



# Malicious Damage Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 97

*Sending Letters threatening to burn or destroy*

**50 Sending Letters threatening to burn or destroy Houses, Buildings, Ships, &c.**

Whosoever shall send, deliver, or utter, or directly or indirectly cause to be received, knowing the Contents thereof, any Letter or Writing threatening to burn or destroy any House, Barn, or other Building, or any Rick or Stack of Grain, Hay, or Straw, or other Agricultural Produce, or any Grain, Hay, or Straw, or other Agricultural Produce in or under any Building, or any Ship or Vessel, or to kill, maim, or wound any Cattle, 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 Ten Years 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.