

**459. Grievous hurt caused whilst committing lurking house-trespass or house-breaking.—**Whoever, whilst committing lurking house-trespass or house-breaking, causes grievous hurt to any person or attempts to cause death or grievous hurt to any person, shall be punished with <sup>1</sup>[imprisonment for life], or imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years, and shall also be liable to fine.

**460. All persons jointly concerned in lurking house-trespass or house-breaking by night punishable where death or grievous hurt caused by one of them.—**If, at the time of the committing of lurking house-trespass by night or house-breaking by night, any person guilty of such offence shall voluntarily cause or attempt to cause death or grievous hurt to any person, every person jointly concerned in committing such lurking house-trespass by night or house-breaking by night, shall be punished with <sup>1</sup>[imprisonment for life], or with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years, and shall also be liable to fine.

**461. Dishonestly breaking open receptacle containing property.—**Whoever dishonestly or with intent to commit mischief, breaks open or unfastens any closed receptacle which contains or which he believes to contain property, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

**462. Punishment for same offence when committed by person entrusted with custody.—**Whoever, being entrusted with any closed receptacle which contains or which he believes to contain property, without having authority to open the same, dishonestly, or with intent to commit mischief, breaks open or unfastens that receptacle, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both.

## CHAPTER XVIII

### OF OFFENCES RELATING TO DOCUMENTS AND TO<sup>2</sup>\*\*\* PROPERTY MARKS

**463. Forgery.—<sup>3</sup>**[Whoever makes any false document or false electronic record or part of a document or electronic record, with intent to cause damage or injury], to the public or to any person, or to support any claim or title, or to cause any person to part with property, or to enter into any express or implied contract, or with intent to commit fraud or that fraud may be committed, commits forgery.

**464. Making a false document.—<sup>3</sup>**[A person is said to make a false document or false electronic record—

*First.*—Who dishonestly or fraudulently—

(a) makes, signs, seals or executes a document or part of a document;

(b) makes or transmits any electronic record or part of any electronic record;

(c) affixes any <sup>4</sup>[electronic signature] on any electronic record;

(d) makes any mark denoting the execution of a document or the authenticity of the <sup>4</sup>[electronic signature],

with the intention of causing it to be believed that such document or part of document, electronic record or <sup>4</sup>[electronic signature] was made, signed, sealed, executed, transmitted or affixed by or by the authority of a person by whom or by whose authority he knows that it was not made, signed, sealed, executed or affixed; or

*Secondly.*—Who without lawful authority, dishonestly or fraudulently, by cancellation or otherwise, alters a document or an electronic record in any material part thereof, after it has been made, executed or affixed with <sup>4</sup>[electronic signature] either by himself or by any other person, whether such person be living or dead at the time of such alteration; or

*Thirdly.*—Who dishonestly or fraudulently causes any person to sign, seal, execute or alter a document or an electronic record or to affix his <sup>4</sup>[electronic signature] on any electronic record knowing that such person by reason of unsoundness of mind or intoxication cannot, or that by reason of deception

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1. Subs. by Act 26 of 1955, s. 117 and the Sch., for “transportation for life” (w.e.f. 1-1-1956).

2. The words “TRADE OR” omitted by Act 43 of 1958, s. 135 and Sch. (w.e.f. 25-11-1959).

3. Subs. by Act 21 of 2000, s. 91 and the First Sch., for certain words (w.e.f. 17-10-2000).

4. Subs. by Act 10 of 2009, s. 51, for “digital signature” (w.e.f. 27-10-2009).