



# Criminal Jurisdiction Act 1802

1802 CHAPTER 85 42 Geo 3

An Act for the trying and punishing in Great Britain Persons holding publick Employments, for Offences committed abroad; and for extending the Provisions of an Act passed in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of King James made for the Ease of Justices and others in pleading in Suits brought against them, to all Persons, either in or out of this Kingdom, authorized to commit to safe Custody. [22nd June 1802]

Whereas persons holding and exercising publick employments out of Great Britain often escape punishment for offences committed by them for want of courts having a sufficient jurisdiction in or by reason of their departing from the country or place where such offences have been committed, and that such persons cannot be tried in Great Britain for such offences as the law now stands, in as much as such offences cannot be laid to have been committed within the body of any county: And whereas it is therefore expedient that such and the like provisions as are contained in an Act passed in the eleventh and twelfth years of the reign of his late Majesty King William the Third, intituled “An <sup>M1</sup>Act to punish governors of plantations of this kingdom for crimes by them committed in the plantations,” and in the <sup>M2</sup>East India Company Act 1772 and in the <sup>M3</sup>East India Company Act 1784, should be extended and applied to the punishment of such offenders:

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#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)
- C2 Act applied by [Official Secrets Act 1911 \(c. 28\)](#), [s. 10\(2\)](#); extended by [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 15\(1\)](#)

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#### Marginal Citations

- M1 [1698 c. 12 \(11 Will. 3\)](#).
- M2 [1772 c. 63](#).
- M3 [1784 sess. 2. c. 25](#).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Criminal Jurisdiction Act 1802, Introductory Text.