

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 person shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor; and being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned, with or without hard labour, for such term as the Court shall award.

under Ten Years of age.

The like of a girl above Ten and below Twelve.

XII. And whereas upon Trials for the crimes of Buggery and Rape, and of carnally abusing Girls under the respective ages herein-before mentioned, offenders sometimes escape by reason of the difficulty of the proof which has been required of the completion of these several crimes—For remedy thereof, be it enacted, That it shall not be necessary, in any of those cases, to prove the actual emission of seed, in order to constitute carnal knowledge, but that the carnal knowledge shall be deemed complete upon the proof of penetration only: Provided always, that if complaint shall not be made of the Ravishment of any Woman or Infant above Ten Years of age, within Ten Days after the commission of the crime (unless in cases where the Female shall be unable to make such complaint), before one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, or other Magistrate, then such fact shall be adjudged to have been committed by and with the consent of such Woman or Infant.

What shall be sufficient proof of carnal knowledge in the four preceding cases.

Complaint of Rape to be made within ten days.

XIII. And be it enacted, that every Assault and Battery committed on the body of any Man, Woman or Infant, with intent to commit the abominable crime of Buggery, and every Assault and Battery committed on the body of any Woman or Infant, with intent to ravish, shall be punished by adjudging the offender or offenders, upon due conviction thereof, to stand in the Pillory, and to suffer Imprison-

Assault with intent to commit Sodomy & Rape.