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An Act for the Abolition of certain Fees in Criminal Proceedings. [8th *August* 1845.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the Abolition of Gaol and other Fees connected with the Gaols in* England, and Doubts have been entertained as to the Extent and Meaning of the said Act, and it is expedient that the same be explained and amended: Be it declared and 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, That the Provisions of the said Act respecting the Discharge of certain Prisoners without Payment of any Fee do and shall extend to all Persons who now are or hereafter shall be charged with or indicted for any Felony, or as an Accessory thereto, or with or for any Misdemeanor, before any Court of Criminal Jurisdiction in *England*, against whom no Bill of Indictment shall be found by the Grand Jury, or who on his, her, or their Trial shall be acquitted, or who shall be discharged by Proclamation for Want of Prosecution; and that it is not and shall not be lawful to demand or take from any such Persons any Fee for their Appearance to the Indictment or Informa-

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Fxtending the Provisions of the recited Act respecting the Discharge of certain Prisoners without Payment of Fees.

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tion, or for allowing them to plead thereto, or for recording their Appearance or Plea, or for discharging any Recognizance taken from any such Persons, or any Surety or Sureties for them.

Certain Fees heretofore payable to Clerks of Assize, &c., out of the County Rates to cease.

II. And whereas by the said Act it was provided that the Clerks of Assize, Clerks of the Peace, or Clerks of the Court, and their Deputies, should receive the Amount of the Fees theretofore payable to them respectively, which were abolished by the said Act, out of the Rates of the County, District, Hundred, Riding, or Division, or out of the Public Stock of the City, Town Corporate, Cinque Port, Liberty, Franchise, or Place of which they were severally the Officers; be it enacted, That no such Payment shall be made out of any such Rate or Stock, in satisfaction of any of the Fees abolished by the said Act, to any Clerk of Assize, Clerk of the Peace, or Clerk of the Court appointed after the passing of this Act, or to their or any of their Deputies.

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