



# Treason (Ireland) Act 1821

## 1821 CHAPTER 24 1 and 2 Geo 4

An Act to extend certain Provisions of an Act of King William the Third, intituled “An Act for regulating of Trials in Cases of Treason and Misprision of Treason,” to Ireland. [19th April 1821]

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

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

7 & 8 W. 3. c. 3.<sup>M1</sup>

Whereas by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of His late Majesty King *William* the Third, and intituled *An Act for regulating of Trials in Cases of Treason and Misprision of Treason*, it is amongst other things enacted, that no person or persons whatsoever shall be indicted, tried or attainted of high treason, whereby any corruption of blood may or shall be made to any such offender or offenders, or to any the heir or heirs of any such offender or offenders, or of misprision of such treason, but by and upon the oaths and testimony of two lawful witnesses, either both of them to the same overt act, or one of them to one and the other of them to another overt act of the same treason, unless the party indicted and arraigned or tried shall willingly, without violence and in open court, confess the same, (or shall stand mute or refuse to plead), or in cases of high treason shall peremptorily challenge above the number of thirty five of the jury;<sup>M2</sup> provided always, that any person or persons being indicted for any such treasons or misprisions of such treasons may be outlawed, and thereby attainted of or for any such offences of treason or misprision of treason; and in cases of such high treasons, when by the law, after such outlawry, the party outlawed may come and be tried, he shall upon such trial have the benefit of the said Act:<sup>M3</sup> And it is therein further enacted and declared, that if two or more distinct treasons of divers heads or kinds shall be alledged in one bill of indictment, one witness produced to prove one of the said treasons, and another witness produced to prove another of the said treasons, shall not be deemed or taken to be two witnesses to the same treason within the meaning of the said Act:<sup>M4</sup> And whereas in the same aforesaid Act it is further enacted, that no person or persons whatsoever shall be indicted or prosecuted for any treason or misprision of treason that shall be committed or done within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or *Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed*, unless the same indictment be found by a grand jury within three years next after the treason or offence done or committed: And whereas the above recited enactments



**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Treason (Ireland) Act 1821.