

ing, paying, and accounting for the said Annuities payable by virtue of this Act, and also for the Service, Pains, and Labour, of the said Accountant General for performing the Trusts hereby reposed in him; all which Allowances to be made as aforesaid, in respect of the Service, Pains, and Labour of any Officer or Officers of the said Governor and Company, shall be for the Use and Benefit of the said Governor and Company, and at their Disposal only.

No Fee to be taken for converting Life Annuities into Annuities for a Term of Years, on Penalty of 20 l.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That no Fee, Reward, or Gratuity whatsoever shall be demanded or taken of any of his Majesty's Subjects, for converting the Interest of any Person or Persons of or to any Life Annuities, or any of them, into certain Interests for Terms of Years in pursuance of this Act, or for paying the said Annuities, or any of them, or for any Transfer of any Sum to be made in pursuance of this Act, upon Pain that any Officer or Person offending, by taking or demanding any such Fee, Reward, or Gratuity, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds to the Party aggrieved, with full Costs of Suit, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, or Wager at Law, Injunction, or Order of Restraint, or any more than one Imparllance, shall be granted or allowed.

Persons forging or altering Certificates, &c. guilty of Felony.

XXIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or cause or procure to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, or knowingly or wilfully act or assist in the forging, counterfeiting, or altering any Indorsement or Writing on the Back of any Certificate or Certificates, made out as is herein-before mentioned by the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, or any Receipt or Receipts to be given, or any Certificate or Certificates to be made out by the Auditor of the Receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer in pursuance of this Act; or shall wilfully deliver to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, any such forged, counterfeited, or altered Certificate or Certificates, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited or altered, with Intent to defraud his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, or any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Person or Persons whomsoever; or shall forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly or wilfully act and assist in forging and counterfeiting any Letter of Attorney, of other Authority or Instrument to transfer or assign any principal Sum or Sums placed to the Credit of any Person or Persons whomsoever in the Books of the Bank of *England*, as herein-before mentioned, or any Part of such Sum or Sums, or to receive any such Annuity or Annuities, Dividend or Dividends as aforesaid, or any of them, or any Part thereof, or of any of them; or shall forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act and assist in forging or counterfeiting the Name or Names of any of the Proprietors of any of the said principal Sums, Annuities, or Dividends, or any Part thereof, or of any of them, in or to any such pretended Assignment or Assignments, Instrument or Authority, or shall knowingly and fraudulently demand, or endeavour to have any such principal Sum or Sums, or any Part thereof, or of any of them, or any such Annuity or Annuities, Dividend or Dividends, or any Part thereof, by virtue of any such counterfeit or forged Letter of Attorney, Authority, or Instrument, or shall falsely and deceitfully personate any true and real Proprietor or Proprietors of any of such principal Sums as aforesaid, or of any Part thereof, or of any such Annuity or Annuities, Dividend or Dividends as aforesaid, or of any Part thereof, and thereby assign or transfer, or endeavour to assign or transfer, the said principal Sums, or any of them, or any Part thereof, or of any of them, or thereby receive, or endeavour to receive, the said Annuity or Annuities, Dividend or Dividends, or any of them, or any Part thereof, or of any of them, with Intent to deceive and defraud his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, or any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Person or Persons whatsoever; or if any Person or Persons shall with the like Intent forge, counterfeit, or alter, or cause or procure to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, or knowingly or wilfully act or assist in the forging, counterfeiting, or altering, any Register or Registers of the Birth of any Person or Persons to be appointed a Nominee or Nominees in pursuance of this Act, or any Certificate or Certificates to be given in pursuance of this Act; then, and in every or any such Case, all and every Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death, as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

General Issue.

XXIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall be sued, molested, or prosecuted, for any Thing done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, such Person or Persons shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence in his, her, or their Defence or Defences; and if a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall discontinue his, her, or their Action or Prosecution, or be nonsuited, or Judgment shall be given against him, her, or them, upon Demurrer or otherwise, then such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs awarded to him, her, or them, against any such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

Treble Costs.

#### C A P. XLVI.

An Act for settling and securing a certain Annuity for the Use of the Heirs and Descendants of *William Penn*, Esquire, the original Proprietor of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in Consideration of the meritorious Services of the said *William Penn*, and of the Losses which his Family have sustained in consequence of the unhappy Dissensions in *America*.

