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An Act to regulate the Attendance of Jurors at the Assizes, in certain Cases. [8th *June* 1821.]

WHEREAS the Jurors returned by Sheriffs and other Officers, for the Trial of Causes at the Assizes of the several Counties in *England* and *Wales*, and the Counties Palatine of *Chester*, *Durham*, and *Lancaster*, are by Law compelled to remain and continue in Attendance from the Beginning of the Assizes, in the Counties aforesaid, to the End thereof: And whereas, from the great Length of Time that the Assizes frequently last in many of the Counties of *England* and *Wales*, and the Counties Palatine of *Chester*, *Durham* and *Lancaster*, the Attendance of Jurors from the Beginning to the End of the Assizes, is in many Cases extremely burthensome and expensive to the said Jurors: For Remedy whereof be it 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 Authority of the same, That from henceforth, in any County in which the Judge or Justices of Assize in *England*, or the Judge or Justices of the Grand Sessions in any County of *Wales*, or the Justices of the Courts of Sessions held for the Counties Palatine of *Chester*, *Durham* or *Lancaster*, shall think fit so to direct, the Sheriff or other Officer to whom the Return of the *Venire facias Juratores* or other Process for the Trial of Causes

Judge of Assize, &c. may direct Two Sets of Jurors to be summoned, one to attend at the Beginning of each Assizes,

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and the other to attend the Residue thereof, to serve indiscriminately on the Criminal and Civil Side.

at *Nisi Prius* doth belong, shall summon and impanel not more than One hundred and forty-four Jurors, or such lesser Number as the Judge or Justices of Assize in *England*, or the Judge or Justices of Assize of the Grand Sessions in *Wales*, or the Justices of the Courts or Sessions in the Counties Palatine of *Chester*, *Durham* or *Lancaster*, shall think fit to direct, to serve indiscriminately on the Criminal and Civil Side; and shall divide such Jurors equally into Two Sets, the first of which Set shall attend and serve for so many Days at the Beginning of each Assizes, as the Judge or Justices of Assize in *England*, or the Judge or Justices of the Grand Sessions in *Wales*, or the Justices of the Courts of Sessions in the Counties Palatine of *Chester*, *Durham* or *Lancaster*, shall before or at the Commencement of such Assizes respectively think fit to direct; and the other of which Sets shall attend and serve for the Residue of such Assizes.

Attendance of Jurors to be required generally, but Summons shall be indorsed either for the First or Second Set.

II. And be it further enacted, That such Sheriff or other Officer shall, in the Summons to the Persons in each of such Sets, require the Attendance of such Persons at the said Assizes generally, according to the Mode now in Use, but upon the Back of each Summons he shall indorse whether the Person named therein is in the First or Second Set, and shall specify at what Time the Attendance of such Person will be required.

Such Jurors shall be entitled to the like Certificates and Exemptions as heretofore.

III. And be it further enacted, That every such Attendance and Service of such Jurors shall entitle such Jurors to the like Certificates and Exemptions as they have been heretofore entitled to, for their Attendance and Service during the whole Assizes.

Juries for Trial of Causes at Nisi Prius to be drawn from the Set in Attendance.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Sheriff or other Officer to whom the Return of the *Venire facias Juratores* or other Process for the Trial of Causes at *Nisi Prius* doth belong, shall, upon his Return of every such Writ or Process, annex thereto a Panel, containing the Christian and Surnames, Additions and Places of Abode, of the Persons in each of such Sets; and during the Attendance and Service of the First of such Sets, the Jury on the Civil Side shall be drawn from the Names of the Persons in that Set, and during the Attendance and Service of the Second of such Sets, from the Names of the Persons in such Second Set.

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