

or gross negligence, and that he offered to publish an apology. periodical publication, without actual malice, and without gross negligence, and that before the commencement of the action or at the earliest opportunity afterwards, he inserted in such newspaper or other periodical publication a full apology for the said libel, or if the newspaper or periodical publication in which the said libel appeared should be ordinarily published at intervals exceeding one week, had offered to publish the said apology in any newspaper or periodical publication to be selected by the plaintiff in such action; and that any defendant shall, upon filing such plea, be at liberty to pay into Court a sum of money by way of amends for the injury sustained by the publication of such libel, and such payment into Court shall be of the same effect, and be available to the same extent and in the same manner, and be subject to the same rules and regulations as to payment of costs, and the form of pleading except so far as regards the additional facts hereinbefore required to be pleaded by such defendant, as if actions for libel had not been excepted from the personal actions in which it is lawful to pay money into Court under an Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada, passed in the Session held in the seventh year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled, "*An Act for the further amendment of the Law and the better advancement of Justice,*" and that to such plea to such action it shall be competent to the plaintiff to reply generally, denying the whole of such plea.

And may pay money into Court as amends.

Notwithstanding the exception in Act of U. C. 7 W. 4 c. 3.

Reply to such plea may be general.

Punishment for extorting money by threatening to publish, or promising to prevent the publication of a libel.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any person shall publish or threaten to publish any libel upon any other person, or shall directly or indirectly threaten to print or publish, or shall directly or indirectly propose to abstain from printing or publishing, or shall directly or indirectly offer to prevent the printing or publishing, of any matter or thing touching or concerning any other person, with intent to extort any money or security for money, or any valuable thing, from such or any other person, or with intent to induce any person to confer or procure for any person any appointment or office of profit or trust, every such offender on being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be fined any sum not exceeding *one hundred pounds*, and imprisoned in the common gaol for a period not exceeding two years.

Punishment for publishing a libel knowing it to be false.

V. And be it enacted, That if any person shall maliciously publish any defamatory libel, knowing the same to be false, every such person, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to a fine of not more than *fifty pounds*, and to be imprisoned in the common gaol for a period not exceeding one year.

Punishment for publishing any libel.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any person shall maliciously publish any defamatory libel, every such person, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to fine and im- 50: