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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. XIV.

An Act to remedy certain Inconveniences in local and exclusive Jurisdictions. [28th *February* 1820.]

WHEREAS the Trial of capital Offences before Justices of Peace, within local and exclusive Jurisdictions not being Counties, may be attended with Inconvenience, and it is desirable that some Remedy should be provided for the same; 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 Justices of the Peace acting within and for any Town, Liberty, Soke, or Place, not being a County, but having an exclusive Jurisdiction for the Trial of Felonies and Misdemeanors committed within the same, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, have full Power within their respective Limits, at their Discretion, to commit any Person duly charged before them, or any of them, with any Capital Offence committed within such Limits, to the Gaol of the County within which such Town, Liberty, Soke, or Place shall be situated, there to be tried at the next Session of Oyer and Terminer or General Gaol Delivery, to be held in and for such County, in the same Manner as if such Offence had been committed within any other Part of the same County, and as if such Person had been committed by any Justice of the same County, not being within such Limits.

Power to Justices, acting in any Place not being a County, to commit Offenders to the Gaol of the County.

II. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Justice or Justices of the Peace, under the Authority of this Act, shall commit any Person to the County Gaol, it shall be lawful for such Justice or

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zance to give Evidence at the Sessions of Oyer and Terminer; and transmit Depositions taken before them to the Clerk of the Crown, &c.

or Justices, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required also to bind over all necessary Parties and Witnesses by Recognizance, to prosecute and give Evidence against such Offenders at the next Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, and to transmit such Recognizance, and all Depositions taken before him or them relating to the Charge, to the Clerk of the Crown, Clerk of Assize, or other proper Officer, to be filed in the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery for such County, to the Intent that the same may be used or put in force by the Judge or Judges of the said Court, as he or they shall deem proper, according to Law.

Expences of the Prosecution to be paid by the Town or Place within which the Offence shall be committed.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases of any Commitment to the County Gaol, under the Authority of this Act, all the Expences to which the County may be put by reason of such Commitment, together with all such Expences of the Prosecution and Witnesses as the Judge shall be pleased to allow by virtue of any Law now in force, shall be borne and paid by the said Town, Liberty, Soke, or Place within which such Offence shall have been committed, in like Manner and to be raised by the same Means whereby such Expences would have been raised and paid if the Offender had been prosecuted and tried within the Limits of such exclusive Jurisdiction; and that the Judge, or Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, shall have full Power and Authority to make such Order touching such Costs and Expences as such Judge or Court shall deem proper; and also to direct by whom and in what Manner such Expences shall in the first Instance be paid and borne, and in what Manner the same shall be repaid and raised within the Limits of such exclusive Jurisdiction, in case there be no Treasurer or other Officer within the same, who by the Custom and Usage of such Place ought to pay the same in the first Instance.

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