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C A P. XXVI.

An Act for the Appointment of convenient Places for the holding of Assizes in *Ireland*.

[21st *August* 1835.]

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 *Ireland* 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

6 Ric. 2. c. 5.

11 Ric. 2. c. 11.

Recited Statutes in part repealed.

Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That so much of each of the said Statutes as relates or may be construed to relate to holding Assizes or Sessions in *Ireland* shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Lord Lieutenant, &c. in Council may direct at what Places Assizes and Sessions shall be held, and that they may be holden in more than One Place in the County; as also Special Commissions.

II. And be it declared and enacted, That the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, by and with the Advice of the Privy Council of *Ireland*, shall have Power from Time to Time to order and direct at what Place or Places in any County in *Ireland* 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, and to order and direct the Assizes and Sessions under such Commissions for the Dispatch of Criminal or Civil Business to be holden at One or more Place or Places in such County; 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.

Place for holding Assizes not to be changed, or Counties divided, unless desired by Majority of Grand Jury.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, and the Privy Council there, to make any Order for changing the Place for holding the Assizes in any County, or for dividing any County, for the Purposes of this Act, unless a Memorial shall have been presented to him or them by a Majority of the Grand Jury of the Assizes of such County, praying that such Change or Division may be made.

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

IV. And be it enacted, That in case the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, by and with the Advice of the Privy Council of *Ireland*, 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 the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors, 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 *Dublin Gazette*, or in such other

Manner as the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, by and with the Advice of the Privy Council of *Ireland*, shall think fit to direct.

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