

# ACTS

PASSED

AT THE SECOND SESSION

OF THE

## THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

### STATE OF LOUISIANA,

*BEGUN AND HELD IN THE CITY OF NEW-ORLEANS,*

ON MONDAY

THE FIFTH DAY OF JANUARY,

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN,

*AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE*

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE FORTY SECOND.

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**By Authority.**  
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Sec. 15. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person shall cast, stamp, engrave, form, make or mend, or shall knowingly possess any mould, pattern, die, puncheon, engine, press or other tool or instrument devised, adapted or designed for the coining and making any false and counterfeit money or coin, in the similitude of the gold or silver coin or money current within this state by the laws or usages thereof with the intent to use and employ the same or cause or permit the same to be used or employed in coining and making any such false and counterfeit money or coin as aforesaid, every person so offending shall be confined at hard labour for a term not exceeding fourteen years.

Sec. 16. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person shall voluntarily engage in a duel with rapier or small sword, backsword, pistol or other dangerous weapon to the hazard of life and death should ensue, the survivor shall upon conviction suffer death, and all and every person aiding and abetting as second, agent and abettor, and shall be duly convicted, shall be punished as accessories before the fact in murder.

Sec. 17. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person shall voluntarily engaged in a duel with rapier or shall sword, bank-sword, pistol or other dangerous weapon to the hazard of life, when no homicide shall ensue thereon, and if any person shall by word, message or any other manner, challenge another to fight in a duel as aforesaid, when no duel shall be fought thereon, every such offender, and every person who shall knowingly be a second, agent or abettor in such duel or challenge, upon due conviction of either of said offences, shall be punished as a felonious assaulter by fine not exceeding two hundred dollars and imprisonment not exceeding two years.

Sec. 18. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person shall accept a challenge to a duel, and shall consent to a fight therein as aforesaid, when no duel shall thereupon ensue, every such offender and every person who shall knowingly be a second, agent or abettor in such acceptance of a challenge upon due conviction, shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, and imprisonment not more than one year.

Sec. 19. *And be it further enacted,* That for common assaults and batteries where there is no maim, and in ordinary breaches of the peace, the justices of the peace, shall have jurisdiction and shall have power immediately on a complaint made or when the offence happens in their presence to issue process to a constable or sheriff directing him to seize the offenders and bring them forthwith before him, and also to cause a jury of six men to be summoned to try the case and shall cause all witnesses to be summoned, and the said justice shall proceed without delay to the trial of such offender or offenders and if found guilty by the jury thus summoned, shall have power to fine the offender in a sum not exceeding twenty dollars and imprison him not exceeding twenty-four hours and until the fine is paid and costs of trial.