

Confiscated & Car. 11. 32. But for George McKenzie (Prin
part 1791. 32. 11. 2) thin is, that if they belonged to a person
that knew not of their being the contrary to law, the princi-
pal owner might not to forfeit his property.

The lawfulness of bearing arms in several Counties,
is regulated by their respective Municipal laws.

By our law the bearing and shooting with, Pistols,
Ragbats, Pistols and other Fire weapons without a licence
from the King was first bagged upon pain of losing the
Right hand Act 18 Parl. 1. 6. And Confiscation of the whole
Act 248 Parl. 15. 1. 6. And afterwards therein, the no Violent
was Comm. 1790, were either reasonable before the Court of King's
 Bench, or to the Corporal Reputation of the Right hand,
or before the King's Council in order to printing or imprisonment,
or actual Murther, upon proof by witness or a oath of party,
Act 16 Parl. 16. 1. 6. Albeit the carrying of some sort of Fire
tra for pleasure, that one convicted of bearing and shooting
of Ragbats, Pistols or other Fire weapons, was adjudged
by the Judges to have his Right hand struck off from
his arm 18. August 1603 George Fitzwilliam But the carrying
his sword or other Weapons, or the carrying of a Gun
home, is not punishable by the said Statute, McKenzie
Act. self Defence, Travelling, and the Custody of Lawyers who
are liable from this Crime in the opinion of Lawyers who
are liable to the same Crime Quare 10. 6. 10. 6. 7. 6. 10. 6. 10. 6.
Finnis de Vanc. Divort. Crime Quare 10. 6. 10. 6. 7. 6. 10. 6. 10. 6.

But this is not the
Right to carry off and Defence arms. This in a
pursuit against the King McKenzie a husband and
before the King's Council, for carrying forth his arms, it
being so loaded for him, of that it was the Mode of his
Country to go always well attended and armed. 27th
be said Travelling. The Lord reported both the first
Defence and also the second, the Lord reported both the first
and second that his Journey was necessary, because other
ways the Car might safely be obtained, McKenzie the
King only with the furthest to pursue this Crime and
therefore the carrying a blud another instance
without the convenience of his Majesty's Council
was sustained as a ground to Defend the Act. But

But law allows Men to shoot with ~~the~~ Wear Guns within
their private Close for pastime, or at fairs or at Waagon flyings,
or in going to or returning from ^{work} in Defense of their
in the pursuit of the word 11. 1. 8. Parl. 1. 7. 6. Act 23. Parl. 7. 6.

The long prevailing Custom among our highlanders of
having arms in their Custody, using and bearing them in pass-
ing a broad in the fields and at public Meetings, having
greatly obstructed the Civilizing that people, prevented
their applying themselves to the Study, Manufacture,
Trade and other Virtuous and profitable Employments,
been the cause of many Riots, tumults, Robberies and even
of Municipal Rebellion; and tended to Depress the Execution
of the law to the Dishonour of Government, and the
Loss of the Subjects: A law was made that if any person or
person with the sword of Dumbar, on the North side
of the water, or on the North side of the Water
of Forth, Forth, Kinross, Aberdeen, Inverness, Nairn, Bro-
nary, Strath, Forfar, Banff, Aberdeen, Banff, Elgin
and Ross, shall be convicted before one or more Justices of
peace, or before any other Judge competent of the peace,
having in his or their custody, or bearing, or having
or being pointed, Whinger or Gun, or any other
Weapon in the Field, or in the way
going to or from, or at any Fair, Market, Fair, Bazaar,
Rinkings, Meetings, or any other public place,
or at any other place, for the first offence, for each
and be fined not exceeding 40 pound nor less than 5 pound
and be imprisoned till payment. Which, if not
promptly paid, may be levied out of the offender's goods and
 chattels, to be applied the one half to the Informer, and the
 other half to the Justice, who is to be paid towards
 repairing the publick Woods in the shire, and be further
 liable to a Months imprisonment and being convicted
 for a second offence before the Court of Justiciary, or the
 Judges at their Circuits, shall forfeit such arms, and be
 fined not exceeding 80 pound, nor under ten pound
 sterling; and for every subsequent offence, to a fine
 double the former, to be levied and applied as aforesaid
 and for want of payment or a sufficient Distress, to
 be sold.