

## EXTRADITION BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

years with hard labour: Imp. Stat. 35 and 36 Vict., cap. 83, sec. 24.

"There is no act which makes the person-ator incompetent as a witness, but I think the evidence of such a person should be received with great caution. If there were no corroboration of the evidence of Stanley [whom the Chief Justice found guilty of four distinct acts of personation during this election], I should have some hesitation in giving effect to it. But as it has been corroborated in several material particulars, I cannot disregard it."

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THE following is the correspondence recently brought before the House of Commons, having reference to the inadequacy of the existing Extradition Treaty between Great Britain and the United States:

*Memorandum for the Privy Council by the Minister of Justice.*

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

OTTAWA, 2nd Dec., 1875.

The undersigned begs to report that his attention has been called to the inadequacy of the existing Extradition Treaty between the United Kingdom and the United States.

By what is commonly called the Jay Treaty, made in 1794 between Great Britain and the United States, there were two extradition offences, viz: Murder and forgery. By the Ashburton Treaty, made in 1842, there were seven extradition offences, viz: Murder, assault with intent to commit murder, piracy, arson, robbery, forgery, and the utterance of forged papers.

In 1870 was passed the Imperial Statutes 33 and 34 Vict., cap. 52, intituled an Act to amend the Law relating to the Extradition of Criminals, by the first schedule to which the following were specified as extradition offences:

Murder, and attempt and conspiracy to murder, manslaughter, counterfeiting and altering money, and uttering counterfeited or altered money, forgery, counterfeiting and altering and uttering what is forged or counterfeited or altered, embezzlement and larceny, obtaining money or goods by false pretences, crimes by

bankrupts against bankruptcy law, fraud by a bailer, banker, agent, factor, trustee, or director or member, or public officer of any company made criminal by any act for the time being in force; rape, abduction, child-stealing, burglary and house-breaking, arson, robbery with violence, threats by letter or otherwise with intent to extort, piracy by law of nations, sinking or destroying a vessel at sea, or attempting or conspiring to do so, assaults on board a ship on the high seas with intent to destroy life or to do grievous bodily harm, revolt or conspiracy to revolt by two or more persons on board a ship on the high seas against the authority of the master.

In 1873 was passed the Imperial Statute 36 and 37 Vict., cap. 60, by the schedule to which the following were specified as extradition offences: Kidnapping and false imprisonment; perjury and subornation of perjury, whether under common or statute law; any indictable offence under the Larceny Act, 1861, or any act amending or substituted for the same which is not included in the first schedule to the Extradition Act of 1870; any indictable offence under the act of the session of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth years of the reign of her present Majesty, chapter 97, "To consolidate and amend the Statute Law of England and Ireland, relating to malicious injuries to property," or any act amending or substituted for the same, which is not included in the first schedule to the Extradition Act of 1870; any indictable offence under the act of the session of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth years of the reign of her present Majesty, chapter 98, "To consolidate and amend the Statute Law of England and Ireland, relating to indictable offences by forgery," or any act amending or substituted for the same which is not included in the first schedule to the Extradition Act of 1870; any indictable offence under the Act 24 and 25 Vict., cap. 99, "To consolidate and amend the Statute Law of the United Kingdom against offences relating to the Coin," or any act amending or substituted for the same which is not included in the first schedule of the Extradition Act of 1870; any indictable offence under the Act 24 and 25 Vict., cap. 100, "To consolidate and amend the Statute Law of England and Ireland, relating to offences against the person," or any act amending or substituted for the same, which is not included in the first schedule to the Extradition Act of 1870; any indictable offence under the laws, for the time being, in force in relation to bankruptcy, which is not