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CAP. XXIV.

An Act to extend certain Provisions of an Act of King *William* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating of Trials in Cases of Treason and Misprision of Treason*, to that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*. [19th *April* 1821.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of His late Majesty King *William* the Third, and intituled *An Act for regulating of Trials in Cases of Treason and Misprision of Treason*, it is amongst other Things enacted, that no Person or Persons whatsoever shall be indicted, tried, or attainted of High Treason, whereby any Corruption of Blood may or shall be made to any such Offender or Offenders, or to any the Heir or Heirs of any such Offender or Offenders, or of Misprision of such Treason, but by and upon the Oaths and Testimony of Two lawful Witnesses, either both of them to the same Overt Act, or one of them to one and the other of them to another Overt Act of the same Treason, unless the Party indicted and arraigned or tried shall willingly, without Violence and in open Court, confess the same, (or shall stand mute or refuse to plead), or in Cases of High Treason shall peremptorily challenge above the Number of Thirty-five of the Jury; provided always, that any Person or Persons being indicted for any such Treasons or Misprisions of such Treasons may be outlawed, and thereby attainted of or for any such Offences of Treason or Misprision of Treason; and in 7 W. 3. c. 3. § 2, 3, 4, & 5.

in Cases of such High Treasons, when by the Law, after such Outlawry, the Party outlawed may come and be tried, he shall upon such Trial have the Benefit of the said Act: And it is therein further enacted and declared, that if Two or more distinct Treasons of divers Heads or Kinds shall be alledged in one Bill of Indictment, one Witness produced to prove one of the said Treasons, and another Witness produced to prove another of the said Treasons, shall not be deemed or taken to be Two Witnesses to the same Treason within the Meaning of the said Act: And whereas in the same aforesaid Act it is further enacted, that no Person or Persons whatsoever shall be indicted or prosecuted for any Treason or Misprision of Treason that shall be committed or done within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, unless the same Indictment be found by a Grand Jury within Three Years next after the Treason or Offence done or committed: And whereas the above recited Enactments and Provisions of the said Act do not extend to that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*; and it is expedient, just, and reasonable that they should be extended to that Part of the United Kingdom: 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 the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of *January* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, the above-recited Enactments and Provisions of the aforesaid Act passed in the Reign of King *William*, and intituled *An Act for regulating of Trials in Cases of Treason and Misprision of Treason*, shall extend and be construed to extend to, and be in force to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

The recited Enactments and Provisions shall extend to Ireland.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases of High Treason in compassing and 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 an 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 in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, may be indicted, arraigned, tried, and attainted in the 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.

When the Overt Act charged shall be Assassination, &c. or any Attempt against the King's Life or Person, the Offender may be tried as in Cases of Murder.

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