



Malicious Damage Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 97

Injuries to Sea and River Banks, and to Works on Rivers, Canals, &c

31 Removing the Piles of any Sea Bank, &c., or doing any Damage to obstruct the Navigation of a River or Canal.

Whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously cut off, draw up, or remove any Piles, Chalk, or other Materials fixed in the Ground, and used for securing any Sea Bank or Sea Wall, or the Bank, Dam, or Wall of any River, Canal, Drain, Aqueduct, Marsh, Reservoir, Pool, Port, Harbour, Dock, Quay, Wharf, Jetty, or Lock, or shall unlawfully and maliciously open or draw up any Floodgate or Sluice, or do any other Injury or Mischief to any navigable River or Canal, with Intent and so as thereby to obstruct or prevent the carrying on, completing, or maintaining the Navigation thereof, 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 Seven Years and 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, and, if a Male under the Age of Sixteen Years, with or without Whipping.