STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1962 No. 640 (L.9)

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, ENGLAND AND WALES SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE, ENGLAND

The Assizes (Circuits) Order, 1962

Made - - - -	*28th March*, 1962
Laid before Parliament	*3rd April*, 1962
Coming into Operation	*9th April*, 1962

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of March, 1962

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas section 72 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925(a), enables Her Majesty from time to time by Order in Council to provide (amongst other things) for the place or places at which assizes are to be held on any circuit, for the holding of assizes at more than one place in the same county on the same circuit, for the uniting of two or more counties for the purpose of certain assizes and for altering the day appointed for holding the assizes at any place on a circuit in any case where, by reason of the pressure of business or other unforeseen cause, it is expedient to alter the day so appointed, and to revoke or amend any such Order:

And Whereas by an Order in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of July, 1893(b), as subsequently amended by divers Orders in Council (and in particular by an Order in Council dated the fourteenth day of May, 1912(c)), provision was made for the holding of assizes at certain places on certain days on each circuit:

And Whereas by four Orders in Council each dated the eighteenth day of August, 1916(d), it was provided that for the purposes of certain assizes certain counties on the Wales and Chester Circuit should be united:

And Whereas it is expedient for the better despatch of business at assizes that the said provisions should now be superseded and that, in particular, provision should be made for assizes to be held simultaneously at more than one place on each circuit:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. In this Order—

"divorce business" means matrimonial causes of any class prescribed by any order made under section 70 (5) of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, and any matters arising out of or connected with any such causes;

"civil business" does not include divorce business;

"divorce town" has the meaning assigned to it by the Matrimonial Causes Rules, 1957(e);

"special divorce town" means a town specified in the Second Schedule to this Order.

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 49.
(b) Rev. XXII, p. 28 : 1893, p. 565.
(c) S.R. & O. 1912/537 (Rev. XXII, p. 29 : 1912 II, p. 1186).
(d) S.R. & O. 1916/639, 640, 641, 642 (Rev. XXII, pp. 64, 68, 72, 75 : 1916 III, pp. 116, 119, 123, 127).
(e) S.I. 1957/619 (1957 II, p. 2406).

2.—(1) The judges shall fix—

(*a*) the commission days for the places at which assizes are to be held;

(*b*) the days on which adjourned assizes are to be resumed;

(*c*) the days (whether before or after the relevant commission days) on which divorce business is to be commenced at assizes (including adjourned assizes) held at special divorce towns.

(2) Adjourned assizes held for any place pursuant to this Order shall be deemed to be the next assizes for that place, but it shall not be necessary for the commission to be read at the opening of those assizes.

(3) The reading of the commission before a judge of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division before he sits for the trial of divorce business at a special divorce town shall not be treated, for any purpose except the trial of divorce business, as the commencement of the assizes at that town or as affecting the commission day for those assizes.

3. The days referred to in the last foregoing Article shall be fixed by the judges in the customary manner and, insofar as may be practicable and the incidence of public holidays may permit, in accordance with the model scheme set out in the First Schedule to this Order, but nothing in this Order shall affect the existing powers of altering commission days.

4. Subject in any case to the consent of the President of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division, a day fixed for the commencement of divorce business at a special divorce town shall be capable of being altered in the same manner and by the same authority as a commission day.

5. Subject to the provisions of section 2 of the Criminal Justice Administration Act, 1956(a), both criminal and civil business may be taken at any assizes.

6. Divorce business may, subject to rules of court, be taken at any assizes held at a divorce town.

7. The order in which the assize towns on any circuit are to be visited may be changed when it is desirable to prevent assizes being held contemporaneously with any local event or for other special reasons.

8. Assizes for the County of Montgomery shall be held at Welshpool, and Newtown shall cease to be a place where assizes are held.

