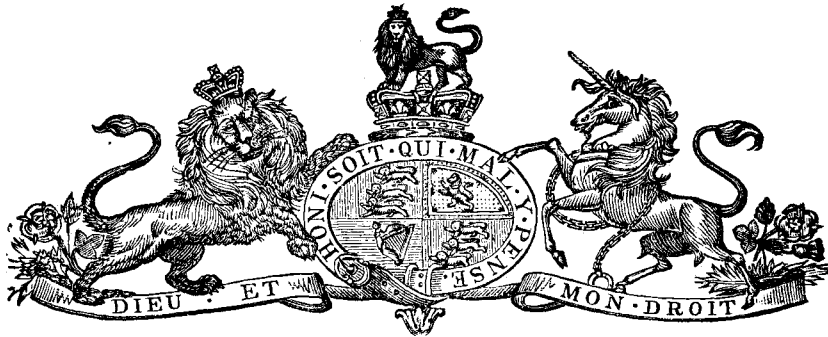


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AN ACT to further amend the Law relating to Offences against the Person. [1 August, 1894.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to further amend the Law relating to Offences against the Person :

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows :—

1 Any person who unlawfully and carnally knows, or attempts to have unlawful carnal knowledge of, any female idiot or imbecile woman or girl, under circumstances which do not amount to Rape, but which prove that the offender knew at the time of the commission of the offence that the woman or girl was an idiot or imbecile, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to be imprisoned for Two years.

Defilement of idiot or imbecile woman or girl.

[48 & 49 Vict. c. 69, s. 5.]

2 If upon the trial of any Information for Rape, or any offence made Felony by Section Four of "The Offences against the Person Act, 1885," the Jury shall be satisfied that the defendant is guilty of an offence under the last preceding Section of this Act, but are not

Power on trial for Rape to convict of offence under previous Section. 49 Vict. No. 23.

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satisfied that the defendant is guilty of the Felony charged in such Information, or of an attempt to commit the same, then and in every such case the Jury may acquit the defendant of such Felony, and find him guilty of such offence as aforesaid, and thereupon such defendant shall be liable to be punished in the same manner as if he had been convicted upon an Information for such offence as aforesaid.

**3** This Act shall be deemed to be incorporated with the Acts of the Parliament of *Tasmania* of the 27th *Victoria*, No. 5, and of the 49th *Victoria*, No. 23, and shall be construed as if the said Acts and this Act were one Act.