



Piracy Act 1837

1837 CHAPTER 88 7 Will 4 and 1 Vict

An Act to amend certain Acts relating to the Crime of Piracy.

[17th July 1837]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)
- C2 Preamble omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1890 \(c. 51\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F1 Ss. 1, 5 repealed by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#)

2 **Punishment of piracy when murder is attempted.**

Whosoever, with intent to commit or at the time of or immediately before or immediately after committing the crime of piracy in respect of any ship or vessel, shall assault, with intent to murder, any person being on board of or belonging to such ship or vessel, or shall stab, cut, or wound any such person, or unlawfully do any act by which the life of such person may be endangered, shall be guilty of felony, [F2 and being convicted thereof shall suffer death . . . F3].

Textual Amendments

- F2 Words repealed (S.) by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1890 \(c. 51\)](#)
- F3 Words repealed by (S.) [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1890 \(c. 51\)](#), (E.W.) [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 3 Pt. III](#) and (N.I.) [Northern Ireland \(Emergency Provisions\) Act 1973 \(c. 53\)](#), [Sch. 5](#)

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3 Persons guilty of piracy to be transported.

Whosoever shall be convicted of any offence which by any of the Acts herein-before referred to amounts to the crime of piracy, and is thereby made punishable with death, shall be liable . . . ^{F4} to be transported beyond the seas for the term of the natural life of such offender . . . ^{F4}

Textual Amendments

F4 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 S. 3 repealed (N.I.) by [Criminal Law Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1967 \(c. 18\)](#), **Sch. 2 Pt. II**

C4 “The Acts herein-before referred to” are Offences at Sea Act 1536 (c. 15), Piracy Act 1698 (c. 7), Piracy Act 1717 (c. 11), Piracy Act 1721 (c. 24) and Piracy Act 1744 (c. 30)

C5 References to transportation for life to be construed as references to imprisonment for life or any shorter term: [Penal Servitude Act 1857 \(c. 3\)](#), **s. 2**, [Criminal Justice Act 1948 \(c. 58\)](#), **s. 1(1)** and [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21\)](#), **s. 221(1)**

4 Punishment of accessories.

In the case of every felony punishable under this Act every principal in the second degree and every accessory before the fact shall be punishable . . . ^{F5} in the same manner as the principal in the first degree is by this Act punishable; and every accessory after the fact to any felony punishable under this Act shall, on conviction, be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years.

Textual Amendments

F5 Words repealed (S.) by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1890 \(c. 51\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C6 S. 4 repealed by (E.W.) [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\)](#), **Sch. 3 Pt. III** and (N.I.) [Criminal Law Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1967 \(c. 18\)](#), **Sch. 2 Pt. II**

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Textual Amendments

F6 Ss. 1, 5 repealed by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

F7 S. 6 repealed by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1890 \(c. 51\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

F8 [S. 7](#) repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1874 \(No. 2\)](#) (c. 96), s. 2

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