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## **CHAPTER 96**

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- Offer of an Apology admissible in Evidence in mitigation of Damages.
- II In an Action against a Newspaper for Libel, the Defendant may plead that it was inserted without Malice and without Neglect, and may pay Money into Court as Amends.
- III Publishing or threatening to publish a Libel, or proposing to abstain from publishing any thing, with Intent to extort Money, punishable by Imprisonment and hard Labour.
- IV False defamatory Libel punishable by Imprisonment and Fine;
- V Malicious defamatory Libel, by Imprisonment or Fine.
- VI Proceedings upon the Trial of an Indictment or Information for a defamatory Libel. Double Plea. Proviso as to Plea of Not guilty in Civil and Criminal Proceedings.
- VII Evidence to rebut prima facie Case of Publication by an Agent.
- VIII On Prosecution for private Libel, Defendant entitled to Costs on Acquittal.
  - IX Interpretation of Act.
  - X Commencement and Extent of Act.