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An Act to amend an Act of the Seventh Year of King *George* the Fourth, for consolidating and amending the Laws relating to Prisons in *Ireland*. [18th *August* 1846.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for consolidating and amending the Laws relating to Prisons in* Ireland, after providing, amongst other things, that it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, from Time to Time, by Warrant to be published in the *Dublin Gazette*, to order that any Bridewells shall be discontinued, and shall no longer be used as a Bridewell or Prison, it is enacted as follows; (that is to say,) "that it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being to direct that such Bridewells as shall be continued shall be divided into Two Classes; and that one Class of the said Bridewells to be selected and appointed by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* shall be denominated District Bridewells, to each of which Bridewells a certain District within the County shall be allotted, and that all Prisoners committed

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within such District, either for Trial at or under Sentence passed by the Court of Quarter Sessions, shall be kept and remain in such District Bridewell, and shall not be transmitted to the County Gaol, unless some Order to that Effect shall be made by competent Authority; and it shall and may be lawful, in the event of a crowded State of the County Gaol, on the Report of the Local Inspector thereof, for the Keeper of any such District Bridewell to detain therein any Prisoner committed for Trial at the Assizes for the County until within a reasonable Time prior to the Assizes; provided always, that in case of Imprisonment for a Period exceeding Four Months, or in any Case in which it shall appear to the Court to be necessary, it shall and may be lawful, by the Order and at the Discretion of the Court by whom Judgment shall be passed, to send any Prisoner to the County Gaol or House of Correction, and provided that no Persons committed for Debt shall be confined in any such Bridewell; and it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of any County in which any District Bridewell is or shall be appointed to present any reasonable Sum for the Medical and other necessary Expences attending the Support and Maintenance of the same:" And whereas it has been considered that the said recited Enactment does not extend or apply to any Bridewell built, erected, or established after the passing of the said recited Act, or hereafter to be built, erected, or established, and it is expedient that the same should be extended and applied to such last-mentioned Cases: 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 the said recited Enactment shall be and the same is hereby extended and applied, and shall be deemed and construed as hereafter extending and applying, to any Bridewell or Bridewells in *Ireland* heretofore built, erected, or established after the passing of the said recited Act, or hereafter to be built, erected, or established, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if such Bridewell or Bridewells had been built, erected, or established before or at the Time of the passing of the said recited Act, and continued as therein mentioned.

The recited Enactment of 7 G. 4. c. 74. as to District Bridewells shall extend to Bridewells built after the passing of the said Act.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

Act may be amended, &c.

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