THE

PUBLIC GENERAL STATUTES,

42 VICTORIA.

CHAPTER 1.

An Act to amend the Law respecting the holding of Assizes. [14th March 1879.]

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 as the Spring Assizes Act, 1879.

Extension to spring assizes of power of Her Majesty as to winter assizes.

2. Whereas it is expedient to enable Her Majesty to unite counties for the purpose of holding spring assizes in the manner in which Her Majesty is authorised to unite counties for the purpose of holding winter assizes, and to make similar provision in relation to the jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court over offences committed in the neighbouring counties to that which Her Majesty is able to make under the Winter Assizes Act, 1876: Be it therefore enacted as follows:

39 & 40 Vict. c. 57.

All the provisions of the Winter Assizes Act, 1876, shall be deemed to be herein enacted, with the substitution of "spring assizes" for "winter assizes," and of the months of March, April, and May for the months of November, December, and January respectively; provided that nothing in this Act, or the Winter Assizes Acts, 1876 and 1877, shall affect the custom of holding separate assizes in and for each county twice a year.

39 & 40 Vict. c. 57.

39 & 40 Vict. c. 57. 40 & 41 Vict. c. 46.

Execution of sentence of death.

3. Notwithstanding anything in the Prison Act, 1877, or anything done in pursuance of that Act, where judgment of death has been passed upon a convict at any assizes held after the passing of this Act, the judgment may be carried into execution in any prison in which the convict was confined for the purpose of safe custody prior to his removal to the place where the assizes were held, and the sheriff of the county for which such assizes were held shall be charged with the execution of that judgment, and shall for that purpose have the same jurisdiction and powers, and be subject to the same duties in the prison in which the judgment is to be carried into execution, although such prison is not situate within his county, as he has by law with respect to the common gaol of his county, or would have had if the Prison Act, 1865, and the Prison Act, 1877, had not passed.

40 & 41 Vict. c. 21.

28 & 29 Vict. c. 126. 40 & 41 Vict. c. 21.

The coroner, whose duty it is to hold an inquest on the bodies of prisoners dying in any prison shall hold an inquest in accordance with the Capital Punishment Amendment Act, 1868, on the body of any convict executed in that prison.

31 & 32 Vict. c. 24.

Nothing in this section shall affect any power authorised to be exercised by Order in Council under the Winter Assizes Act, 1876, and this Act.

39 & 40 Vict. c. 57.

Definitions.

4. In this Act—

The expression "assizes" means any court of assize or any sessions of oyer and terminer or gaol delivery:

The expression "county" includes a county of a city and a county of a town, and any such division of a county as is constituted by Order in Council under the Act of the session of the third and fourth years of King William the Fourth, chapter seventy-one, intituled "An Act for the appointment "of convenient places for the holding of assizes in England "and Wales," and the sheriff for a county so divided shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed to be the sheriff for such division of a county.

3 & 4 W. 4. c. 71.

CHAPTER 2.

An Act to apply the sum of Four million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

[14th March 1879.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, towards making good the supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sum herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech 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, as follows:

Issue of 4,250,000*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1879.

1. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the time being may issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and apply towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine the sum of four million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Power to the Treasury to borrow.

2. The Commissioners of the Treasury may borrow from time to time on the credit of the said sum, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of four million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds, and shall repay the moneys so borrowed with