9. Where before this Order comes into operation any person has been committed for trial at the spring assizes for Spring Assize County No. 3 the committal shall be treated—

(*a*) in the case of a committal by a magistrates' court in the North and East Riding Division or the Sheffield Division of Yorkshire or the County of the City of York, as if it were a committal for trial under section 10 of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1952(b), at the next assizes for the Leeds Division; and

(*b*) in any other case, as if it were a committal for trial at the next assizes for the place for which the committing court acted;

and all warrants of commitment, recognisances and other documents shall have effect accordingly.

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 34.

(b) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 55.

10. In Article 1 of the Assizes (Matrimonial Causes) Order, 1946(a), for the words " the several assize towns on that circuit " there shall be substituted the words " any assizes on that circuit (including adjourned assizes held after an interval of more than fourteen days) ".

11. The Orders set out in the first column of the Third Schedule to this Order are hereby revoked to the extent specified in the second column thereof, and any order or direction made or given under any Order or any provision of any Order so revoked shall cease to have effect.

12. This Order may be cited as the Assizes (Circuits) Order, 1962, and shall come into operation on the ninth day of April, 1962.

W. G. Agnew.

(a) S.R. & O. 1946/1568 (Rev. XXII, p. 50 : 1946 I, p. 1566).

FIRST SCHEDULE

MODEL SCHEME

PART I: CIRCUITS OF THE JUDGES

WINTER ASSIZE

Article 3

Date of Commission Day (C), Adjourned Assize (A) or Commencement of Divorce business (D)	CIRCUIT																			Date of Commission Day (C), Adjourned Assize (A) or Commencement of Divorce business (D)
	South Eastern		Midland			Oxford			Northern			North Eastern			Wales and Chester			Western			
	First	Second	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	
January 11	Norwich (C)	—	Birmingham (C)	Bedford (C)	—	Birmingham (C)	Reading (C)	—	Liverpool (C)	—	Liverpool (D)	Durham (C)	Leeds (C)	—	Cardiff (C)	—	—	Exeter (C)	Taunton (C)	—	January 11
„ 12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Appleby (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 12
„ 15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Carlisle (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 15
„ 22	—	—	—	—	—	—	Worcester (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Cardiff (D)	—	Devizes (C)	—	„ 22
„ 29	Chelmsford (C)	—	—	Northampton (C)	—	—	—	—	—	Lancaster (C)	[To Leeds]	Newcastle (C)	—	Leeds (D)	—	—	—	—	Dorchester (C)	—	„ 29
February 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	February 2
„ 5	—	—	—	—	Birmingham (D)	—	Hereford (C)	Birmingham (D)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Mold (C)	[To Exeter]	Bristol (C)	Bodmin (C)	Exeter (D)	„ 5
„ 6	—	—	—	Oakham (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 6
„ 7	—	—	—	Derby (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 7
„ 9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ruthin (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 9
„ 12	—	—	—	—	—	—	Oxford (C)	—	—	—	—	York (C)	Sheffield (C)	Sheffield (D)	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 12
„ 16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Beaumaris (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 16
„ 19	Kingston-on-Thames (C)	—	—	Lincoln (C)	Nottingham (D)	—	—	[To Nottingham]	Manchester (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[Finish]	„ 19
„ 21	—	—	—	—	—	—	Gloucester (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Caernarvon (C)	—	—	[To Huntingdon]	—	„ 21
„ 22	—	Huntingdon (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 22
„ 23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[To Manchester]	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 23
„ 26	—	Cambridge (C)	—	—	—	(Newport (C))*	—	—	—	—	Manchester (D)	—	Leeds (A)	—	[To Newport]	—	—	Winchester (C)	—	Winchester (D)	„ 26
March 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	March 1
„ 2	—	—	—	—	[To Newcastle]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Newcastle (D)	—	Dolgellau (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 2
„ 5	Maidstone (C)	—	—	Leicester (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 5
„ 7	—	Ipswich (C)	—	—	—	—	Shrewsbury (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Welshpool (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 7
„ 12	—	—	Warwick (C)	—	—	[To Warwick]	—	—	—	—	[Finish]	—	—	[Finish]	—	Presteign (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 12
„ 15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Brecon (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 15
„ 16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[Finish]	„ 16
„ 19	—	Hertford (C)	[To Stafford]	Aylesbury (C)	—	Stafford (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Chester (C) [From Newport]	—	—	—	—	—	„ 19
„ 21	—	—	—	Nottingham (C)	—	[From Warwick]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Lampeter (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 21
„ 26	Lewes (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Durham (A)	—	—	—	Haverfordwest (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 26
„ 27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Gloucester (D)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 27
April 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Sheffield (A)	—	—	Carmarthen (C)	—	—	—	—	April 2
„ 9	—		—	—	—	—	—	[Finish]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 9
Term Ends 18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Term Ends 18

