



# Treason Act 1814

1814 CHAPTER 146 54 Geo 3

An Act to alter the Punishment in certain Cases of High Treason. [27th July 1814]

Whereas in certain cases of high treason, as the law now stands, the sentence or judgement required by law to be pronounced or awarded against persons convicted or adjudged guilty of the said crime in such cases is that they should be drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution and there be hanged by the neck, but not until they are dead, but that they should be taken down again, and that when they are yet alive their bowels should be taken out and burnt before their faces, and that afterwards their heads should be severed from their bodies, and their bodies be divided into four quarters, and their heads and quarters to be at the King's disposal: And whereas it is expedient in the said cases of high treason to alter the sentence or judgement now required by law:

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

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

**[1.] Form of sentence in case of high treason.**

In all cases of high treason in which as the law now stands the sentence or judgement ordained by law is as aforesaid, the sentence or judgement to be pronounced or awarded from and after the passing of this Act against any person convicted or adjudged guilty shall be, that [<sup>F1</sup>such person shall be liable to imprisonment for life]  
.....<sup>F2</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

F1 Words substituted (30.9.1998) by [1998 c. 37, s. 36\(4\)](#); [S.I. 1998/2327, art. 2\(1\)\(g\)](#)

F2 Words repealed by [Forfeiture Act 1870 \(c. 23\), s. 31](#) and [Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 1949 \(c. 94\), s. 14](#)

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**F3** S. 2 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1973 (c. 39), Sch. 1 Pt. V

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