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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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An Act to procure Returns of Persons committed, tried, and convicted for Criminal Offences and Misdemeanors. [12th *May* 1815.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that regular Returns should be made of the Commitments of Persons charged with Criminal Offences, and the subsequent Proceedings thereon; be it therefore enacted by the King'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 several Clerks of Assizes, Clerks of the Crown, Clerks of the Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Clerks of the Peace, and Town Clerks, within *England* and *Wales*, shall, within the First Fourteen Days of the Month of *January* in every Year, return to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Number of Persons, Male and Female, committed to the several Gaols in *England* and *Wales* for Trial, and tried or discharged at such Assizes and Great and other Sessions, at which they respectively act as such Clerks as aforesaid, which shall have been holden within the preceding Year; distinguishing particularly the Crimes with which all such Persons were severally charged upon their Commitment, the Crimes of which such of them as were indicted were respectively indicted, and the Crimes of which such of them as were convicted were severally convicted; and distinguishing under each Head of Offence, the Numbers convicted, acquitted, discharged by reason of no Bill being found against them, and discharged by reason of no Prosecution, and the Sentences of such as were convicted; and also stating under each Head of Offence, the

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the Numbers of those capitally convicted who have been executed; and all such Returns shall be made out and returned according to the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed, or in such Form and Manner, and with any such additional Particulars, as shall from Time to Time be ordered and required by the Secretary of State in that Behalf; and every Clerk of Assize or other Clerk as aforesaid, who shall refuse or neglect to make any such Return, in the Manner and Form prescribed, shall forfeit for every such Offence the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered by Information or Action, at the Suit of His Majesty.

Returns to be laid before Parliament.

II. And be it further enacted, That His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department shall, between the Twenty-fourth Day of *January* and the Twenty-fourth Day of *February* in each Year, if Parliament shall be sitting during any Part of such Period; or if Parliament shall not be sitting during any Part of such Period, within Fourteen Days after Parliament shall meet after the said Twenty-fourth Day of *February* in each Year, cause such Returns to be laid before Parliament.

Allowances to be made to Clerks of Assize, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Justices of Assizes and other Justices assembled at their respective Assizes and Great and other Sessions, shall settle and ascertain the Allowances to be paid to the Clerks of Assize and other Clerks as aforesaid, acting at their respective Assizes or Sessions, for their Care, Pains, and Trouble in making such Returns, and also in making such Returns as have been heretofore made in pursuance of Addresses of the House of Commons; and all such Allowances shall be paid out of the County Rates of the several Counties, Ridings, or Divisions, Cities, or Places, in relation to which such Returns respectively apply; and the respective Justices of Assizes and other Justices aforesaid, are hereby authorized and empowered to make an Order on the Treasurer of the said Counties, Ridings, or Divisions, Cities or Places, for the Payment thereof.

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SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

[*Name of the Circuit or Place from whence the Return is made.*]

A RETURN of the Number of Perſons committed to the different Gaols in the ſeveral Counties within the Circuit [or the Gaol of or the Gaol within , *as the Caſe may be*], for Trial at the Aſſizes [or Great Seſſion, Seſſion of Oyer and Terminer, Quarter or General Seſſion of the Peace, holden for , *as the Caſe may be*] in the Year 18 ; diſtinguiſhing particularly the Crimes with which they were ſeverally charged upon their Commitment; the Crimes of which ſuch of them as were indicted were ſeverally indicted; and the Crimes of which ſuch of them as were convicted, were ſeverally convicted; and diſtinguiſhing under each Head of Offence, the Numbers convicted, acquitted, diſcharged by reaſon of no Bill being found againſt them, and diſcharged by reaſon of no Proſecution; and the Sentences of ſuch as were convicted; and the Numbers of thoſe capitally convicted, who have been executed.

Crimes with which they were ſeverally charged upon their Commitment.	Crimes of which they were indicted.	Crimes of which ſuch of them as were convicted, were ſeverally convicted.	Acquitted by Verdict of Jury.	Diſcharged by reaſon of no Bill being found.	Diſcharged by reaſon of no Proſecution.	Total Number of Perſons committed.
Total Number of Perſons committed	Number of Perſons indicted Not indicted - - -	Number of Perſons convicted - - -				
	Total - -	Acquitted by Verdict of Jury - - -				
		No Bill found againſt - - - No Proſecution of - - - -				
		Total - - - -				

Crimes and Sentences of Priſoners convicted.

CRIMES.	Total Number of Perſons convicted.	SENTENCES.										Number of Perſons capitally convicted who have been executed.
		Death.	Tranſportation.		Impriſonment.			Whipping.	Fine.	Other Judgment.	Judgment reſpited.	
			14 Years.	7 Years.	Years,	1 Year.	6 Months and under.					

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