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Summer Assize

Date of Commission Day (C), Adjourned Assize (A) or Commencement of Divorce business (D)	CIRCUIT																			Date of Commission Day (C), Adjourned Assize (A) or Commencement of Divorce business (D)
	South Eastern		Midland			Oxford			Northern			North Eastern			Wales and Chester			Western			
	First	Second	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	
May 1	Norwich (C)	—	Birmingham (C)	Bedford (C)	—	Birmingham (C)	Reading (C)	—	Liverpool (C)	—	—	Newcastle (C)	Leeds (C)	—	Swansea (C)	—	Swansea (D)	Exeter (C)	—	—	May 1
„ 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Appleby (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 2
„ 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Carlisle (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 5
„ 7	Chelmsford (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 7
„ 9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							—	—	—	Bristol (C)	—	—	„ 9
„ 14	Kingston-on-Thames (C)	—	—	Northampton (C)	—	—	Worcester (C)	—	—	—	—	Durham (C)	—	—	—	—	[To Exeter]	—	Salisbury (C)	Exeter (D)	„ 14
„ 21	Maidstone (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Manchester (C)	Lancaster (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Winchester (C)	Dorchester (C)	—	„ 21
„ 22	—	—	—	Oakham (C)	—	(Newport (C))*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[To Newport]	—	—	—	—	—	„ 22
„ 23	—	—	—	Derby (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 23
„ 28	—	—	—	—	—	—	Hereford (C)	—	—	—	—	York (C)	Sheffield (C)	Sheffield (D)	—	—	—	—	Wells (C)	[Finish]	„ 28
„ 29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Gloucester (D)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 29
„ 30	Lewes (C)	—	Warwick (C)	—	—	[To Warwick]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 30
„ 31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Chester (C) [From Newport]	—	—	—	—	—	„ 31
June 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Welshpool (C)	—	—	—	—	June 1
„ 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	Oxford (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 5
„ 6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Dolgellau (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 6
„ 8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[Finish]	—	—	—	—	—	[Finish]	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 8
9—18	Whitsun Vacation																				9—18
June 18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Exeter (A)	Bodmin (C)	—	June 18
„ 19	Norwich (A)	—	—	Leicester (C)	Birmingham (D)	Stafford (C)	Oxford (A)	Birmingham (D)	Liverpool (A)	Lancaster (A)	Liverpool (D)	York (A)	Leeds (A)	—	Cardiff (A)	Caernarvon (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 19
„ 25	Chelmsford (A)	—	—	—	—	—	Gloucester (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Beaumaris (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 25
„ 27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ruthin (C)	—	Bristol (A)	[To Huntingdon]	—	„ 27
„ 28	—	Huntingdon (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 28
July 2	—	Bury-St.-Edmunds (C)	—	Lincoln (C)	Nottingham (D)	—	—	[To Nottingham]	—	—	[Finish]	—	—	Leeds (D)	—	—	—	—	—	—	July 2
„ 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Mold (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 3
„ 4	Kingston-on-Thames (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 4
„ 9	—	—	—	—	—	(Newport (A))*	—	—	Manchester (A)	—	—	Durham (A)	—	—	[To Newport]	Presteign (C)	—	Winchester (A)	—	Winchester (D)	„ 9
„ 11	Maidstone (A)	Cambridge (C)	—	Aylesbury (C) Nottingham (C)	[To Newcastle]	—	Shrewsbury (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	Newcastle (D) [From Nottingham]	—	Brecon (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 11
„ 16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Manchester (D) [From Leeds]	—	Sheffield (A)	[To Manchester from Leeds]	—	Lampeter (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 16
„ 18	—	Hertford (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Haverfordwest (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 18
„ 19	Lewes (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„ 19
„ 23	—	—	Birmingham (A) [From Stafford]	—	—	Birmingham (A)	—	—	—	—	—	Newcastle (A)	—	[Finish]	Chester (A) [From Newport]	—	—	—	—	—	„ 23
„ 24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Carmarthen (C)	—	—	—	—	„ 24
Term Ends 31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Term Ends 31

