



# Criminal Law Act 1826

1826 CHAPTER 64 7 Geo 4

An Act for improving the Administration of Criminal Justice in England. [26th May 1826]

**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 Act 1890 \(c. 33\)](#)

1 ..... F1

**Textual Amendments**

- F1 [S. 1](#) repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1950 \(c. 6\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)

2, 3. .... F2

**Textual Amendments**

- F2 [Ss. 2, 3](#) repealed by [Indictable Offences Act 1848 \(c. 42\)](#), [s. 34](#)

4 ..... F3

**Textual Amendments**

- F3 [S. 4](#) repealed by [Coroners Act 1887 \(c. 71\)](#), [Sch. 3](#)

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5, 6. .... F4

**Textual Amendments**

F4 Ss. 5, 6 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1950 (c. 6), Sch. 1

7, 8. .... F5

**Textual Amendments**

F5 Ss. 7, 8 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1873 (c. 91)

9—11. .... F6

**Textual Amendments**

F6 Ss. 9-11 repealed by The Act 24 and 25 Vict. c. 95, Sch.

12, 13. .... F7

**Textual Amendments**

F7 Ss. 12, 13 repealed by Courts Act 1971 (c. 23), Sch. 11 Pt. IV

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**Textual Amendments**

F8 Ss. 14-16 repealed by Indictments Act 1915 (c. 90), Sch. 2

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**Textual Amendments**

F9 S. 17 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1950 (c. 6), Sch. 1

18, 19. .... F10

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**Textual Amendments**

**F10** Ss. 18, 19 repealed by [Indictments Act 1915 \(c. 90\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)

**20** ..... **F11**

**Textual Amendments**

**F11** S. 20 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1873 \(c. 91\)](#)

**21** ..... **F12**

**Textual Amendments**

**F12** S. 21 repealed by [Courts Act 1971 \(c. 23\)](#), [Sch. 11 Pt. I](#)

**22–25** ..... **F13**

**Textual Amendments**

**F13** Ss. 22–25 repealed by Costs in [Criminal Cases Act 1908 \(c. 15\)](#), [Sch.](#)

**26** ..... **F14**

**Textual Amendments**

**F14** S. 26 repealed by [Criminal Justice Administration Act 1851 \(c. 55\)](#), [s. 4](#)

**27** ..... **F15**

**Textual Amendments**

**F15** S. 27 repealed by [Merchant Shipping \(Expenses\) Act 1882 \(c. 55\)](#), [Sch.](#)

**28** **Courts may order compensation to those who have been active in the apprehension of certain offenders.**

Where any person shall appear to <sup>F16</sup>the Crown Court], to have been active in or towards the apprehension of any person charged with <sup>F17</sup>an indictable offence], <sup>F16</sup>the Crown Court] is hereby authorized and empowered, in any of the cases aforesaid, to order the <sup>F18</sup>high sheriff] of the county in which the offence shall have been committed

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to pay to the person or persons who shall appear to the court to have been active in or towards the apprehension of any person charged with [<sup>F19</sup>that offence] such sum or sums of money as to the court shall seem reasonable and sufficient to compensate such person or persons for his, her, or their expences, exertions, and loss of time in or towards such apprehension; . . . <sup>F20</sup>. <sup>F21</sup> . . .

**Textual Amendments**

**F16** Words substituted by virtue of [Courts Act 1971 \(c. 23\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 2](#)

**F17** Words in s. 28 substituted (1.1.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 178(8), [Sch. 7 para. 39](#); S.I. 2005/3495, art. 2(1)(m)

**F18** Words substituted by virtue of [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), s. 219(1)

**F19** Words substituted by [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 3\(1\)\(2\)](#)

**F20** Words repealed by [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 3 Pt. III](#)

**F21** Proviso in s. 28 repealed (19.11.1998) by 1998 c. 43, s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. I Group 2](#)

**29 Such orders to be paid by the sheriff, who may obtain immediate repayment on application to the Treasury.**

Every order for payment to any person in respect of such apprehension as aforesaid shall be forthwith made out and delivered by the proper officer of the court unto such person <sup>F22</sup>. . . ; and the [<sup>F23</sup>high sheriff] of the county for the time being is hereby authorised and required, upon sight of such order, forthwith to pay to such person, or to any one duly authorized on his or her behalf, the money in such order mentioned; and every such [<sup>F23</sup>high sheriff] may immediately apply for repayment of the same to the Treasury, who, upon inspecting such order, together with the acquittance of the person entitled to receive the money thereon, shall forthwith order repayment to the [<sup>F23</sup>high sheriff] of the money so by him paid, without any fee or reward whatsoever.

**Textual Amendments**

**F22** Words in s. 29 repealed (19.11.1998) by 1998 c. 43, s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. I Group 2](#)

**F23** Words substituted by virtue of [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), s. 219(1)

**30** ..... <sup>F24</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F24** S. 30 repealed by [Criminal Justice Act 1988 \(c. 33, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 170, [Sch. 8 para. 16](#), [Sch. 15 para. 1](#), [Sch. 16](#)

**31** ..... <sup>F25</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F25** S. 31 repealed by [Courts Act 1971 \(c. 23\)](#), [Sch. 11 Pt. IV](#)

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**32** ..... **F26**

**Textual Amendments**

**F26** S. 32 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1873 (c. 91)

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