

sons to taking or stealing the same shall amount to Grand Larceny or some greater offence or to Petit Larceny, only except where the person or persons, actually committing the felony, shall have been already convicted of Grand Larceny or of some greater offence, every person who shall buy or receive any such goods and chattles, knowing the same to have been so taken or stolen, shall be held and deemed guilty of, and may be prosecuted for a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine, imprisonment or whipping as the court of quarter sessions, who are hereby empowered to try such offender or as any other court before which he, she or they shall be tried, shall think fit to inflict, although the principal felon or felons be not before convicted of the said felony, and whether he, she or they is or are amenable to Justice or not, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding; and in cases where the felony actually committed shall amount to Grand Larceny, or to some greater offence and where the person or persons actually committing such felony shall not be before convicted, such offender or offenders, shall be exempted from being punished as accessory or accessories, if such principal felon or felons shall be afterwards convicted.

XVIII. *And be it further enacted*, that it shall and may be lawful for any one Justice of the peace, upon complaint made before him, upon oath that there is reason to suspect, that stolen goods are knowingly concealed in any dwelling-house, out-house, garden, yard, croft, or other place or places, by warrant under his hand and seal, to cause every such dwelling-house, out-house, garden, yard, croft or other place or places, to be searched in the day time, and the person or persons knowingly concealing the said stolen goods or any part thereof, or in whose custody the same or any part thereof shall be found, he, she or they, being privy thereto, shall be deemed and held guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall and may be brought before any Justice of the peace, for the district, county, city, town or place, and made amenable to answer the same by like warrant of any such Justice, and being thereof convicted by due course of Law, shall be punishable in the manner aforesaid.