, and the Body divided into Four Quarters, ſhall be diſpoſed of as His Majeſty and His Succeſſors ſhall think fit.

Form of Sentence in caſe of High Treaſon.

His Majeſty may alter ſuch Sentence.

II. And be it further declared and enacted, That in caſe His Majeſty or His Succeſſors ſhall ſo think fit, His Majeſty or His Succeſſors, after ſuch Sentence or Judgement ſhall be pronounced or awarded, may by Warrant under his or their Sign Manual, counterſigned by One of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, declare it to be his or their Will and Pleaſure, and may direct and order that ſuch Perſon as aforeſaid ſhall not be drawn, but ſhall be taken in ſuch Manner as in the ſaid Warrant ſhall be expreſſed, to the Place of Execution, and that ſuch Perſon ſhall not be there hanged by the Neck, but that inſtead thereof the Head ſhall be there ſevered from the Body of ſuch Perſon whilſt alive, and in ſuch Warrant may direct and order how and in what Manner the Body, Head, and Quarters of ſuch Perſon ſhall be diſpoſed of; and it ſhall be lawful for the Sheriff or other Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Warrant ſhall be addreſſed, and whom it ſhall concern, to carry the ſame into Execution accordingly.

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