

10. No person shall be convicted of an offence by reason of any act or omission of such person when under the age of seven years. Bill of 1880, sec. 21. Children under seven.

11. No person shall be convicted of an offence by reason of an act or omission of such person when of the age of seven, but under the age of fourteen years, unless he was competent to know the nature and consequences of his conduct, and to appreciate that it was wrong. Bill of 1880, sec. 22. Children between seven and fourteen.

12. No person shall be convicted of an offence by reason of an act done or omitted by him when labouring under natural imbecility, or disease of the mind, to such an extent as to render him incapable of appreciating the nature and quality of the act or omission, and of knowing that such act or omission was wrong. Insanity.

2. A person labouring under specific delusions, but in other respects sane, shall not be acquitted on the ground of insanity, under the provisions hereinafter contained, unless the delusions caused him to believe in the existence of some state of things which, if it existed, would justify or excuse his act or omission; insanity before or after the time when he committed or omitted the act, and insane delusions though only partial, may be evidence that the offender was, at the time when he committed, or omitted to do, the act, in such a condition of mind as to render him irresponsible for such act or omission.

3. Every one shall be presumed to be sane at the time of doing or omitting to do any act until the contrary is proved. Bill of 1880, sec. 23.

13. Except as hereinafter provided, compulsion by threats of immediate death or grievous bodily harm from a person actually present at the commission of the offence shall be an excuse for the commission, by a person subject to such threats, and who believes such threats will be executed, and who is not a party to any association or conspiracy the being a party to which rendered him subject to compulsion, of any offence other than treason as defined in paragraphs *a, b, c, d* and *e* of sub-section one of section 65, murder, piracy, offences deemed to be piracy, attempting to murder, assisting in rape, forcible abduction, robbery, causing grievous bodily harm, and arson. Compulsion.

2. No presumption shall be made that a married woman committing an offence does so under compulsion because she commits it in the presence of her husband. Bill of 1880, sec. 24.

14. The fact that an offender is ignorant of the law is not an excuse for any offence committed by him. Bill of 1880, sec. 25. Ignorance of the law.

15. Every ministerial officer of any court authorized to execute a lawful sentence, and every gaoler, and every person lawfully assisting such ministerial officer or gaoler, is justified in executing such sentence. Bill of 1880, sec. 26. Execution of sentence.