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CAP. V.

An Act to repeal the Statute made in the First Year of the Reign of King *James* the First, intituled, *An Act against Conjuration, Witchcraft, and dealing with evil and wicked Spirits*, except so much thereof as repeals an Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, *Against Conjurations, Inchantments, and Witchcrafts*, and to repeal an Act passed in the Parliament of *Scotland* in the Ninth Parliament of Queen *Mary*, intituled, *Anentis Witchcrafts*, and for punishing such Persons as pretend to exercise or use any kind of Witchcraft, Sorcery, Inchantment, or Conjuration.

Preamble.

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 the Statute made in the First Year of the Reign of King *James* the First, intituled, *An Act against Conjuration, Witchcraft, and dealing with evil and wicked Spirits*, shall, from the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*

The Act 1 *James* I. *against Conjuration*, &c. repealed,

except a clause in *5 Eliz.*

June next, be repealed and utterly void, and of none effect (except so much thereof as repeals the Statute made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*) intituled, *An Act against Conjurations, Inchantments, and Witchcrafts.*

The Act in *Scotland 9 Mariæ* also repealed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, the Act passed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, in the Ninth Parliament of Queen *Mary*, intituled, *Anentis Witchcrafts*, shall be, and is hereby repealed.

After 24 *June*, 1736, no Person to be prosecuted for Witchcraft, &c.

And be it further enacted, That from and after the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, no Prosecution, Suit, or Proceeding, shall be commenced or carried on against any Person or Persons for Witchcraft, Sorcery, Inchantment, or Conjuration, or for charging another with any such Offence, in any Court whatsoever in *Great Britain*.

Persons pretending to exercise Witchcraft, tell Fortunes, or by crafty Science to discover stolen Goods,

to be imprisoned for a Year,

be pilloryed,

and bound for good Behaviour.

And for the more effectual preventing and punishing of any Pretences to such Arts or Powers as are before mentioned, whereby ignorant Persons are frequently deluded and defrauded; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, from and after the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, pretend to exercise or use any kind of Witchcraft, Sorcery, Inchantment, or Conjuration, or undertake to tell Fortunes, or pretend, from his or her Skill or Knowledge in any occult or crafty Science, to discover where or in what manner any Goods or Chattels, supposed to have been stolen or lost, may be found, every Person, so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted on Indictment or Information in that part of *Great Britain* called *England*, or on Indictment or Libel in that part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, shall, for every such Offence, suffer Imprisonment by the Space of one whole Year without Bail or Mainprize, and once in every Quarter of the said Year, in some Market Town of the proper County, upon the Market Day, there stand openly on the Pillory by the Space of One Hour, and also shall (if the Court by which such Judgment shall be given shall think fit) be obliged to give Sureties for his or her good Behaviour, in such Sum, and for such Time, as the said Court shall judge proper according to the Circumstances of the Offence, and in such case shall be further imprisoned until such Sureties be given.