



# Malicious Damage Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 97

*Injuries by Fire to Buildings, and Goods therein*

**7 Setting fire to Goods in any Building the setting fire to which is Felony.**

Whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously set fire to any Matter or Thing, being in, against, or under any Building, under such Circumstances that if the Building were thereby set fire to the Offence would amount to Felony, 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 and not less than Three Years, —or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and, if a Male under the Age of Sixteen Years, with or without Whipping.