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Date of Commission Day (C), Adjourned Assize (A) or Commencement of Divorce business (D)	CIRCUIT																			Date of Commission Day (C), Adjourned Assize (A) or Commencement of Divorce business (D)
	South Eastern		Midland			Oxford			Northern			North Eastern			Wales and Chester			Western			
	First	Second	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	First	Second	Divorce	
October 2	Norwich (C)	—	Birmingham (C)	Bedford (C)	—	Birmingham (C)	Reading (C)	Gloucester (D)	Liverpool (C)	Carlisle (C)	—	Durham (C)	Leeds (C)	Leeds (D)	Cardiff or Swansea (C)	Mold (C)	—	Exeter (C)	Devizes or Salisbury (C)	—	October 2
,, 10	—	—	—	Northampton (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Dorchester (C)	—	,, 10
,, 11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ruthin (C)	—	—	—	—	,, 11
,, 15	Chelmsford (C)	—	—	—	—	—	Worcester (C)	[To Cardiff or Swansea]	—	—	Liverpool (D)	—	—	[To Liverpool]	—	—	Cardiff or Swansea (D)	—	—	—	,, 15
,, 16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Lancaster (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	,, 16
,, 18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Taunton or Wells (C)	—	,, 18
,, 22	—	—	—	Derby (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	York (C)	—	—	—	Beaumaris (C)	—	—	—	—	,, 22
,, 24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Bristol (C)	—	—	,, 24
,, 25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Caernarvon (C)	—	—	—	—	,, 25
,, 26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[To Exeter]	—	—	Exeter (D)	,, 26
,, 29	—	—	—	—	—	—	Hereford (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	Newcastle (D)	—	—	—	—	Bodmin (C)	—	,, 29
,, 31	—	—	—	Lincoln (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	[Finish]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	,, 31
November 5	Kingston-on-Thames (C)	—	—	—	—	—	Oxford (C)	—	Manchester (C)	—	—	—	Sheffield (C)	Sheffield (D)	—	Dolgellau (C)	—	—	—	[Finish]	November 5
,, 7	—	—	—	—	—	(Newport (C))*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[To Newport]	—	—	—	[To Cambridge]	—	,, 7
,, 8	—	Cambridge (C)	—	—	Nottingham (D)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[To Nottingham from Newcastle]	—	Welshpool (C)	—	—	—	—	,, 8
,, 12	—	—	—	Leicester (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Newcastle (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	,, 12
,, 13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Presteign (C)	—	—	—	—	,, 13
,, 14	Maidstone (C)	—	—	—	—	—	Gloucester (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	,, 14
,, 16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Brecon (C)	—	—	—	—	,, 16
,, 19	—	Bury-St.-Edmunds or Ipswich (C)	Warwick (C)	—	Birmingham (D)	[To Warwick]	—	Birmingham (D)	—	—	—	—	Leeds (A)	[Finish at Sheffield]	—	—	—	Winchester (C)	—	—	,, 19
,, 21	—	—	—	Aylesbury (C) Nottingham (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	,, 21
,, 26	—	—	[To Stafford]	—	—	Stafford (C) [From Warwick]	—	—	—	—	Manchester (D)	—	—	—	Chester (C) [From Newport]	Lampeter (C)	—	—	—	—	,, 26
,, 28	—	—	—	—	—	—	Shrewsbury (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	,, 28
,, 29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Haverfordwest (C)	—	—	—	—	,, 29
December 3	Lewes (C)	Hertford (C)	—	—	[Finish]	—	—	[Finish]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Winchester (D)	December 3
,, 10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[Finish]	—	—	—	—	Carmarthen (C)	—	—	—	—	,, 10
Term Ends 21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Term Ends 21

