

be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall incur a penalty of £100 currency, or be imprisoned for a term of not less than six months and not more than one year, or be punished by imprisonment and fine together.

Persons stealing or unlawfully taking, or falsifying documents relating to Elections, &c.

XVI. If any person shall steal, or unlawfully or maliciously either by violence or stealth, take from any Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk or from any other person having the lawful custody thereof or from its lawful place of deposit for the time being, or shall unlawfully or maliciously destroy, injure or obliterate, or make any erasure, addition of names or interlineation of names in, to, or upon, or shall aid, counsel or assist in so stealing, taking, destroying, injuring or obliterating, or in making any erasure, addition of names or interlineation of names in to, or upon any list of voters or any Writ of Election, or any return to a Writ of Election, or any Indenture, Poll Book certificate, or affidavit, or any other document or paper, made, prepared or drawn out according to or for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this Act or any of them, every such offender shall be guilty of felony, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable at the discretion of the Court, whose duty it shall be to pass the sentence of the law upon such offender, to be imprisoned at hard labour in the Provincial Penitentiary, for any term not exceeding seven years, nor less than two years, or to be imprisoned in any other place of confinement for any term not exceeding two years, or to suffer such other punishment by fine or imprisonment or both as the Court shall award; and it shall not in any indictment for any such offence be necessary to allege that the article in respect of which the offence is committed is the property of any person or that the same is of any value.

To be guilty of felony: and how punishable.

Certain averments not requisite in the indictment.

Duty of Returning Officer believing any Election document to be altered, &c.

XVII. When the Returning Officer having received any Poll Book, or any document connected with the Election, has reason to believe that the same has been altered, injured or obliterated, or that additions have been made thereto, it shall be his duty to adjourn proceedings and to establish the true facts in the manner provided in case of the loss of any Poll Book, under the twenty-sixth section of the said Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

False swearing, &c., to be perjury.

XVIII. Every person taking any Oath or Affirmation under this Act, who shall wilfully swear or affirm falsely, shall be deemed guilty of perjury.

Abettors punishable as principals.

XIX. Every person who shall aid, abet, counsel, or procure the commission of any misdemeanor under this Act, shall be liable to be indicted and punished as a principal offender.

Commencement of this Act.

XX. This Act shall come into force and effect immediately upon and after the passing thereof, as regards the duties imposed by it on Assessors and other Municipal Officers and the