

Offences Against the Person Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 100

Making Gunpowder to commit Offences, and searching for the same

Justices may issue Warrants for searching Houses, &c. in which explosive Substances are suspected to be made for the Purpose of committing Felonies against this Act

Any Justice of the Peace of any County or Place in which any such Gunpowder, or other explosive, dangerous, or noxious Substance or Thing, or any such Machine, Engine, Instrument, or Thing, is suspected to be made, kept, or carried for the Purpose of being used in committing any of the Felonies in this Act mentioned, upon reasonable Cause assigned upon Oath by any Person, may issue a Warrant under his Hand and Seal for searching, in the Daytime, any House, Mill, Magazine, Storehouse, Warehouse, Shop, Cellar, Yard, Wharf, or other Place, or any Carriage, Waggon, Cart, Ship, Boat, or Vessel, in which the same is suspected to be made, kept, or carried for such Purpose as herein-before mentioned; and every Person acting in the Execution of any such Warrant shall have, for seizing, removing to proper Places, and detaining all such Gunpowder, explosive, dangerous, or noxious Substances, Machines, Engines, Instruments, or Things, found upon such Search, which he shall have good Cause to suspect to be intended to be used in committing any such Offence, and the Barrels, Packages, Cases, and other Receptacles in which the same shall be, the same Powers and Protections which are given to Persons searching for unlawful Quantities of Gunpowder under the Warrant of a Justice by the Act passed in the Session holden in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter One hundred and thirty-nine, intituled An Act to amend the Law concerning the making, keeping, and Carriage of Gunpowder and Compositions of an explosive Nature, and concerning the Manufacture, Sale, and Use of Fireworks.