SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE, ENGLAND

ASSIZES

1955 No. 560

The Assizes (North-Eastern Circuit) Order, 1955

Made - - - -	*7th April*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*14th April*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*2nd May*, 1955

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 7th day of April, 1955

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by section 72 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925(a), it is enacted that Her Majesty may from time to time by Order in Council provide—

(*a*) for the appointment of the place or places at which assizes are to be held on any circuit, and for directing that assizes shall be held at more than one place in the same county on the same circuit;

(*b*) where any Order is made under that section directing that assizes shall be held at more than one place in any one county, for dividing the county for the purposes of the Order;

(*c*) for uniting a county for the purpose of spring assizes to any neighbouring county and for appointing the place or places at which spring assizes are to be held for the united counties; and

(*d*) for any matters which appear to Her Majesty to be necessary or proper for carrying into effect any Order made under that section:

And whereas it is expedient that summer, autumn and winter assizes should be held in the County of York at Sheffield as well as at the places hitherto appointed for the holding of assizes in that county:

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

PART I

1.—(1) The County of York shall, for the purposes of assizes, be divided into three divisions which shall be called the North and East Riding Division, the Leeds Division and the Sheffield Division.

(2) (*a*) The North and East Riding Division shall consist of the whole of the North and East Ridings of the County of York.

(*b*) The Leeds Division shall consist of the area comprising the cities and boroughs having separate commissions of the peace and the petty sessional divisions mentioned in the First Schedule to this Order.

(*c*) The Sheffield Division shall consist of the area comprising the city and boroughs having separate commissions of the peace and the petty sessional divisions mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Order.

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 49.

2. Subject to the provisions of Part II of this Order, the assizes for the County of York shall be held at York for the North and East Riding Division, at Leeds for the Leeds Division and at Sheffield for the Sheffield Division.

3. The precept for the summoning of jurors for the County of York shall direct the sheriff or other officer charged with the return of jurors to summon a competent number of jurors to serve at each place where assizes are to be held, and upon receipt of the precept the sheriff or other officer shall summon a competent number of jurors accordingly and in summoning them shall have regard to their convenience in respect of their places of residence.

PART II

4. For the purposes of the spring assizes the North and East Riding Division, the Leeds Division and the Sheffield Division shall be united with the County of the City of York under the name of the Spring Assize County No. 3, and the spring assizes for that spring assize county shall be held at Leeds.

5. The sheriff of the County of York shall act for the purposes of the spring assizes for the said spring assize county and shall have the same powers and responsibilities as if he were sheriff for the whole of the spring assize county, and precepts and other documents relating to the spring assizes shall be addressed to him alone:

Provided that—

(*a*) where judgment of death has been passed at any trial at the spring assizes on a person committed for trial from any place in the County of the City of York, the sheriff of the County of the City of York shall be charged with the duties and shall have the powers relating to the execution of judgment of death set out in section 13 of the Sheriffs Act, 1887(**a**); and

(*b*) the sheriff of the County of York shall not levy outside that county fines imposed or recognizances estreated at the spring assizes.

6. The statement of venue in all indictments at the spring assizes shall contain the words "Spring Assize County No. 3" in addition to the name of the county where the offence is charged to have been committed.

PART III

7. The commission days specified in the Third Schedule to this Order shall be substituted for the commission days specified in the First Schedule to the Order in Council dated the fourteenth day of May, 1912(**b**), in respect of the assizes to be held on the North-Eastern Circuit, and the Assizes (Autumn) Order, 1950(**c**), so far as it relates to the North-Eastern Circuit, shall cease to have effect.

8. Nothing in this Order shall affect the existing powers of altering commission days.

9. The Orders in Council dated the tenth day of June, 1864, and the ninth day of July, 1864(**d**) (which make provision for the holding of assizes for the County of York) and the Order in Council dated the twenty-fourth day of

(**a**) 50 & 51 Vict. c. 55.
(**b**) S.R. & O. 1912/537 (Rev. XXII, p. 29: 1912, p. 1186).
(**c**) S.I. 1950/1186 (Rev. XXII, p. 30: 1950 II, p. 983).
(**d**) Rev. XXII, p. 9.

January, 1917(a), (which provides for the holding of spring assizes at Leeds) are hereby revoked, so however that the revocation of the said Order of 1917 shall not affect anything done or to be done thereunder for the purposes of the Spring Assizes, 1955, or of the execution of any judgment of death passed at those assizes.

10. This Order may be cited as The Assizes (North-Eastern Circuit) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the 2nd day of May, 1955.

W. G. Agnew.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Leeds Division

Cities and Boroughs having separate Commissions of the Peace

Batley
Bradford
Dewsbury
Halifax
Harrogate
Huddersfield
Keighley
Leeds
Morley
Pontefract
Wakefield

Petty Sessional Divisions

(as constituted by the Petty Sessional Divisions (West Riding of Yorkshire) Order, 1955(b))

Agbrigg Lower
Agbrigg Upper
Bingley
Bowland
Brighouse Borough
Calder
Clare
Dewsbury (West Riding)
Ewecross
Goole and Selby
Osgoldcross
Ossett Borough
Otley
Pudsey Borough
Ripon Liberty
Saddleworth
Skyrack
Staincliffe East
Staincliffe West
Tadcaster
Todmorden
Wetherby

SECOND SCHEDULE

Sheffield Division

City and Boroughs having separate Commissions of the Peace

Barnsley
Doncaster
Rotherham
Sheffield

Petty Sessional Divisions

(as constituted by the Petty Sessional Divisions (West Riding of Yorkshire) Order, 1955)

Hallamshire
Staincross
Strafforth and Tickhill Lower
Strafforth and Tickhill Upper

THIRD SCHEDULE

Commission Days.

Spring Assizes

(Civil and Criminal)

April 19 Leeds

(a) S.R. & O. 1917/119 (Rev. XXII, p. 82: 1917, p. 966).
(b) S.I. 1955/517.

Summer Assizes
(Civil and Criminal)

May	16	Newcastle	June	13	York
	30	Durham		22	Sheffield
			July	8	Leeds

Autumn Assizes
(Civil and Criminal)

October	4	Newcastle	November	7	Sheffield
	16	Durham		29	Leeds
	30	York			

Winter Assizes
(Civil and Criminal)

January	14	Newcastle	February	14	York
	31	Durham		26	Sheffield
			March	10	Leeds

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes Sheffield, in addition to York and Leeds, an Assize Town for the County of York at the Summer, Autumn and Winter Assizes. Spring Assizes for the whole of the County of York, as well as for the City of York, will continue to be held at Leeds.

DISTRICT REGISTRIES

1955 No. 164

The District Registries Order in Council, 1955

Made - - - - 1*st February*, 1955
Coming into Operation 1*st March*, 1955

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 1st day of February, 1955

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it is enacted by section 84 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925(a), that Her Majesty may by Order in Council from time to time direct that there shall be in such places as are specified in the Order District Registries of the High Court for districts to be defined in the Order:

And Whereas by the District Registries Order in Council, 1950(b), it was ordered that there should be District Registries of the High Court at the places specified in the first column of the Schedule to that Order:

And Whereas it is desirable that there should be a District Registry at Lancaster in addition to the places at which there are now District Registries:

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 49. (b) S.I. 1950/1042 (Rev. XXII, p. 265: 1950 II, p. 891).