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To authorise Counsel to address
Juries in the behalf of Prisoners
in Capital Cases.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that prisoners should in all cases of Indictment for any Capital Crime, be allowed the full benefit of Counsel: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, &c.

Prisoners allowed the benefit of Counsel in capital cases.

And it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, Prisoners in all cases of Indictment, for any Capital Crime, shall be allowed at trial upon the General issue, the full benefit and advantage of Counsel, - and such Counsel may on the part and behalf of any Prisoner, indicted for any Capital Crime, address the Jury at such Trial in the same manner as he might do on the Trial of any other Issue or Collateral facts.

Counsel may address Juries on behalf of Prisoners.