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CAP. XLVII.

An Act for preventing the Interference of the Spring Assizes with the *April* Quarter Sessions.

[13th *August* 1834]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Administration of Justice in* England *and* Wales, it is directed, that the Justices of the Peace in every County, Riding, or Division for which Quarter Sessions of the Peace ought by Law to be held shall hold their General Quarter Sessions of the Peace (among other Times) in the First Week after the Twenty-eighth Day of *December* and in the First Week after the Thirty-first Day of *March*: And whereas in some Counties of *England* and *Wales* the Time usually fixed for holding the Spring Assizes interferes with the due holding of the last-mentioned Quarter Sessions; and although the Justices of the Peace have Authority to hold General Sessions of the Peace at other Times of the Year besides those specified in the said recited Act, such Sessions are not Quarter Sessions within the Intent of various Acts of Parliament which give Jurisdiction to Justices of the Peace in their Quarter Sessions or in their General Quarter Sessions; and for the Purpose of preventing the Inconvenience arising from such Interference as aforesaid it is expedient to allow to the Justices of the Peace a Discretion as to the Time of holding their General Quarter Sessions, which they are now required to hold in the Week next after the Thirty-first Day of *March*: Be it therefore declared

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declared and enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in every County, Riding, or Division for which General Quarter Sessions ought to be held it shall be lawful for the Justices assembled in their General Quarter Sessions in the Week next after the Twenty-eighth Day of *December* in every Year to name (if they shall see Occasion so to do) Two Justices of the Peace who shall be empowered, as soon as may be after the Time for holding the Spring Assizes shall be appointed, to fix the Day for holding the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for such County, Riding, or Division, so as such Time shall not be earlier than the Seventh Day of *March* nor later than the Twenty-second Day of *April*, and to give Notice of the Day so fixed by Advertisement in such Newspapers as shall be directed by the Justices so assembled; and in every such Case the General Quarter Sessions held on the Day so fixed and notified shall be valid, and it shall not be necessary to hold any Sessions of the Peace for such County, Riding, or Division in the Week next after the Thirty-first Day of *March*, any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that in every County, Riding, and Division where no other Day shall be fixed in the Manner herein-before mentioned, the Justices of the Peace shall hold their General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the Week next after the Thirty-first Day of *March*, as by the said recited Act they are required.

Justices at Epiphany Sessions may name Two of their Body to fix the Day for holding the next General Quarter Sessions.

Proviso.

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