“ Letters Patent of King *Charles II.* and an Act of the State of *Pennsylvania*, “for vesting the Estates of the late Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania*, in this Commonwealth,” recited. An Annuity of 4,000 l. to be issued Quarterly out of the Consolidated Fund to *William Baker* and *Andrew Allen*, Esqrs. in Trust for *John Penn* of *Stoke Pogis*, and *John Penn* of *Wimpole Street*, Esqrs. to commence *Jan. 5, 1790*. The Commissioners of the Treasury are by Warrant to direct the Auditor of the Exchequer to make forth and pass Debentures for “ the

“ the said Annuity, without any Fees. Such Warrant not to be determinable on the Demise of his Majesty. Officers of the Treasury and Exchequer to do all necessary Acts without Fee. The Trustees to convey with all convenient Speed the said Annuity to Messrs. Penn, and in the mean Time to receive the Annuity, and pay it to the proper Parties. The Receipt of the Trustees, &c. to be a sufficient Discharge for the Annuity, which is to be paid free of all Taxes. Annuity to be considered as real Property issuing out of Lands in *Middlesex*. Conveyance of the Annuity to be inrolled in Chancery, and entered with the Auditor of the Exchequer. Public Act. Trustees to be answerable for their own Acts only, and may reimburse themselves their necessary Expences.”

## C A P. XLVII.

An Act for enabling his Majesty to authorize his Governor or Lieutenant Governor of such Places beyond the Seas, to which Felons or other Offenders may be transported, to remit the Sentences of such Offenders.

“ WHEREAS by several Orders made by his Majesty, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, in pursuance of Authority given to his Majesty in that Behalf, by an Act passed in the Twenty-fourth Year of his Majesty’s Reign, intituled, *An Act for the effectual Transportation of Felons and other Offenders; and to authorize the Removal of Prisoners in certain Cases, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; his Majesty hath declared and appointed, by and with the Advice aforesaid, That the Eastern Coast of *New South Wales*, and the Islands thereunto adjacent, should be the Place or Places beyond Sea to which certain Felons, and other Offenders, should be conveyed and transported: And whereas several Felons and other Offenders have, in pursuance of the said Act, been conveyed and transported to the Eastern Coast of *New South Wales*, or the Islands thereunto adjacent, there to remain during the Terms or Times for which they were so respectively sentenced to be transported by the Courts in which they were convicted: And whereas his Majesty, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, may hereafter declare and appoint the Place or Places aforesaid, or some other Place or Places beyond Sea, to be the Place or Places to which other Felons and Offenders shall hereafter be conveyed and transported; and such Felons and Offenders may be so transported accordingly: And whereas it would greatly advance the Design of such Sentences, so carried into Execution as aforesaid, or which may hereafter be passed and carried into Execution, that the Governor, or (in case of his Death or Absence) the Lieutenant Governor for the Time being of such the Place or Places as aforesaid, should have Power and Authority to remit or shorten the Time or Term for which such Felons and Offenders as aforesaid have been or shall hereafter be transported, in Cases where it shall appear that such Felons, or other Offenders, are proper Objects of the Royal Mercy: Be it therefore enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lord’s Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, at all Times, by his or their Commission under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to authorize and empower the Governor, or the Lieutenant Governor for the Time being, of such Place or Places as aforesaid, or of any of them, by an Instrument in Writing, under the Seal of the Government in which the Place or Places as aforesaid are or shall be situated, to remit, either absolutely or conditionally, the Whole or any Part of the Time or Term for which any such Felons, or other Offenders aforesaid, shall have been or shall hereafter be respectively conveyed and transported to such Place or Places as aforesaid; and that such Instrument or Instruments shall have the like Force and Effect, to all Intents and Purposes, as if his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, had in such Cases respectively signified his or their Royal Intention of Mercy under his or their Sign Manual.

II. And be it further enacted, That such Governor or Lieutenant Governor as aforesaid shall, by the first Opportunity, transmit to one of his Majesty’s principal Secretaries of State, a Duplicate, under the Seal of the Government, of each and every Instrument as aforesaid by which the Time or Term of Transportation of any such Felons, or other Offenders as aforesaid, hath been remitted or shortened; and that the Names of such Felons, and other Offenders respectively, which shall be contained in such Duplicates as aforesaid, shall be inserted in the next General Pardon which shall pass under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, after the Receipt of such Duplicate or Duplicates by one of his Majesty’s principal Secretaries of State.

## C A P. XLVIII.

An Act for discontinuing the Judgment which has been required by Law to be given against Women convicted of certain Crimes, and substituting another Judgment in lieu thereof.

“ WHEREAS it is expedient that the Judgment which has been required by Law to be given and awarded against any Woman or Women in the Cases of High Treason, or of Petit Treason, should be no longer continued: Be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the fifth Day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and ninety, the Judgment to be given and awarded against any Woman or Women convicted of the Crime of High Treason, or of the Crime of Petit Treason, or of abetting, procuring, or counselling any Petit Treason,

Preamble.

24 Geo. III, Cap. 56.

His Majesty, under the Great Seal, may authorize the Governor, or Lieutenant Governor, of *New South Wales*, &c. to remit the Sentences of Offenders.

Duplicates of Instruments remitting Sentences, to be transmitted to the Secretary of State, &amp;c.

Preamble.

From June 5, 1790, Women convicted of High Treason, &amp;c. to be hanged.