

STATUTES

Made at WESTMINSTER, *Anno Regni GEORGH Regis, &c. quinto*
and *A. D. 1718.*

CAP. XIII.

An Act for the Amendment of Writs of Error; and for the further preventing the arresting or reversing of Judgments after Verdict.

I. Whereas great Delay of Justice hath of late Years been occasioned by defective Writs of Error, which, as the Law now stands, are not amendable: For Remedy thereof, Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Writs of Error, wherein there shall be any Variance from the original Record, or other Defect, may and shall be amended and made agreeable to such Record, by the respective Courts where such Writ or Writs of Error shall be made returnable; and that where any Verdict hath been or shall be given in any Action, Suit, Bill, Plaint, or Demand, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in any other Court of Record within *England* or *Wales*, the Judgment thereupon shall not be stayed or reversed for any Defect or Fault, either in Form or Substance, in any Bill, Writ, Original or Judicial, or for any Variance in such Writs from the Declaration or other Proceedings.

II. Provided nevertheless, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Appeal of Felony or Murder, or to any Process upon any Indictment, Presentment, or Information, of or for any Offence or Misdemeanor whatsoever.

I. Writs of error varying from record may be amended. And after Verdict no Judgment stayed or reversed for any defect in Form in any Bill, writ, &c.

II. Not to extend to Appeals of Felony, &c.

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