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FIRST SCHEDULE

PART II: COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF ASSIZES, ADJOURNED ASSIZES AND DIVORCE SITTINGS ON ASSIZE FOR EACH ASSIZE TOWN

(THE NUMBER OF JUDGES EXPECTED TO ATTEND IN EACH CASE IS SHOWN BY THE FIGURES IN BRACKETS)

Assize Town	*Winter Assize*	*Summer Assize*	*Autumn Assize*
A. South Eastern Circuit			
1. BURY ST. EDMUNDS ...	—	2nd–10th July (1)	19th November–1st December (1) (*)
2. CAMBRIDGE	26th February–6th March (1)	11th–17th July (1)	8th–17th November (1)
3. CHELMSFORD	29th January–17th February (2)	7th–12th May (2) 25th June–3rd July (2) (adjourned assize)	15th October–3rd November (2)
4. HERTFORD	19th March–finish (1)	18th July–finish (1)	3rd December–finish (1)
5. HUNTINGDON	22nd–24th February (1)	28th–30th June (1)	—
6. IPSWICH...	7th–17th March (1)	—	19th November–1st December (1) (*)
7. KINGSTON-ON-THAMES...	19th February–3rd March (2)	14th–19th May (2) 4th–10th July (2) (adjourned assize)	5th–13th November (2)
8. LEWES	26th March–finish (2)	30th May–8th June (2) 19th July–finish (2) (adjourned assize)	3rd December–finish (2)
9. MAIDSTONE	5th–24th March (2)	21st–29th May (2) 11th–18th July (2) (adjourned assize)	14th November–1st December (2)
10. NORWICH	11th–27th January (2)	1st–5th May (2) 19th–23rd June (2) (adjourned assize)	2nd–13th October (2)
B. Midland Circuit			
1. AYLESBURY	19th March–finish (1)	11th July–finish (1)	21st November–finish (1)
2. BEDFORD	11th–27th January (1)	1st–12th May (1)	2nd–9th October (1)
3. BIRMINGHAM	11th January–10th March (2) 5th–17th February (2) (special divorce sittings)	1st–29th May (2) 19th–30th June (2) (special divorce sittings) 23rd July–finish (2) (adjourned assize)	2nd October–17th November (2) 19th November–1st December (2) (special divorce sittings)
4. DERBY	7th–17th February (2)	23rd May–8th June (2)	22nd–30th October (2)
5. LEICESTER	5th–17th March (2)	19th–30th June (2)	12th–20th November (2)
6. LINCOLN	19th February–3rd March (2)	2nd–10th July (2)	31st October–10th November (2)
7. NORTHAMPTON... ..	29th January–5th February (1)	14th–21st May (1)	10th–20th October (1)

(*) Alternate years.

