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CAP. XXVII.

An Act for the better Administration of Justice in certain Boroughs and Franchises.

[25th *July* 1834.]

WHEREAS the Justices of the Peace acting in and for certain Boroughs and Franchises in that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, not being empowered by Charter or otherwise to hear and determine Felonies at the General Sessions of the Peace held in and for such Boroughs and Franchises, are by Law required to send for Trial at the General Assizes for the County wherein such Borough or Franchise may be situated every Person charged with Felony, whereby the Administration of Justice is injuriously delayed, and the Expences to which the County in such Cases is liable are grievously increased; 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 from and after the passing of this Act the Justices of the Peace, and any such Justice acting in and for any Borough or Franchise in that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, not being empowered by Charter or otherwise to hear and determine Felonies, shall and may commit every Person charged with any such Felony as the Court of Quarter Sessions may have Jurisdiction to try, to be tried at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, Riding, or Division wherein such Borough or Franchise shall be situate, or at any Adjournment thereof; and the Justices of the Peace acting in and for such County, Riding, or Division are hereby empowered to try

Justices of the Peace acting for Boroughs may commit Persons for Felonies triable at Sessions.

Persons so committed at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held for such County, Riding, or Division, or at any Adjournment thereof.

Justices in Boroughs, &c. having Jurisdiction at Sessions over certain Felonies may commit to the Gaol of the County any Person charged with a Felony the Trial of which may legally take place at the Quarter Sessions, but to which the Jurisdiction of the Borough Justices does not extend.

II. And whereas the Justices of the Peace acting in and for certain Boroughs and Franchises in that Part of the said United Kingdom called *England* have Jurisdiction at the General Sessions of the Peace held in and for such Borough or Franchise to hear and determine divers Felonies, and it is expedient that any such Justice or Justices should have Power in certain Cases to commit for Trial, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, Riding, Division, or Shire in which such Borough or Franchise may be situate, any Person charged with Felony which the said Justices are not authorized or empowered to hear and determine at the General Sessions of the Peace held in and for such Borough or Franchise; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful to and for a Justice or for Justices of the Peace acting in any of the said last-mentioned Boroughs or Franchises to commit to the Gaol of the County, Riding, Division, or Shire in which such Borough or Franchise may be situate, to be tried at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for such County, Riding, Division, or Shire, any Person charged with a Felony which the said Court of Quarter Sessions may have Jurisdiction to try, and to the Trial of which the Jurisdiction of the Justices of such Borough or Franchise at the General Sessions of the Peace in and for such Borough or Franchise does not extend; and the Justices of the Peace acting in and for such last-mentioned County, Riding, Division, or Shire are hereby authorized and empowered to try any such Person so committed as last aforesaid at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held in and for such County, Riding, Division, or Shire.

In Places having a Recorder and a fit Prison, the Magistrates shall commit to such; and the Quarter Sessions of such Places shall have Authority to punish Offenders.

III. And be it further enacted, That in all such Towns or Franchises which have a Recorder and a Prison fit for the Confinement of Prisoners the Magistrates of such Town or Franchise shall commit to the Prison of such Town all Persons charged with having committed within such Town or Franchise any Felony or Misdemeanor which might if the same had been committed out of such Town or Franchise and within the Body of any County have been tried by the Justices of Quarter Sessions of such County; and the Court of Quarter Sessions of such Town or Franchise shall have the same Authority to inquire of, hear, determine, and punish any Persons charged with such Felonies or Misdemeanors as the Courts of Quarter Sessions of Counties have; which Quarter Sessions the Justices for such Town or Franchise are hereby required to hold.

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