CHAP. 33.

An Act to provide for the Collection of Judicial Statistics in Scotland. [26th July 1869.]

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WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the collection of the judicial statistics of Scotland, and for laying the same before Parliament: Be it 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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Judicial Statistics (Scotland) Act, 1869."

Schedules to be returned by clerks of courts and other public officers.

2. The following persons, viz.,—first, the clerks of the several courts of law, and of all courts administering civil or criminal justice, and second, keepers of records and other persons receiving remuneration for performing public duties in the civil service of Her Majesty, shall and are hereby required to fill up and transmit to the department for the collection of judicial statistics, before the end of the month of March in each year, such schedules relative to the business transacted in their respective offices during the preceding year as, subject to the following conditions and regulations, they shall from time to time receive from the superintendent of the said department.

Forms of schedules to be certified.

3. Each such schedule shall be in a form which has been certified under the signature of Her Majesty's Advocate for Scotland as having been approved of by him, and each such form, with his signature attached thereto, shall be preserved in the chambers of the department for the collection of judicial statistics, where the same shall be patent to any clerk or other person who is bound to make a return under such form.

Provision for enforcement.

4. In case any person shall fail to fill up and return such schedule, or shall fail or neglect to do what is herein required of such person, or in case any obstruction shall arise in the execution of

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this Act, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Advocate for Scotland to apply by summary petition to the Court of Session; and in case any person shall consider himself aggrieved by anything that he is required to do under the provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for him to apply by summary petition to the Court of Session; and in either case the court shall deal therewith according to the practice as to summary petitions, and shall do therein as may seem just and necessary for the execution of the purposes of this Act.

Period for rendering police reports under sect. 64. of 20 & 21 Vict. c. 72. altered.

5. The report on the particulars of the state of crime made by the sheriffs of counties and magistrates of burghs, in terms of an Act of the twentieth and twenty-first year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to render more effectual the police in counties "and burghs in Scotland," shall, after such reports have been rendered for the year ending in September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, cease to apply to the year ending in September, and shall thereafter apply to the year ending on the last day of December; and such reports for the year ending in December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine shall be transmitted to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department before the last day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy; and thereafter such reports for each year shall be so transmitted before the last day of March in the ensuing year.

Provision for Court of Session reports under sect. 104. of 31 & 32 Vict. c. 100. repealed.

6. Section 104 of the "Court of Session Act, 1868," which enacts that the clerks and other officers of the Court of Session shall make certain returns to Her Majesty's Advocate for Scotland, is hereby repealed.

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