

Administering
poison or
doing injury
with intent to
murder

VIII. *And be it enacted*, That whosoever shall administer to, or cause to be taken by any person, any poison or other destructive thing, or shall stab, cut or wound, any person, or shall, by any means whatsoever, cause to any person any bodily injury dangerous to life, with intent, in any of the cases aforesaid, to commit Murder, shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall suffer death.

Punishment
when no bodily
injury is ef-
fected

IX. *And be it further enacted*, That whosoever shall attempt to administer to any person any poison or other destructive thing, or shall shoot at any person, or shall, by drawing a trigger, or in any other manner attempt to discharge any kind of loaded arms at any person, or shall attempt to drown, suffocate or strangle, any person, with intent, in any of the cases aforesaid to commit the crime of murder, shall, although no bodily injury shall be effected, be guilty of felony, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned for the term of his natural life, or for any term not less than one year, as the Court shall award.

Shooting at,
cutting and
maiming with
intent to dis-
figure

X. *And be it enacted*, That whosoever unlawfully and maliciously shall shoot at an person, or shall, by drawing a trigger, or in any other manner attempt to discharge any kind of loaded arms, at any person, or shall stab, cut, or wound any person, with intent, in any of the cases aforesaid, to maim, disfigure, or disable such person, or to do some other grievous bodily harm to such person, or with intent to resist or prevent the lawful apprehension or detainer of any person, shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned for the term of his natural life, or for any term not less than one year, as the Court shall award.

Sending ex-
plosive sub-
stances, &c.
with intent to
do harm

XI. *And be it enacted*, That whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously send or deliver to, or cause to be taken or received by any person, an explosive substance, or any other dangerous or noxious thing, or shall cast or throw upon, or otherwise apply to, any person any corrosive fluid or other destructive matter, with intent, in any of the cases aforesaid, to burn, maim, disfigure, or disable any person, or to do some other grievous bodily harm to any person, and whereby, in any of the cases aforesaid, any person shall be burned, maimed, disfigured or disabled, or receive some other grievous bodily harm, shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned for the term of his natural life, or for any term not less than one year, as the Court shall award.

Trying to pro-
cure abortion

XII. *And be it enacted*, That whosoever, with intent to procure the miscarriage of any Woman, shall unlawfully adminster to her, or cause to be taken by her, any poison or other noxious thing, or shall unlawfully use any instrument or other means whatsoever, with the like intent, shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned for the term of his natural life, or for any term not less than one year, as the Court shall award.

Women con-
cealing birth
of child by se-
creting dead
body

XIII. *And be it enacted*, That if any Woman shall be delivered of a Child, and shall, by secret burying or otherwise disposing of the dead body of the said Child, endeavour to conceal the birth thereof, every such offender shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned, for any term not exceeding two years, and it shall not be necessary to prove whether the Child died before, at, or after its birth; *Provided always*, that if any Woman, tried for the Murder of her Child, shall be acquitted thereof, it shall be lawful for the Jury, by whose verdict she shall be acquitted, to find, in case it shall so appear in evidence, that she was delivered of a Child, and that she did, by secret burying or otherwise disposing of the dead body of such Child, endeavour to conceal the birth thereof, and thereupon the Court may pass such sentence as if she had been convicted upon an indictment for the concealment of the birth.

Proviso

Sodomy

XIV. *And be it enacted*, That every person convicted of the abominable crime of Buggery, committed either with Mankind or with any Animal, shall suffer death as a Felon.

Rape

XV. *And be it enacted*, That every person convicted of the crime of Rape, shall suffer death as a Felon.

Carnal know-
ledge of a girl
under 10 years
of age, also a-
bove 10 and
under 12

XVI. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall unlawfully and carnally know and abuse any Girl under the age of ten years, every such offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall suffer death as a Felon; and if any person shall unlawfully and carnally know and abuse any Girl, being above the age of ten years and under the age of twelve years, every such offender, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned, for such term as the Court shall award.

And whereas, upon Trials for the crimes of Buggery and Rape, and of carnally abusing Girls