



# Offences Against the Person Act 1861

## 1861 CHAPTER 100

### *Rape, Abduction, and Defilement of Women*

#### **54 Forcible Abduction of any Woman with Intent to marry her.**

Whosoever shall, by Force, take away or detain against her Will any Woman, of any Age, with Intent to marry or carnally know her, or to cause her to be married or carnally known by any other Person, 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 any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years and not less than Three Years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour.