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An Act to authorize the Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Borough and City of *Chester* and County of the same City, and the Portmote and Pentice Courts for the City of *Chester*, to be held at the Castle of *Chester*, and to confer additional Powers upon the Sheriff of the County of *Chester* in exoneration of the Sheriff of the City of *Chester*. [15th *July* 1867.]

WHEREAS the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Borough and City of *Chester* and County of the same City, and the Portmote and Pentice Courts for the said City, have for many Years past been held in the Town Hall of the said City:

And whereas the said Town Hall has been destroyed by Fire, and there is not now in the said Borough or County of the City of *Chester* any suitable Court in which the said Quarter Sessions and the said Portmote and Pentice Courts for the said City can be conveniently held:

And whereas there are at the Castle of *Chester*, and forming Part thereof, commodious and convenient Courts and other Offices and

Buildings in which the Business of the said Court of Quarter Sessions and of the said Portmote and Pentice Courts could be carried on with greater Facility and Convenience to the Suitors therein and to the Public generally than can now be obtained in any Building within the said Borough or County of the City of *Chester*; but the said Castle of *Chester*, and the said Courts, Offices, and Buildings, although situate within the Walls of the said City of *Chester*, are not within the said Borough or County of the City of *Chester*, having been excepted therefrom by the Charter granted to the said City by His late Majesty King *Henry* the Seventh and by an Act passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third respectively:

And whereas it is expedient that during the erection and building within the said Borough and County of the City of *Chester* of new and suitable Premises for the holding of the said several Courts the same shall for the Period herein-after mentioned be held at the said Castle of *Chester*, and that for all Purposes of and connected with the holding of the said Courts the Castle of *Chester* shall for the said Period be deemed and taken to be within and Part of the said Borough and County of the City of *Chester*:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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, as follows:

Castle of Chester for Purposes of this Act to be deemed within the Borough and County of the City of Chester.

1. The Castle of *Chester*, including the Courts of Justice, Offices, and Buildings there situate, shall for all Purposes of and connected with the holding of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said Borough and County of the City of *Chester*, and of the Courts of Portmote and Pentice of the said City, and any and every Adjournment thereof respectively, be deemed and taken to be within and Part of the Borough and City of *Chester* and of the County of the City of *Chester*, any Charter, Act of Parliament, or other Provision to the contrary notwithstanding.

Trials had and Acts done at the Castle of Chester to be as valid as if had and done within the Limits of the County of the City as heretofore.

2. All Trials which may be had, and all Acts and Proceedings which may be done and taken at the said Castle of *Chester*, or in any of the said Courts of Justice, Offices, and Buildings there situate, in relation to the Business of the said several Courts of Quarter Sessions and of Portmote and Pentice for the said Borough and County of the City of *Chester*, or of any and every Adjournment thereof respectively, shall be as valid and effectual as if the same had been had and been done and taken place respectively within the said Borough and City of *Chester* and the said County of the City of *Chester* as heretofore known and as defined by the Municipal Corporation

Corporation Act, or any other Act of Parliament confirming, amending, or altering the same, or by the Charter granted to the said City by His late Majesty King *Henry* the Seventh, or by any other Charter, Act of Parliament, or other Instrument confirming, amending, or altering the same.

Courts of Quarter Sessions and of Portmote and Pentice not to interfere with the Assizes or Quarter Sessions.

3. The Powers hereby given to hold the said several Courts of Quarter Sessions and of Portmote and Pentice shall be exercised only at such Times as will not interfere with the Assizes or Quarter Sessions of the County of *Chester;* and in the event of any Injury or Damage arising to the said Courts of Justice, Offices, and Buildings by reason of the same being used for the Purposes of this Act, such Injury and Damage shall forthwith be made good by the Town Council of the Borough and City of *Chester;* and the Expense of cleaning and lighting the said Courts, Offices, and Buildings during such Use as aforesaid shall be paid by the Town Council of the said Borough and City of *Chester*.

As to the Executions of Persons convicted at Assizes for the County of Chester.

4. From and after the passing of this Act the Sheriff of the County of *Chester* shall be charged with and shall carry into effect within the said County the Execution of all Persons upon whom Sentence of Death shall be passed at any Assizes or Gaol Delivery for the said County of *Chester*, any Statute, Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Duration of Sects. 1, 2, and 3 of this Act.

5. Sections One, Two, and Three of this Act shall only continue in force for Five Years next after the passing thereof, and thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, but without Prejudice to the Liability of the said Town Council to make good any Damage which may be occasioned to the said Courts, Offices, and Buildings during their Occupation for the Purposes of this Act, which Liability may be enforced at any Time thereafter.

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