

XV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person shall break and enter any building, and steal therein any chattel, money or valuable security, such building being within the curtilage of a dwelling house, and occupied therewith but not being part thereof, according to the provision hereinbefore mentioned, every such offender being convicted thereof, either upon an indictment for the same offence, or upon an indictment for burglary, house breaking or stealing to the value of fifteen pounds sterling, in a dwelling house containing a separate count for such offence, shall be liable at the discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the seas for life, or for any term not less than seven years, or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding four years, and if a male, to be once, twice or thrice publicly or privately whipped, if the Court shall so think fit, in addition to such imprisonment.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person shall break and enter any shop, warehouse or counting house, and steal therein any chattel, money or valuable security, every such offender being convicted thereof, shall be liable to any of the punishments which the Court may award as hereinbefore last mentioned.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person shall steal any goods or merchandize in any vessel, barge or boat of any description whatsoever, in any port of entry or discharge, or upon any navigable river or canal, or in any creek belonging to or communicating with any such port, river or canal, or shall steal any goods or merchandize from any dock, wharf or quay adjacent to any such port, river canal or creek, every such offender being convicted thereof shall be liable to any of the punishments which the Court may award as hereinbefore last mentioned.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person shall plunder or steal any part of any ship or vessel which shall be in distress or wrecked, stranded or cast on shore, or any goods, merchandize or articles of any kind belonging to such ship or vessel, every such offender being convicted thereof shall suffer death as a felon; provided always that when articles of small value shall be stranded or cast on shore and shall be stolen without circumstances of cruelty, outrage or violence, it shall be lawful to prosecute and punish the offender as for simple larceny, and in either case the offender may be indicted and tried either in the district or county in which the offence shall have been committed, or in any district or county next adjoining.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any goods merchandize, or articles of any kind belonging to any ship or vessel in distress or wrecked, stranded or cast on shore as aforesaid, shall, by virtue of a search warrant to be granted as hereinafter mentioned, be found in the possession of any person, or on the premises of any person with his knowledge, and such person being carried before a Justice of the Peace shall not satisfy the Justice that he came lawfully by the same, then the same shall by order of the Justice be forthwith delivered over to or for the use of the rightful owner thereof, and the offender on conviction of such offence before the Justice, shall forfeit and pay over and above the value of the goods, merchandize or articles, such sum of money not exceeding Twenty Pounds, as to the Justice shall seem meet.

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