



Common Law Procedure Act 1854

1854 CHAPTER 125

XXV Proof of previous Conviction of a Witness may fee given.

A Witness in any Cause may be questioned as to whether he has been convicted of any Felony or Misdemeanor, and, upon being so questioned, if he either denies the Fact, or refuses to answer, it shall be lawful for the opposite Party to prove such Conviction; and a Certificate containing the Substance and Effect only (omitting the formal Part) of the Indictment and Conviction for such Offence, purporting to be signed by the Clerk of the Court, or other Officer having the Custody of the Records of the Court where the Offender was convicted, or by the Deputy of such Clerk or Officer, (for which Certificate a Fee of Five Shillings and no more shall be demanded or taken,) shall, upon Proof of the Identity of the Person, be sufficient Evidence of the said Conviction, without Proof of the Signature or official Character of the Person appearing to have signed the same.