



Criminal Justice Act 1948

1948 CHAPTER 58 11 and 12 Geo 6

PART I

POWERS AND PROCEEDINGS OF COURTS

Abolition of penal servitude, hard labour, prison divisions and sentence of whipping

1 Abolition of penal servitude, hard labour and prison divisions.

- (1) No person shall be sentenced by a court to penal servitude; and every enactment conferring power on a court to pass a sentence of penal servitude in any case shall be construed as conferring power to pass a sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding the maximum term of penal servitude for which a sentence could have been passed in that case immediately before the commencement of this Act.
- (2) No person shall be sentenced by a court to imprisonment with hard labour; and every enactment conferring power on a court to pass a sentence of imprisonment with hard labour in any case shall be construed as conferring power to pass a sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding the term for which a sentence of imprisonment with hard labour could have been passed in that case immediately before the commencement of this Act; and so far as any enactment requires or permits prisoners to be kept to hard labour it shall cease to have effect.
- (3) So far as any enactment provides that a person sentenced to imprisonment or committed to prison is or may be directed to be treated as an offender of a particular division, or to be placed in a separate division, it shall cease to have effect.

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 2 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1977 \(c. 18\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. IV](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Criminal Justice Act 1948, Cross Heading: Abolition of penal servitude, hard labour, prison divisions and sentence of whipping. (See end of Document for details)

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Textual Amendments
F2 S. 3–12 repealed by Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 (c. 62), Sch. 6

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Textual Amendments
F3 S. 13 repealed by Criminal Law Act 1967 (c. 58), Sch. 3 Pt. III

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Textual Amendments
F4 S. 14 repealed by Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 (c. 62), Sch. 6

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Textual Amendments
F5 S. 15 repealed by Criminal Justice Act 1967 (c. 80), Sch. 7 Pt. I

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