



Offences Against the Person Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 100

Attempts to murder

11 Administering Poison, or wounding with Intent to murder.

Whosoever shall administer to or cause to be administered to or to be taken by any Person any Poison or other destructive Thing, or shall by any Means whatsoever wound or cause any grievous bodily Harm to any Person, with Intent in any of the Cases aforesaid to commit Murder, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be kept in Penal Servitude for Life or for any Term not less than Three Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.

12 Destroying or damaging a Building with Gunpowder, with Intent to murder.

Whosoever, by the Explosion of Gunpowder or other explosive Substance, shall destroy or damage any Building with Intent to commit Murder, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be kept in Penal Servitude for Life or for any Term not less than Three Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.

13 Setting fire to or casting away a Ship with Intent to murder.

Whosoever shall set fire to any Ship or Vessel or any Part thereof, or any Part of the Tackle, Apparel, or Furniture thereof, or any Goods or Chattels being therein, or shall cast away or destroy any Ship or Vessel, with Intent in any of such Cases to commit Murder, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be kept in Penal Servitude for Life or for any Term not less than Three Years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.

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14 Attempting to Administer Poison, or shooting or attempting to shoot or attempting to drown &c., with Intent to murder.

Whosoever shall attempt to administer to or shall attempt to cause to be administered to or to be taken by any Person any Poison or other Destructive Thing, or shall shoot at any Person, or shall, by drawing a Trigger or in any other Manner, attempt to discharge any kind of loaded Arms at any Person, or shall attempt to drown, suffocate, or strangle any Person, with Intent, in any of the Oases aforesaid, to commit Murder, shall, whether any bodily Injury be effected or not, be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be kept in Penal Servitude for Life or for any Term not less than Three Years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.

15 By any other Means attempting to commit Murder.

Whosoever shall, by any Means other than those specified in any of the preceding Sections of this Act, attempt to commit Murder, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be kept in Penal Servitude for Life or for any Term not less than Three years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.