

security so stolen or secured thereby and remaining unsatisfied, or with the value of the goods or other valuable thing mentioned in the warrant or order; and each of the several documents hereinbefore enumerated shall, throughout this Act, be deemed for every purpose to be included under, and denoted by, the words "valuable security." 4, 5 V. c. 25, s. 5.

8. STEALING WILLS.

23. Any person who, either during the life of the testator or testatrix, or after his or her death, steals, or for any fraudulent purpose destroys or conceals any will, codicil, or other testamentary instrument, whether the same relates to real or personal estate, or to both, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for any period not exceeding fourteen years, nor less than two years, or be imprisoned in any other prison or place of confinement for any term less than two years, or suffer such other punishment by fine or imprisonment, or by both, as the Court shall award, and it shall not in any indictment for such offence be necessary to allege that such will, codicil, or other instrument, is the property of any person, or that the same is of any value. 4, 5 V. c. 25, s. 26,—6 V. c. 5.

Stealing wills.
Punishment.

9. STEALING TITLE-DEEDS.

24. Any person who steals any original paper or parchment, written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, being evidence of the title, or of any part of the title to any real estate, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to any punishment which the Court may award as hereinbefore last mentioned. 4, 5 V. c. 25, s. 27.

Stealing title deeds—misdemeanor—punishment.

25. Nothing in this Act contained relating to either of the misdemeanors aforesaid, or to any proceeding, conviction, or judgment, to be had or taken thereupon, shall prevent, lessen or impeach any remedy at law or in equity, which the party aggrieved by such offence, would have had if this Act had not been passed; but nevertheless the conviction of the offender shall not be received in evidence in any action at law or suit in equity against him; and no person shall be convicted of either of the misdemeanors aforesaid, by any evidence whatever, in respect of any act done by him, if at any time previously to his being indicted for such offence, he disclosed such act on oath in consequence of the compulsory process of a Court of Law or Equity in any action, suit, or proceeding *bonâ fide* instituted by any party aggrieved, or if he disclosed the same in an examination or deposition before any Commissioners of Bankrupt. 4, 5 V. c. 25, s. 28.

Such proceedings not to affect other remedies of parties aggrieved.

10. STEALING OR FRAUDULENTLY TAKING RECORDS, &c.

26. Any person who steals or for any fraudulent purpose takes from its place of deposit for the time being, or from any per-

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