

Rules for the Interpretation of all criminal Statutes.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That wherever this or any other Act or Statute relating to any Offence, whether punishable upon Indictment or summary Conviction, indesccribing or referring to the Offence or the Subject Matter on or with respect to which it shall be committed, or the Offender or the Party affected or intended to be affected by the Offence, hath used or shall use Words importing the singular Number or the masculine Gender only, yet the Act or Statute shall be understood to include several Matters as well as One Matter, and several Persons as well as One Person, and Females as well as Males, and Bodies Corporate as well as Individuals, unless it be otherwise specially provided, or there be Something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction ; and wherever any Forfeiture or Penalty is payable to a Party aggrieved, it shall be payable to a Body Corporate in every Case where such Body shall be the Party aggrieved.

Every Punishment for Felony, after it has been endured, shall have the Effect of a Pardon under the Great Seal.

XXXIII. And Whereas it is expedient to prevent all Doubts respecting the Civil Rights of Persons convicted of Felonies not capital, who have undergone the Punishment to which they were adjudged ; Be it therefore enacted, That where any Offender hath been or shall be convicted of any Felony not punishable with Death, and hath endured or shall endure the Punishment to which such Offender hath been or shall be adjudged for the same, the Punishment so endured hath and shall have the like Effects and Consequences as a Pardon under the Great Seal as to the Felony whereof the Offender was so convicted : Provided always, that nothing herein contained, nor the enduring of such Punishment, shall prevent or mitigate any Punishment to which the Offender might otherwise be lawfully sentenced on a subsequent Conviction for any other Felony.

XXXIV.