Midland Circuit—(*continued*)

Assize Town	*Winter Assize*	*Summer Assize*	*Autumn Assize*
8. NOTTINGHAM	19th February–1st March (2) (special divorce sittings) 19th March–finish (2)*	2nd–10th July (2) (special divorce sittings) 11th July–finish (2)*	8th–17th November (2) (special divorce sittings) 21st November–finish (2)*
9. OAKHAM	6th February (1)	22nd May (1)	—
10. WARWICK	12th–17th March (2)	30th May–8th June (2)	19th–24th November (2)
C. Oxford Circuit			
1. BIRMINGHAM	As for Midland Circuit	As for Midland Circuit	As for Midland Circuit
2. GLOUCESTER	21st February–6th March (1) 27th March–7th April (2) (special divorce sittings)	29th May–8th June (2) (special divorce sittings) 25th June–10th July (1)	2nd–13th October (2) (special divorce sittings) 14th–27th November (1)
3. HEREFORD	5th–10th February (1)	28th May–4th June (1)	29th October–3rd November (1)
4. NEWPORT	26th February–17th March (2)	22nd–30th May (2) 9th–21st July (2) (adjourned assize)	7th–24th November (2)
5. OXFORD	12th–20th February (1)	5th–8th June (1) 19th–23rd June (1) (adjourned assize)	5th–13th November (1)
6. READING	11th–20th January (1)	1st–12th May (1)	2nd–13th October (1)
7. SHREWSBURY	7th March–finish (1)	11th July–finish (1)	28th November–finish (1)
8. STAFFORD	19th March–finish (2)	19th June–21st July (2)	26th November–finish (2)
9. WORCESTER	22nd January–3rd February (1)	14th–26th May (1)	15th–27th October (1)
D. Northern Circuit			
1. APPLEBY	12th–13th January (1)	2nd–4th May (1)	—
2. CARLISLE	15th–27th January (1)	5th–19th May (1)	2nd–15th October (1)
3. LANCASTER	29th January–finish (1)	21st May–8th June (1) 19th June–finish (1) (adjourned assize)	16th October–finish (1)
4. LIVERPOOL	11th January–17th February (2)† 11th–27th January (2) (special divorce sittings)	1st–19th May (2) 19th June–7th July (2)† (adjourned assize) 19th–30th June (2) (special divorce sittings)	2nd October–3rd November (2)† 15th–30th October (2) (special divorce sittings)
5. MANCHESTER	19th February–finish (2)† 23rd February–10th March (2) (special divorce sittings)	21st May–8th June (2) 9th July–finish (2)† (adjourned assize) 16th–31st July (2) (special divorce sittings)	5th November–finish (2)† 26th November–8th December (2) (special divorce sittings)

* The second Judge will attend when the Aylesbury Assizes are finished.

† A third Judge may attend when Lancaster Assizes are finished.

