



# Malicious Damage Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 97

*Injuries to Cattle and other Animals*

**44 Attempting to set fire to a Vessel.**

Whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously, by any overt Act, attempt to set fire to, cast away, or destroy any Ship or Vessel, under such Circumstances that if the Ship or Vessel were thereby set fire to, cast away, or destroyed, the Offender would be guilty of 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 with or without Solitary Confinement, and, if a Male under the Age of Sixteen Years, with or without Whipping.