

“a party killing another in a *deliberate* duel, is *guilty of murder*, and cannot help himself by alleging that he was first struck by the deceased; or that *he had often declined to meet him*; and was prevailed upon to do so by his importunity; or that it was his intent only to vindicate his reputation; or that he meant not to kill, but only to disarm his adversary. He has deliberately engaged in an act highly unlawful, and he must abide the consequences.” Such is the law of England—in the United States there is a diversity in the laws of the different States. In Maine for challenging, fighting a duel, or acting as second, the punishment is solitary imprisonment not over a year, confinement to hard labor not more than twenty years, and disqualification for office for twenty years; for accepting a challenge, imprisonment not exceeding a year, and disqualification for office for five years—in Vermont, for killing in a duel, death; for sending or accepting a challenge, a fine of from \$50 to \$1000, and absolute disqualification for office—in Massachusetts, for fighting, in case death does not ensue, or challenging, accepting a challenge, or being second, the same as in Maine—in Rhode Island for fighting, though death does not ensue, carting to the gallows with a rope about the neck, sitting on the gallows an hour, and imprisonment not exceeding a year—in Connecticut, for sending or accepting a challenge, a fine of \$3,000, bonds for good behaviour during life, and disqualification for office; for delivering a challenge, the same except the bonds—in New Jersey for challenging or bearing a challenge, or aiding, a fine not over \$500, or imprisonment not more than two years, or both; for fighting or being second, or aiding, a fine not over \$1000, and imprisonment to hard labor not more than two years—in Pennsylvania, for challenging or bearing a challenge, a fine not over \$500 and imprisonment of one year—in Delaware, for fighting a duel, or sending, bearing or accepting a challenge, or aiding therein, a fine of \$1000, imprisonment for three months and absolute disqualification for office—in Virginia, for killing in a duel, death; for challenging or accepting a challenge, disqualification for office—in Louisiana, for an insult, with an intent to provoke a challenge, a fine of \$50 to \$300, and close imprisonment from five to thirty days; for giving or accepting a challenge, imprisonment from two to six months, and suspension of political rights for four years; for fighting without wounding, imprisonment from six to twelve months, and suspension from political rights six years; for wounding, but not mortally, or so as to occasion a permanent bodily disability, imprisonment from twelve to eighteen months, and suspension from political rights eight years; for killing in a duel, imprisonment from two to four years and absolute suspension of certain political rights. In many States it is either murder or manslaughter by the general law: Illinois, and some other States, require certain officers to make oath that they have not, within a certain time, been, or will not be concerned in a duel.

Having seen the punishments and laws for the suppression and pre-