



Malicious Damage Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 97

Injuries to Fences

25 Destroying, &c. any Fence, Wall, Stile, or Gate. Second Offence.

Whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously cut, break, throw down, or in anywise destroy any Fence of any Description whatsoever, or any Wall, Stile, or Gate, or any Part thereof respectively, shall, on Conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace, for the First Offence forfeit and pay, over and above the Amount of the Injury done, such Sum of Money not exceeding Five Pounds as to the Justice shall seem meet; and whosoever, having been convicted of any such Offence, either against this or any former Act of Parliament, shall afterwards commit any of the said Offences in this Section before mentioned, and shall be convicted thereof in like Manner, shall be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be kept to Hard Labour for such Term not exceeding Twelve Months as the convicting Justice shall think fit.