

An Act to punish the Offence of Obtaining Money by Threats.

Chap. 412

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

SECT. 1. The seventeenth section of the one hundred and twenty-fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so that any person convicted of either of the offences therein mentioned, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for any term not exceeding fifteen years, or in the house of correction for any term not exceeding ten years, or by fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by such imprisonment and fine.

Penalty for obtaining money by threats.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved by the Governor, May 25, 1853.]

An Act to change the Jurisdiction of Cases within the County of Suffolk, under the Acts for the Relief of Poor Debtors and for the Approval of Bail.

Chap. 413

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

SECT. 1. The powers and jurisdiction now possessed by justices of the peace and of the quorum within and for the county of Suffolk, under the acts of this commonwealth for the relief of poor debtors committed on mesne process and execution, and for the approval of sureties upon bail bonds, is hereby transferred to the justices of the police court, within and for the said county, any one of whom shall have and exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same fees that are now possessed and receivable under the acts aforesaid, by any two of the said justices of the peace and quorum.

Jurisdiction of justices of peace and quorum in certain cases transferred to justices of police court.

SECT. 2. This act shall not affect cases already commenced under the said acts by the service of the citation upon the creditor.

Not to affect cases already commenced.

SECT. 3. The provisions of the acts aforesaid, so far as they are inconsistent herewith, shall not hereafter apply to the county of Suffolk. [Approved by the Governor, May 25, 1853.]

Inconsistent acts repealed.