



Malicious Damage Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 97

Injuries to Buildings by Rioters, &c

12 Rioters injuring Building, Machinery, &c.

If any Persons, riotously and tumultuously assembled together to the Disturbance of the Public Peace, shall unlawfully and with Force injure or damage any such Church, Chapel, Meeting House, Place of Divine Worship, House, Stable, Coach-house, Outhouse, Warehouse, Office, Shop, Mill, Malthouse, Hop-oast, Barn Granary, Shed, Hovel, Fold, Building, Erection, Machinery, Engine, Staith, Bridge, Waggonway, or Trunk, as is in the last preceding Section mentioned, every such Offender shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, 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: Provided that if upon the Trial of any Person for any Felony in the last preceding Section mentioned the Jury shall not be satisfied that such Person is guilty thereof, but shall be satisfied that he is guilty of any Offence in this Section mentioned, then the Jury may find him guilty thereof, and he may be punished accordingly.