

Punishment
for writing
false certi-
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viction

Indictment and conviction for a previous Felony, or if any person, other than such Clerk, Officer or Deputy, shall sign any such Certificate as such Clerk, Officer or Deputy, or shall utter any such Certificate with a false or counterfeit signature thereto, every such offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being lawfully convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term, not exceeding seven years.

Effect of Par-
don under
Sign Manual

XII. *And be it declared and enacted*, That, where the Queen's Majesty shall be pleased to extend Her Royal mercy to any offender convicted of any Felony, punishable with death or otherwise, and by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Her Principal Secretaries of State, shall grant to such offender either a free or a conditional pardon, the discharge of such offender out of custody, in the case of a free pardon, and the performance of the condition, in the case of a conditional pardon, shall have the effect of a pardon under the Great Seal for such offender, as to the Felony for which such pardon shall be so granted; *Provided always*, that no free pardon, nor any such discharge in consequence thereof, nor any conditional pardon, nor the performance of the condition thereof, in any of the cases aforesaid, shall prevent or mitigate the punishment to which the offender might otherwise be lawfully sentenced on a subsequent conviction, for any Felony committed after the granting of such pardon.

Rule for inter-
preting Crimi-
nal Statutes

XIII. *And be it enacted*, That wherever this or any other Statute relating to any offence, whether punishable upon Indictment or summary conviction, in describing 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 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.

And for the more effectual prosecution of Accessories before the fact of Felony:

Accessory be-
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XIV. *Be it enacted*, That if any person shall counsel, procure, or command any other person to commit any Felony, whether the same be a Felony at Common Law, or by virtue of any Statute or Statutes made, or to be made, the person so counselling, procuring or commanding, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and may be indicted and convicted, either as an accessory before the fact to the principal Felony, together with the principal Felon, or after the conviction of the principal Felon, or may be indicted and convicted of a substantive Felony, whether the principal Felon shall or shall not have been previously convicted, or shall or shall not be amenable to justice, and may be punished in the same manner as any accessory before the fact to the same Felony, if convicted as an accessory, may be punished; and the offence of the person so counselling, procuring or commanding, howsoever indicted, may be enquired of, tried, determined and punished, by any Court which shall have jurisdiction to try the principal Felon, in the same manner as if such offence had been committed at the same place as the principal Felony; and that in case the principal Felony shall have been committed within the body of any County, and the offence of counselling, procuring or commanding, shall have been committed within the body of any other County, the last mentioned offence may be enquired of, tried, determined and punished, in either of such Counties; *Provided always*, that no person who shall be once duly tried for any such offence, whether as an accessory before the fact, or as for a substantive Felony, shall be liable to be again indicted or tried for the same offence.

If offence
committed
in different
Counties may
be tried in ei-
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And for the more effectual prosecution of accessories after the fact of Felony:

Accessory af-
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Court may be
tried

XV. *Be it enacted*, That if any person shall become an accessory after the fact, to any Felony, whether the same be a Felony at Common Law, or by virtue of any Statute or Statutes made, or to be made, the offence of such person may be enquired of, tried, determined and punished, by any Court which shall have jurisdiction to try the principal Felony, in the same manner as if the act, by reason whereof such person shall have become an accessory, had been committed at the same place as the principal Felony; and that in case the principal Felony shall have been committed within the body of any County, and the act by reason whereof any person shall have become accessory, shall have been committed within

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