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An Act for regulating the Criminal Jurisdiction of Assistant Barristers as to certain Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns in *Ireland*.

[4th *August* 1845.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in* Ireland, it is, among other things, enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, if She shall be pleased, upon the Petition of the Council of any Borough, except the City of *Dublin*, as therein mentioned, to grant that a separate Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or a Court of Record, for the Trial of Civil Actions, shall thenceforward be holden in and for such Borough; and it is thereby also enacted, that after the First Day of *January* therein mentioned the Justices assigned or hereafter to be assigned to keep the Peace in and for the County in which any Borough is situated, to which Her Majesty shall not have granted that a separate Court of Sessions of the Peace shall be holden in and for the same, shall exercise the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in and for such Borough, as fully as by Law they and each of them can or ought to do in and for the said County: And whereas Her Majesty has not hitherto granted that any such separate Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace should be holden in any of the Counties of Cities or Counties of Towns in

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the Schedule to this Act annexed named: And whereas Doubts have arisen as to whether the said Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns are included in the said last-recited Provision of the said recited Act; and it is expedient to provide for the holding of General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the said Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns: 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,

The Criminal Jurisdiction of the Assistant Barristers for the Counties named in the Schedule extended to the Counties of Cities and Towns therein named;

That from and after the passing of this Act, and until Her Majesty shall be pleased to grant that a separate Court of General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall be holden in and for the said Counties of Cities or Counties of Towns respectively as aforesaid, the respective Assistant Barristers for the Time being of the respective Counties named in the First Column of the Schedule to this Act annexed shall be Justices of the Peace in and for the respective Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns named in the Second Column of the said Schedule, in conjunction with such respective Counties at large in the said Schedule, and whereof they respectively are or shall be Assistant Barristers; and that the said Assistant Barristers shall have in the said Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns all such and the same Powers, Privileges, and Authorities respectively as they respectively have in and for the said respective Counties in the said First Column mentioned, and shall and may exercise such Jurisdiction, Powers, and Authorities, either alone or together with the Justices assigned to keep the Peace within the said respective Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns; and that a General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall be from Time to Time holden in and for the said respective Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns on the Day next but one before the Commencement of or immediately after the Termination of the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or any Adjournment thereof, for the Division of the said respective Counties at large, within which or next adjacent whereto the said respective Counties of Cities or Counties of Towns are situate; and that from and after the passing of this Act such General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace so to be holden respectively in and for the said Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns, and also all adjourned Sessions thereof, shall, as to all Matters and Things arising within such Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns respectively, or within Five hundred Yards of the Boundaries thereof, have, use, and exercise all and every the same Jurisdictions, Powers, and Authorities as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden in and for any County at large can or may have, use, or exercise in respect of Matters and Things arising within such County at large, and also all such further and other Jurisdictions, Powers, or Authorities as were by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force at any Time heretofore granted to or vested in the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said Counties of Cities or Counties of Towns respectively of right holden within the said Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns respectively, before the passing of the said herein-before in part recited Act passed in the said Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of our said Lady the

and General Sessions of the Peace to be held for such Counties of Cities and Towns.

Queen; and the Jurors returned to serve at each of such General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or Adjournment thereof, for such respective Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns shall be returned from the Body of such County of a City or County of a Town respectively; and it shall be lawful for such respective Assistant Barristers or the Justices of the Peace, at such respective General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to commit such Persons liable to Imprisonment as shall be convicted before them, or such Persons as shall be otherwise liable to Imprisonment, to the respective Prisons of such respective Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns.

General or Quarter Sessions heretofore held in Counties of Cities and Towns by Assistant Barristers to be valid.

II. And whereas, since the passing of the said recited Act, some of the said Assistant Barristers for the said respective Counties at large have acted as Justices of the Peace in and for, and have as such Justices held or presided or attended at General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the respective Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns named in conjunction with such respective Counties at large in the said Schedule, and it is expedient that the Acts, Matters, and Things so done by the said respective Assistant Barristers should be deemed to have been good, valid, and effectual; be it therefore enacted, That any and every General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace heretofore held in and for any of the said Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns, after the passing of the said recited Act, shall be deemed to have been good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, and that all and every Act and Acts of any such Assistant Barrister of any such County at large as aforesaid, heretofore after the passing of the said recited Act done at or relating to any such General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace held in and for any such County of a City or County of a Town named in conjunction with such County at large in the said Schedule, or done as a Justice of the Peace in and for such County of a City or County of a Town, and all and every Act of any Justice of the Peace, and every Act, Matter, or Thing done at any such last-mentioned General or Quarter Sessions, and the Act and Acts of any Officer or Constable in obedience thereto, shall be and be deemed to have been as valid, good, and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes as if such Sessions had been held, or such Act or Acts, Matters or Things, had been done, after this present Act had been passed.

Alteration of Act.

III. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

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SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

Counties.	Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns.
County of Kilkenny.	Kilkenny.
County of Limerick.	Limerick.
County of Waterford.	Waterford.
County of Antrim.	Carrickfergus.

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