



Treason Act 1842

1842 CHAPTER 51 5 and 6 Vict

An Act for providing for the further Security and Protection of Her Majesty's Person. [16th July 1842]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)
- C2 Preamble omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1890 \(c. 51\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F1 [S. 1](#) repealed by [Treason Act 1945 \(c. 44\)](#), [Sch.](#)

2 **Punishment for discharging or aiming fire-arms, or throwing or using any offensive matter or weapon, with intent to injure or alarm her Majesty.**

If any person shall wilfully discharge or attempt to discharge, or point, aim, or present at or near to the person of the Queen, any gun, pistol, or any other description of fire-arms or of other arms whatsoever, whether the same shall or shall not contain any explosive or destructive material, or shall discharge or cause to be discharged, or attempt to discharge or cause to be discharged, any explosive substance or material near to the person of the Queen, or if any person shall wilfully strike or strike at, or attempt to strike or to strike at, the person of the Queen, with any offensive weapon, or in any other manner whatsoever, or if any person shall wilfully throw or attempt to throw any substance, matter, or thing whatsoever at or upon the person of the Queen, with intent in any of the cases aforesaid to injure the person of the Queen, or with intent in any of the cases aforesaid to break the public peace, or whereby the public peace may be endangered, or with intent in any of the cases aforesaid to alarm her Majesty, or if any person shall, near to the person of the Queen, wilfully produce or have any gun, pistol, or any other description of fire-arms or other arms whatsoever, or

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any explosive, destructive, or dangerous matter or thing whatsoever, with intent to use the same to injure the person of the Queen, or to alarm her Majesty, every such person so offending shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof in due course of law, shall be liable, at the discretion of the court before which the said person shall be so convicted, to be transported beyond the seas for the term of seven years, or to be imprisoned, . . . ^{F2}, . . . ^{F3}

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)
F3 Words repealed (E.W.) (S.) by [Criminal Justice Act 1948 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 4 Pt. II](#) and (N.I.) by [Treatment of Offenders Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1968 \(c. 29\)](#), [Sch. 5 Pt. II](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** Reference to transportation for seven years to be construed as reference to imprisonment for term not exceeding seven years: [Penal Servitude Act 1857 \(c. 3\)](#), [s. 2](#), (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1948 \(c. 58\)](#), [s. 1\(2\)](#), (N.I.) [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1953 \(c. 14\)](#), [s. 1\(1\)](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 221\(1\)](#)

3 Not to alter the punishment for high treason.

Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to alter in any respect the punishment which by law may now be inflicted upon persons guilty of high treason or misprision of treason.

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