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CAP. XXII.

An Act to enable Justices of Assize on their Circuits to take Inquisition of all Pleas in the Court of Exchequer of Pleas which shall be brought before them without a Special Commission for that Purpose. [4th *July* 1839.]

WHEREAS by the Statute commonly called "The Statute of *Westminster* the Second," passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the First, the Justices of Assize on their several Circuits are empowered to take Inquisitions of all Pleas in the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas: And whereas it is expedient to extend the said Power to Pleas in the Court of Exchequer, in order to put an end to the Practice which has hitherto obtained of issuing a separate Commission from the said Court upon each Record brought therefrom before the Judges of Assize: Be it therefore 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, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for all Justices of Assize, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, on their respective Circuits, to try Causes and take Inquisitions of Pleas pending in the Court of Exchequer

Stat. West. 2. 13 Edw. 1. c. 30.

Justices of Assize may try Causes, &c. pending in the Exchequer

without a Special Commission.

Exchequer of Pleas which shall be brought before them, and to proceed thereon in like Manner as they can or may do in respect of Causes and Pleas pending in the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas under and by virtue of the said Act, or by any other Law, Statute, or Usage whatsoever; and that it shall not be necessary hereafter to issue any Commission from the said Court of Exchequer of Pleas for that Purpose.

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