

ANNO PRIMO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. XXI.

An Act to enable the Chief Justice of the King's Bench, or in his Absence any Judge of the same Court, to try *Middlesex* Issues at Nisi Prius elsewhere than in *Westminster Hall*. [23d *June* 1820.]

WHEREAS by virtue of several Statutes, made in the respective Reigns of Queen *Elizabeth*, King *George* the First, and King *George* the Second, the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench for the Time being, or in his Absence or Default any other Judge of the same Court, hath Power to try at Nisi Prius all Manner of Issues joined in the same Court, or in the Court of Chancery, which ought to be tried by an Inquest of the County of *Middlesex*, within any Term, or Fourteen Days next after the same, but only within the Hall commonly called *Westminster Hall*: And whereas it is expedient that the said Chief Justice or Judge should be empowered, during the Vacation next after *Trinity* Term, in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and also in any other Term or Vacation hereafter, to try the same Issues, in the same Manner as is provided by the said Statutes respectively, elsewhere than in the said Hall: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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

present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for the said Chief Justice of the King's Bench, or in his Absence any other Judge of the same Court, in the Vacation next after *Trinity* Term, in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, without any other Authority than this Act, and also in any other Term or Vacation hereafter, by and with the Consent of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, to be signified under His or their Sign Manual, to try all Issues joined or to be joined therein, or in the Court of Chancery, wherein the Trial ought to be in the said County of *Middlesex*, by an Inquest taken from the Body of the said County, either in the said Hall or in any other fit Place in the City of *Westminster*, as to the same Chief Justice shall from Time to Time appear convenient in that Behalf, for so many Days, and in such Manner and Form, as the same Issues or any of them might be tried by the said Chief Justice in the said Hall called *Westminster Hall.*

In Vacation next after Trinity Term 1 G. 4. and in any future Term with Consent of His Majesty, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, &c. may try Issues in any Place in the City of Westminster.

II. And be it further enacted, That as well the Sheriff of the said County of *Middlesex* as all other Officers whatsoever, and also all Jurors, Parties, Witnesses, or other Persons who may be required to attend or who ought to attend at or for the Trial of any such Issue to be so tried as aforesaid, if the same had been or should be tried in the said Hall, shall give his and their Attendance at and for the Trial thereof at the Place where the said Chief Justice, or in his Absence any other Judge of the said Court, shall be sitting for the Trial thereof, upon reasonable Notice to him or them in that Behalf, and shall be subject to such and the same Pains and Penalties for Non-attendance, and entitled to such and the same Fees and Remuneration for his and their Attendance, as if such Issue had been actually tried in the said Hall; and that all Writs, Process, Notices, and other Proceedings (other than and except a Special Notice of the Place of Trial) heretofore issued, made, or had, or to be hereafter issued, made, or had, for the Trial of any such Cause according to the Forms now in Use for the Trial of such Issues as aforesaid in the said Hall, shall be as good and available in the Law, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Issue had been actually tried in the said Hall; and that all Trials had at any such Place as aforesaid, in virtue of this Act, shall be deemed and taken to have been had, and may in any Record, Process, or other Proceedings, and also in any Indictment for Perjury, or other Offence committed at or in relation to any such Trial, be alleged and laid to have been had in the said Hall, in all Respects and to all Purposes as if such Trial had been actually had in the said Hall.

Sheriff and other Officers, Jurors, and Witnesses, &c. to give their Attendance as in Cases of Issues tried in Westminster Hall.

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