

## CHAPTER CLXXV.

*A SUPPLEMENT to sundry penal Laws of this Commonwealth.*

Section 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the first day of August next, the court before which any person shall be convicted of felony or larceny, and sentenced to undergo an imprisonment at hard labour and confinement, for any term not exceeding three years, shall be vested with a discretionary power of directing the imprisonment, labour and confinement aforesaid, to be had and performed in the jail of any county, within this commonwealth, or in the jail and penitentiary of Philadelphia.

Convicts, in certain cases, may be sentenced to imprisonment and hard labour in the jail of the county, where convicted.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in all cases of larceny, wherein by the laws of this commonwealth, in addition to restitution of goods stolen, it is directed that any person convicted of such crime, shall pay to the commonwealth the like value of such goods, and in all cases, where by law, a fixed or specific fine is affixed to the commission of any crime, the court before which conviction of any of the crimes aforesaid shall be had, is hereby authorized in lieu thereof, to sentence the offender to pay such fine as the said court in its discretion may judge right: *Provided,* The same shall not exceed the fine heretofore affixed by law.

In all cases of larceny, or where the fine has heretofore been fixed, the quantum of fine left to the discretion of the court, under certain restrictions.

Sec. 3: *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person or persons shall

shall wilfully set fire to any barn, stable or out-house, or to any barrack, rick, or stack of hay, grain, or bark, with intent to destroy the same, or shall be an accessary or accessaries before the fact, such person or persons being thereof legally convicted, shall suffer an imprisonment at hard labour in the jail and penitentiary house in the city of Philadelphia, for any term not less than five years, nor more than twelve years, and pay a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars, at the discretion of the court.

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&c. &c.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the publishing of this act, it may and shall be lawful for any of the presidents of the courts of common pleas, to admit to bail any person accused of any or either of the crimes of robbery, burglary, sodomy, or buggery, as fully, amply, and effectually, as the judges of the supreme court, or some or one of them might or could do, under the act, entitled, "An Act to reform the penal laws of this State, passed the fifth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of any law or laws as is hereby altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed and no further.

Repeal of former laws,  
hereby altered  
or supplied.

CHARLES PORTER, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

JAMES BRADY, *Speaker*  
*of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-first day of March,  
one thousand eight hundred and six.

THOMAS M'KEAN.