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An Act to regulate the Sentences imposed by Colonial Courts where jurisdiction to try is conferred by Imperial Acts.

[30th June 1874.]

WHEREAS by certain Acts of Parliament jurisdiction is Preamble. conferred on courts in Her Majesty's colonies to try persons charged with certain crimes or offences, and doubts have arisen as to the proper sentences to be imposed upon conviction of such persons; and it is expedient to remove such doubts:

Be it enacted by the Queen'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, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as Short title. The Courts (Colonial) Jurisdiction Act, 1874.

2. For the purposes of this Act,—

Definition of term "colony"

The term "colony" shall not include any places within the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, or the Channel Islands but shall include such territories as may for the time being be vested in Her Majesty by virtue of an Act of Parliament for the Government of India, and any plantation, territory, or settlement situate elsewhere within Her Majesty's dominions, and subject to the same local government; and for the purposes of this Act, all plantations, territories, and settlements under a central legislature shall be deemed to be one colony under the same local government.

3. When, by virtue of any Act of Parliament now or hereafter At trials in any colonial courts by virtue of Imperial Acts, to be passed, a person is tried in a court of any colony for any crime or offence committed upon the high seas or elsewhere territorial out of the