Assize Town	*Winter Assize*	*Summer Assize*	*Autumn Assize*
E. North Eastern Circuit			
1. DURHAM	11th–27th January (2) 26th March–finish (2) (adjourned assize)	14th–26th May (2) 9th–21st July (2) (adjourned assize)	2nd–20th October (2)
2. LEEDS	11th January–10th February (2) 29th January–10th February (2) (special divorce sittings) 26th February–31st March (2) (adjourned assize)	1st–26th May (2) 19th June–14th July (2) (adjourned assize) 2nd–14th July (2) (special divorce sittings)	2nd October–3rd November (2) 2nd–13th October (2) (special divorce sittings) 19th November–finish (2) (adjourned assize)
3. NEWCASTLE	29th January–10th February (2) 2nd–10th March (2) (special divorce sittings)	1st–12th May (2) 11th–21st July (2) (special divorce sittings) 23rd July–finish (2) (adjourned assize)	29th October–7th November (2) (special divorce sittings) 12th November–finish (2)
4. SHEFFIELD	12th–24th February (2) 12th–23rd February (1) (special divorce sittings) 2nd April–finish (2) (adjourned assize)	28th May–8th June (2) 28th May–8th June (1) (special divorce sittings) 16th July–finish (2) (adjourned assize)	5th–17th November (2) 5th–17th November (1) (special divorce sittings)
5. YORK	12th February–24th March (2)	28th May–8th June (2) 19th June–7th July (2) (adjourned assize)	22nd October–10th November (2)
F. Wales and Chester Circuit			
1. BEAUMARIS	16th–20th February (1)	25th–26th June (1)	22nd–24th October (1)
2. BRECON	15th–20th March (1)	11th–14th July (1)	16th–24th November (1)
3. CAERNARVON	21st February–1st March (1)	19th–23rd June (1)	25th October–3rd November (1)
4. CARDIFF	11th January–24th February (2) 15th January–3rd February (2) (special divorce sittings)	19th June–7th July (2) (adjourned assize)	2nd October–6th November (2) (*) 15th–26th October (2) (special divorce sittings) (*)
5. CARMARTHEN	2nd April–finish (1)	24th July–finish (1)	10th December–finish (1)
6. CHESTER	19th March–finish (2)	31st May–8th June (2) 23rd July–finish (2) (adjourned assize)	26th November–finish (2)
7. DOLGELLAU	2nd–6th March (1)	6th–8th June (1)	5th–7th November (1)
8. HAVERFORDWEST ...	26th–31st March (1)	18th–23rd July (1)	29th November–8th December (1)
9. LAMPETER	21st–24th March (1)	16th–17th July (1)	26th–28th November (1)
10. MOLD	5th–8th February (1)	3rd–7th July (1)	2nd–10th October (1)
11. PRESTEIGN	12th–14th March (1)	9th–10th July (1)	13th–15th November (1)
12. RUTHIN	9th–15th February (1)	27th June–2nd July (1)	11th–20th October (1)
13. SWANSEA	—	1st–21st May (2) 1st–12th May (2) (special divorce sittings)	2nd October–6th November (2) (*) 15th–26th October (2) (special divorce sittings) (*)

(*) Alternate years.

Assize Town	*Winter Assize*	*Summer Assize*	*Autumn Assize*
Wales and Chester Circuit—(*continued*)			
14. WELSHPOOL	7th–10th March (1)	1st–5th June (1)	8th–12th November (1)
G. Western Circuit			
1. BODMIN	5th–21st February (1)	18th–26th June (1)	29th October–6th November (1)
2. BRISTOL	5th–24th February (2)	9th–19th May (2) 27th June–7th July (2) (adjourned assize)	24th October–17th November (2)
3. DEVIZES	22nd–27th January (1)	—	2nd–9th October (1) (*)
4. DORCHESTER	29th January–3rd February (1)	21st–26th May (1)	10th–17th October (1)
5. EXETER	11th January–3rd February (2) 5th–17th February (2) (special divorce sittings)	1st–8th May (2) 14th–26th May (2) (special divorce sittings) 18th–26th June (2) (adjourned assize)	2nd–23rd October (2) 26th October–2nd November (2) (special divorce sittings)
6. SALISBURY	—	14th–19th May (1)	2nd–9th October (1) (*)
7. TAUNTON	11th–20th January (1)	—	18th–27th October (1) (*)
8. WELLS	—	28th May–8th June (1)	18th–27th October (1) (*)
9. WINCHESTER	26th February–finish (2) 26th February–16th March (1) (special divorce sittings)	21st May–8th June (2) 9th July–finish (2) (adjourned assize) 9th–31st July (1) (special divorce sittings)	19th November–finish (2) 30th November–21st December (1) (special divorce sittings)

(*) Alternate years.

