



Malicious Damage Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 97 24 and 25 Vict

Injuries to Railway Carriages and Telegraphs

47 Exhibiting false signals, &c.

Whoever shall unlawfully mask, alter, or remove any light or signal, or unlawfully exhibit any false light or signal, with intent to bring any ship, vessel, or boat into danger, or shall unlawfully and maliciously do anything tending to the immediate loss or destruction of any ship, vessel, or boat, and for which no punishment is herein-before provided, 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 life . . . ^{F1} or to be imprisoned . . . ^{F2}

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)

F2 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#) and [Criminal Justice Act 1948 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 10 Pt. I](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Reference to penal servitude for life to be construed as reference to imprisonment for life or any shorter term: [Criminal Justice Act 1948 \(c. 58\)](#), [s. 1\(1\)](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Malicious Damage Act 1861, Section 47.