



# Treason Act 1708

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An Act for improving the Union of the Two Kingdoms.

Reasons for passing this Act.

Whereas nothing can more conduce to the improving the Union of the Two Kingdom which by Her Majesties great Wisdom and Goodness hath been happily effected than that the Laws of both Parts of Great Britain should agree as near as may be especially those Laws which relate to High Treason and the Proceedings thereupon as to the Nature of the Crime the Method of Prosecution and Tryal and also the Forfeitures and Punishments for that Offence which are of the greatest Concern both to the Crown and to the Subjects to the end therefore that the said Union may be more effectually improved.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)

**[I.] Crimes construed Treason, &c. in England, to be so construed in Scotland.**

From and after the First Day of July in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and nine such Crimes and Offences which are High Treason or Misprision of High Treason within England shall be construed adjudged and taken to be High Treason and Misprision of High Treason within Scotland and that from thenceforth no Crimes or Offences shall be High Treason or Misprision of High Treason within Scotland but those that are High Treason or Misprision of High Treason in England

**II** ..... F1

**Textual Amendments**

F1 S. 2 repealed by [Treason Act 1945 \(c. 44\), s. 2 \(2\), Sch.](#)

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**III** ..... <sup>F2</sup>

**Textual Amendments**  
<sup>F2</sup> [S. 3](#) repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1867](#) (c. 59)

**IV** ..... <sup>F3</sup>

**Textual Amendments**  
<sup>F3</sup> [S. 4](#) repealed by [Treason Act 1945](#) (c. 44), [s. 2](#) (2), [Sch.](#)

**V** **Persons convicted of High Treason, &c. in Scotland, liable as in England.**

And . . . <sup>F4</sup> all Persons convicted . . . <sup>F5</sup> of High Treason or Misprision of High Treason in Scotland shall be subject and liable to the same . . . <sup>F4</sup> Penalties . . . <sup>F4</sup> as Persons convicted . . . <sup>F5</sup> of High Treason or Misprision of High Treason in England

**Textual Amendments**  
<sup>F4</sup> Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948](#) (c. 62), [Sch. 1](#)  
<sup>F5</sup> Words repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1977](#) (c. 18), [Sch. 1 Pt. IV](#)

**VI** ..... <sup>F6</sup>

**Textual Amendments**  
<sup>F6</sup> [S. 6](#) repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1867](#) (c. 59)

<sup>F7</sup>**VII** .....

**Textual Amendments**  
<sup>F7</sup> [S. 7](#) repealed by (E.W.) [Criminal Law Act 1967](#) (c. 58), [Sch. 3 Pt. I](#) and (S.) by [Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 1980](#) (c. 62), [Sch. 8](#)

**VIII** ..... <sup>F8</sup>

**Textual Amendments**  
<sup>F8</sup> [S. 8](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1977](#) (c. 18), [Sch. 1 Pt. IV](#)

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**IX** ..... <sup>F9</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F9** [S. 9](#) repealed by [Treason Act 1945 \(c. 44\), s. 2 \(2\)](#), Sch.

**X** ..... <sup>F10</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F10** [S. 10](#) repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), Sch. 1](#)

**XI** **Slaying Lords of Session sitting in Judgment, Treason.**

And if any Person shall . . . <sup>F11</sup> slay any of the Lords of Session Lords of Justiciary sitting in Judgment in the Exercise of their Office within Scotland the doing thereof shall be construed adjudged and taken to be High Treason

**Textual Amendments**

**F11** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), Sch. 1](#)

**XII** **Counterfeiting Seals appointed by 22d Article, Treason.**

And . . . <sup>F12</sup> if any Person counterfeit Her Majesties Seals appointed by the Twenty fourth Article of the Union to be kept used and continued in Scotland the doing thereof shall be construed and adjudged to be High Treason

**Textual Amendments**

**F12** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), Sch. 1](#)

**XIII** ..... <sup>F13</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F13** [S. 13](#) repealed by the Act 39 Geo. 3 c. 93

**XIV** ..... <sup>F14</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F14** [S. 14](#) repealed by [Treason Act 1945 \(c. 44\), s. 2 \(2\)](#), Sch.

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