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Cap. lxxv.

An Act to extend the Jurisdiction of the *Kingsnorton* Court of Requests, and to amend the Act relating thereto. [21st *June* 1841.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for the more easy Recovery of Small Debts within the Parishes of* Kingsnorton *and* Northfield *in the County of* Worcester, whereby the Judge and his Successors, to be appointed as therein mentioned, were constituted a Court of Justice for the Recovery of Small Debts within the several Parishes and Places therein specified, by the Name of "The *Kingsnorton* Court of Requests:" And whereas a Judge of the said Court has been appointed by the Lord Chancellor according to the Provisions of the said Act, and such Judge has proceeded to carry the Purposes of the said Act into execution: And whereas the several adjoining Parishes and Places of *Bromsgrove*, *Stoke-Prior*, *Tardebigg*, *Redditch*, *Alvechurch*, *Beoley*, *Belbroughton*, *Upton-Warren*, *Hanbury*, *Feckenham*, *Cofton-Hacket*, and *Chaddesley-Corbet* in the County of *Worcester*, and that other Part of the said Parish of *Tardebigg* in the County of *Warwick*, and the Parish of *Ipsley*, also in the County of *Warwick*, are very populous, and are much increasing in Population, and very considerable Trade and Traffic is carried on therein, and it would be of great Advantage to the Inhabitants of the said Parishes and Places if the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Act were extended thereto; but such Object cannot be obtained without the

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Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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, That the Court constituted under the said recited Act shall have Jurisdiction within the said Parishes and Places of *Bromsgrove*, *Stoke-Prior*, *Tardebigg*, *Redditch*, *Alvechurch*, *Beoley*, *Belbroughton*, *Upton-Warren*, *Hanbury*, *Feckenham*, *Cofton-Hacket*, *Chaddesley-Corbet*, and *Ipsley*; and all the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Act, save as the same are by this Act altered or otherwise provided for, shall extend to and be exercised within the said several last-mentioned Parishes and Places as fully as though such Parishes and Places had been originally included in the said Act; and this and the said-recited Act shall be construed as One Act.

Jurisdiction of the Kingsnorton Court of Requests extended to Places, &c. in this Act.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Court shall be holden at any convenient Place within the Parishes or Places of *Redditch* and *Bromsgrove*, as well as at any other Place by the said recited Act authorized; and it shall also be lawful for the Judge of the said Court to appoint such other Place or Places, in addition to the Places aforesaid, for holding such Court, as he shall from Time to Time think fit; and also to appoint such Time or Times for holding any such Court as he shall think proper; and such Courts may be held at such Places and Times accordingly, but so as that the Interval between the holding of any Two Courts shall in no Case be more than Two Calendar Months.

Where Courts are to be held.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Summons shall be issued under the Powers given by this Act against any Person residing, trading, or dealing within any of the Parishes of Places or *Bromsgrove*, *Belbroughton*, *Chaddesley-Corbet*, *Upton-Warren*, *Stoke-Prior*, and *Hanbury*, unless the same be made returnable at *Bromsgrove*; and that no Summonses shall be issued under the Powers given by this Act against any Person residing, trading, or dealing within the Parishes or Places of *Cofton-Hacket*, *Alvechurch*, *Tardebigg*, *Redditch*, *Ipsley*, and *Beoley*, unless the same be made returnable at *Redditch*; and all Summonses issued against any Person residing, trading, or dealing within the Parish of *Feckenham* may be made returnable either at *Bromsgrove* or *Redditch*.

Summonses in the new District to be made returnable only at Courts held at certain adjacent Places, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That for the Purpose of facilitating the Entry of Plaints and the issuing of Summonses it shall be lawful for the Clerk of the said Court to provide Books, to be kept by the said Clerk or his Assistants, in the Parishes or Places of *Bromsgrove* and *Redditch* herein-before mentioned, and at such other Place or Places as the said Clerk, with the Approbation of the said Judge, shall think fit, or as the said Judge may require.

Clerk to keep Books for entering Plaints, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the Sheriff of the County of *Warwick* shall cause to be delivered to the Clerk of the said Court a List of Persons qualified to serve as Jurors in the Courts of Sessions of the Peace for the said County, who shall reside within the Jurisdiction of the said Court; and in all Actions which may arise within the

Jurors to be returned for the County of Warwick.

County of *Warwick* the Clerk of the said Court shall cause so many of such Persons as the Judge may deem necessary, to be summoned in Rotation, to attend the said Court at a Time and Place to be mentioned in the said Summons; and all Clauses and Provisions in the said recited Act contained with regard to Jurors shall apply to such Jurors so to be summoned as last aforesaid, in like Manner as to the Jurors of the County of *Worcester* referred to in the said Act.

Provision that Jurors shall not travel more than Ten Miles.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in all Actions or Causes in the said Court, where a Jury shall be required to be summoned to try the Action or Cause, no Person, although otherwise duly qualified, shall be liable to be summoned as a Juror for the Trial of any such Action or Cause, unless such Person shall reside within some of the said Parishes or Places within Ten Ten Miles of the Place appointed for the Trial of the Action or Cause on which he shall be so summoned.

Provision in cases of Committal to Prison in the County of Warwick.

VII. And be it enacted, That every Person residing, trading, or dealing, within any Parish or Place herein-before named, which is situate or partly situate within the County of *Warwick*, who shall be taken in execution upon any Warrant under the Powers or Provisions of this Act, may be committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of the said County of *Warwick*, or to any Common Gaol or Prison in the said County; and such Sheriff, and the Governor and Gaoler of such Common Gaol or Prison, are hereby respectively required to keep such Person in Custody for such Time from the Day of his Commitment to Prison as shall be mentioned in the Warrant, not exceeding Twenty Days, or until he, she, or they shall perform and obey the Order of the Court, or be discharged by due Course of Law, but not longer, under any Warrant or any Number of Warrants, than Forty Days at any One Time; and the Treasurer of the said Court shall allow and pay out of the general Fund of the said Court such reasonable Sums as the Justices of the said County of *Warwick*, in Quarter Sessions assembled, shall from Time to Time determine to be fit and proper for keeping and maintaining in Prison the Persons so committed.

Repealing Power of Commitment to any House of Correction.

VIII. And whereas it is expedient that so much of the said recited Act as authorizes the Commitment of any Person taken in Execution to any House of Correction within the County of *Worcester*, should repealed; be it therefore enacted, That the same shall be and the same is accordingly hereby repealed.

For paying Expences of the Act.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences of preparing and passing this Act shall be paid and discharged out of the Monies arising within the New District comprised within this Act which may be applicable to the general Fund of the *Kingsnorton* Court of Requests, and in preference to providing Court Houses or Offices, or other such general Purposes.

This Act to cease on the passing of any general Act.

X. Provided always, and be it enacted, That at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months next after any general Act shall be passed for the Recovery of Small Debts, and the Operation of which general Act shall be inconsistent with the Powers given by this Act as to the said

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several Parishes and Places in this Act mentioned, every Clause, Matter, and Thing in this Act contained, which shall extend or be construed to extend to give to the said Court or Judge any local or separate Jurisdiction, shall cease and determine, and no Judge or Officer of the said Court appointed under this Act shall be deemed to be entitled to any Compensation for the Loss of his Office by reason of the passing of such general Act.

Public Act.

XI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

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