

taking records
from place of
deposit.

Misdemeanor.

Punishment.

son having the lawful custody thereof, or unlawfully and maliciously obliterates, injures, or destroys any record, writ, return, panel, process, interrogatory, deposition, affidavit, rule, order, or warrant of attorney, or any original document whatsoever, of or belonging to any Court of Justice, or relating to any matter, civil or criminal, begun, depending, or terminated in any such Court, or any bill, answer, interrogatory, deposition, affidavit, order or decree, or any original document whatsoever, of or belonging to any Court, or relating to any cause, or matter begun, depending, or terminated in any such Court, or any notarial minute, or the original of any other authentic Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to any punishment which the Court may award as in the twenty-third section hereinbefore mentioned. 4, 5 V. c. 25, s. 25.

Indictments for
— need not state
owner or value.

27. In any indictment for such last mentioned offence, it shall not be necessary to allege that the article, in respect of which the offence has been committed, is the property of any person, or that the same is of any value. 4, 5 V. c. 25, s. 25,—*See 27.*

11. STEALING FROM VESSELS WRECKED, &c.

Stealing from
vessels, boats,
&c.

Punishment.

28. Any person who steals any goods or merchandize in any vessel, barge, or boat of any description whatsoever in any port of entry or discharge, or upon any navigable river or canal, or in any creek belonging to or communicating with any such port, river or canal, or who steals any goods or merchandize from any dock, wharf, or quay adjacent to any such port, river, canal or creek, shall be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for any term not exceeding fourteen years, nor less than two years, or be imprisoned in some other prison, or place of confinement for any term less than two years. 4, 5 V. c. 25, s. 21.

Plundering or
stealing parts
of ships or
vessels wreck-
ed, &c.

29. Any person who plunders or steals any part of any ship or vessel which is in distress, or has been wrecked, stranded or cast on shore, or any goods, merchandize or articles of any kind belonging to such ship or vessel, shall be liable to any of the punishments which the Court may award as hereinbefore last mentioned. 4, 5 V. c. 25, s. 22.

Unlawfully
possessing ship-
wrecked goods.

Punishment.

30. In case any goods, merchandize, or articles of any kind, belonging to any ship or vessel in distress, or wrecked, stranded, or cast on shore, as aforesaid, be by virtue of a search-warrant, to be granted as hereinafter mentioned, found in the possession of any person, or on the premises of any person with his knowledge, and such person, being carried before a Justice of the Peace, does not satisfy the Justice that he came lawfully by the same, then the same shall, by order of the Justice, be forthwith delivered over to, or for the use of, the rightful owner thereof; and the offender, on conviction of such offence before the Jus-