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CAP. LXXI.

An Act for the Appointment of convenient Places for the holding of Assizes in *England* and *Wales*. [28th *August* 1833.]

WHEREAS by a Statute made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *Richard* the Second it was ordained that the Justices assigned to take Assizes and deliver the Gaols should hold their Sessions in the principal and chief Towns of every of the Counties where the Shire Courts of the same Counties should be holden: And whereas by a Statute made in the Eleventh Year of the same Reign, reciting so much of the said Statute of the Sixth Year as is herein-before recited, and stating that the said Statute was in part prejudicial and grievous to the People of divers Counties in *England*, it was provided that the Chancellor of *England* for the Time being should have Power thereof to make and provide Remedy, by Advice of the Justices, from Time to Time when Need should be, notwithstanding the said Statute: And whereas the Places at which the Assizes are now held in various Counties of *England* and *Wales* are inconvenient to the Inhabitants thereof, and it would conduce to the more cheap, speedy, and effectual Administration of Justice to appoint other Places instead thereof for the holding of Assizes; but Doubts may be entertained whether that Object can be fully effected by virtue of the Statutes herein-before referred to: Be it therefore 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

6 Ric. 2. c. 5.

11 Ric. 2. c. 11.

Recited Statutes in part repealed.

the Authority of the same, That so much of each of the said Statutes as is herein-before recited shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

His Majesty in Council may direct at what Places in any County Assizes and Sessions of Gaol Delivery shall be held, and that they may be holden in more than One Place in a County on the same Circuit.

II. And be it declared and enacted, That His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Most Honourable Privy Council, shall have Power from Time to Time to order and direct at what Place or Places in any County in *England* or *Wales* the Assizes and Sessions under the Commissions of Gaol Delivery, and other Commissions for the Dispatch of Civil and Criminal Business, shall be holden, and to order and direct such Assizes and Sessions for the Dispatch of Criminal and Civil Business to be holden at more than One Place in the same County on the same Circuit, and to order and direct the Assizes and Sessions under such Commissions for the Dispatch of Criminal Business to be holden for the whole County at One Place, and for the Dispatch of Civil Business at One or more Place or Places in such County, on the same Circuit; and further to order and direct any Special Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery to be holden at any One or more Places in any such County.

Power to divide Counties for the Purpose of holding Assizes in different Divisions of the same County.

III. And be it enacted, That in case His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Most Honourable Privy Council, shall think fit to order and direct that the Assizes or any such Special Commissions shall be holden at more than One Place in any One County, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the Advice aforesaid, to divide any such County for the Purposes of this Act, and to make Rules and Regulations touching the Venue in all Cases, Civil and Criminal, then pending or thereafter to be pending and to be tried within any Division of such County so to be made as aforesaid; and touching the Liability and Attendance of Jurors, whether Grand Jurors, Special Jurors, or Common Jurors, at the Assizes and Sessions as aforesaid, or at any Sessions under any Special Commissions to be holden within any such Division; and touching the Use of any House of Correction or Prison as a Common Gaol, and the Government and Keeping thereof; and touching the Alterations of any Commissions, Writs, Precepts, or other Proceedings whatsoever for carrying into effect the Purposes of this Act; and touching any other Matters that may be requisite for carrying into effect the Purposes of this Act; and all such Rules and Regulations shall be of the like Force and Effect as if the same had been made by the Authority of Parliament, and shall be notified in the *London Gazette*, or in such other Manner as His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Most Honourable Privy Council, shall think fit to direct.

Power to direct the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster to be holden at any One or more Places in the County, and to divide the County for that Purpose.

IV. And be it further enacted, That His Majesty shall have Power from Time to Time, for the Purpose of carrying this Act into effect, to order and direct that the Court of Common Pleas at *Lancaster* shall be holden at any One or more Places in the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, as He shall think fit, and to divide the said County Palatine for the Purpose of the Trial of Civil Causes and the Transaction of other Civil Business in the said Court, and to make the like Rules and Regulations touching the Venue in Civil Cases to be tried within any Division of the said County, and the Liability and Attendance of Jurors, whether Special or Common, at

the Court to be held within any such Division, and touching the Alterations of Commissions, Writs, Precepts, or other Proceedings for carrying into effect the Purposes of this Act, and touching any other Matter that may be requisite for carrying into effect the Purposes of this Act; and all such Rules and Regulations shall be of the like Force and Effect as if the same had been made by the Authority of Parliament, and shall be notified in the *London Gazette*, or in such other Manner as His Majesty shall think fit.

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