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Persons wilfully or maliciously injuring or destroying property of any kind, if convicted thereof within six months, before one Justice, on the oath of one witness, to forfeit and pay to the person aggrieved, such compensation as to the said Justice may seem reasonable, not exceeding £5, over and above costs 629

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In default of payment within such time as Justice may appoint, he may commit offenders for a period not exceeding 3 months ib.

If damage be committed as above on any description of public property, Justice may proceed as aforesaid, at the instance of any person prosecuting, and direct the sum forfeited (not to exceed £5, exclusive of costs,) to be paid, one half to the person prosecuting, and the other half to government—and in default of payment, to commit the offender as aforesaid ib.

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