SECOND SCHEDULE

ARTICLE 1

SPECIAL DIVORCE TOWNS

Birmingham	Manchester
Cardiff	Newcastle-on-Tyne
Exeter	Nottingham
Gloucester	Sheffield
Leeds	Swansea
Liverpool	Winchester

THIRD SCHEDULE

ARTICLE 11

ORDERS REVOKED

First Column	*Second Column*
Order in Council relating to Circuits, dated 28th July, 1893(a).	Article (i).
Order in Council relating to Circuits, dated 23rd November, 1893.	The whole Order.
Order in Council relating to Circuits, dated 28th May, 1894(b).	The whole Order.
Order in Council relating to Circuits, dated 7th May, 1907(c).	The whole Order.
Order in Council relating to Circuits, dated 28th June, 1909(d).	The whole Order.
Order in Council relating to Circuits, dated 2nd August, 1910(e).	The whole Order.
Order in Council relating to Circuits, dated 5th July, 1911(f).	The whole Order.
Order in Council relating to Circuits, dated 14th May, 1912(g).	The whole Order.
Order in Council as to winter assizes at Ruthin, dated 18th August, 1916(h).	The whole Order.
Order in Council as to winter assizes at Carmarthen, dated 18th August, 1916(i).	The whole Order.
Order in Council as to winter assizes at Caernarvon, dated 18th August, 1916(j).	The whole Order.
Order in Council as to winter assizes at Brecon, dated 18th August, 1916(k).	The whole Order.
Order in Council relating to Circuits, dated 18th August, 1919(l).	The whole Order.
The Autumn Circuit (Matrimonial Causes) Order, 1928(m).	The whole Order.
The Circuit Order in Council, 1930(n)	Articles 2 and 3.
The Circuit (Wales and Chester) Order, 1945(o)	The whole Order.
The Circuits (Civil Business) Order, 1947(p)	The whole Order.
The Assizes (Autumn) Order, 1950(q)	The whole Order.
The Assizes (Birmingham October Assize) Order, 1951(r) ...	The whole Order.
The Assizes (South-Eastern Circuit) Order, 1951(s) ...	The whole Order.
The Assizes (North-Eastern Circuit) Order, 1955(t) ...	In Article 2, the words "Subject to the provisions of Part II of this Order"; Parts II and III and the Third Schedule.

(a) Rev. XXII, p. 28 : 1893, p. 565.
(b) S.R. & O. 1894/152 (1894, p. 475).
(c) S.R. & O. 1907/387 (1907, p. 1016).
(d) S.R. & O. 1909/761 (1909, p. 732).
(e) S.R. & O. 1910/883 (1910, p. 685).
(f) S.R. & O. 1911/665 (1911, p. 388).
(g) S.R. & O. 1912/537 (Rev. XXII, p. 29 : 1912 II, p. 1186).
(h) S.R. & O. 1916/639 (Rev. XXII, p. 64 : 1916 III, p. 116).
(i) S.R. & O. 1916/641 (Rev. XXII, p. 72 : 1916 III, p. 123).
(j) S.R. & O. 1916/640 (Rev. XXII, p. 68 : 1916 III, p. 119).
(k) S.R. & O. 1916/642 (Rev. XXII, p. 75 : 1916 III, p. 127).
(l) S.R. & O. 1919/1287 (1919 II, p. 470).
(m) S.R. & O. 1928/893 (Rev. XXII, p. 29 : 1928, p. 1209).
(n) S.R. & O. 1930/325 (Rev. XXII, p. 29 : 1930, p. 1720).
(o) S.R. & O. 1945/510 (Rev. XXII, p. 29 : 1945 I, p. 1115).
(p) S.R. & O. 1947/195 (Rev. XXII, p. 29 : 1947 I, p. 2008).
(q) S.I. 1950/1186 (Rev. XXII, p. 29 : 1950 II, p. 983).
(r) S.I. 1951/334 (Rev. XXII, p. 53 : 1951 II, p. 672).
(s) S.I. 1951/2128 (Rev. XXII, p. 29 : 1951 II, p. 673).
(t) S.I. 1955/560 (1955 II, p. 2549).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order makes new arrangements for the holding of assizes on each circuit. It provides for assizes being held at more than one town on the same circuit at the same time and for special sittings for the disposal of divorce business in accordance with a model scheme set out in the First Schedule to the Order.