



Libel Act 1843

1843 CHAPTER 96

VIII On Prosecution for private Libel, Defendant entitled to Costs on Acquittal.

And be it enacted, That in the Case of any Indictment or Information by a private Prosecutor for the Publication of any defamatory Libel, if Judgment shall be given for the Defendant, he shall be entitled to recover from the Prosecutor the Costs sustained by the said Defendant by reason of such Indictment or Information; and that upon a special Plea of Justification to such Indictment or Information, if the Issue be found for the Prosecutor, he shall be entitled to recover from the Defendant the Costs sustained by the Prosecutor by reason of such Plea, such Costs so to be recovered by the Defendant or Prosecutor respectively to be taxed by the proper Officer of the Court before which the said Indictment or Information is tried.