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# GENERAL STATUTES

OF THE

# STATE OF MINNESOTA.

PREPARED BY THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REVISE  
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## CHAPTER XCIII.

OF OFFENSES AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTY OF  
THE STATE.

New. 1 SECTION 1. Treason against this state shall consist only in  
2 levying war against the same, or in adhering to the enemies  
3 thereof, giving them aid and comfort.

New. 1 SECT. 2. Whoever commits treason against this state  
2 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for  
3 life.

New. 1 SECT. 3. Whoever, having knowledge of the commission  
2 of treason, conceals the same, and does not, as soon as may  
3 be, disclose and make known such treason to the governor  
4 or one of the judges of the supreme court, shall be adjudged guilty  
5 of the offense of misprison of treason and be punished by  
6 fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment  
7 in the state prison not exceeding five years, or in the  
8 common jail not exceeding two years.

New. 1 SECT. 4. No person shall be convicted of treason but  
2 by the testimony of two lawful witnesses to the same overt  
3 act of treason whereof he stands indicted, unless he confess-  
4 es the same in open court.

## CHAPTER XCIV.

## OFFENSES AGAINST LIFE AND PERSON.

c89 C. S. p. 702, Sect. 1. 1 SECTION 1. The killing of a human being, without the  
2 authority of law, by poison, shooting, stabbing, or any other  
3 means, or in any other manner, is either murder, man-  
4 slaughter, or excusable or justifiable homicide, according to  
5 the facts and circumstances of each case.

c14 1882—p. 65, Sect. 1. 1 SECT. 2. Such killing when perpetrated with a premed-  
2 itated design to effect the death of the person killed, or any  
3 human being, shall be murder in the first degree, and who-  
4 ever is convicted of the same shall suffer the penalty of  
5 death; but any person convicted of any capital crime shall