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54° VICTORIÆ, 1890.

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1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the "Bankruptcy Punishment for Act of 1887" (hereinafter called the Principal Act), when in the perjury. opinion of the Court or Judge the bankrupt or any other person has

- 10 by evidence given before such Court or Judge been proved guilty of perjury or of wilfully making on oath any false statement knowing the same to be false, or of any offence which is by such Principal Act made a misdemeanour, the Court or Judge may forthwith sentence such offender to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any
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