

“ Act for the appointment of convenient places  
 “ for the holding of assizes in England and Wales ”  
 it was declared and enacted, that “ His Majesty, by  
 “ and with the advice of His Most Honourable  
 “ Privy Council, should have power from time to  
 “ time to order and direct at what place or places, in  
 “ any county in England or Wales, the assizes and  
 “ sessions under the commissions of gaol delivery,  
 “ and other commissions for the dispatch of civil and  
 “ criminal business, should be holden; and to order  
 “ and direct such assizes and sessions for the dis-  
 “ patch of criminal and civil business to be holden  
 “ at more than one place in the same county on the  
 “ same circuit; and to order and direct the assizes  
 “ and sessions under such commissions for the dis-  
 “ patch of criminal business to be holden for the  
 “ whole county at one place, and for the dispatch of  
 “ civil business at one or more place or places in  
 “ such county on the same circuit; and farther to  
 “ order and direct any special commissions of oyer  
 “ and terminer and gaol delivery to be holden at  
 “ any one or more places in any such county:” and  
 it was also further declared and enacted, “ that in  
 “ case His Majesty, by and with the advice of His  
 “ Most Honourable Privy Council, should think fit  
 “ to order and direct, that the assizes or any such  
 “ special commissions should be holden at more  
 “ than one place in any one county, it should be  
 “ lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice  
 “ aforesaid, to divide any such county for the pur-  
 “ poses of the said Act, and to make rules and reg-  
 “ ulations touching the venue, in all cases civil  
 “ and criminal, then pending, or thereafter to be  
 “ pending, and to be tried within any division of  
 “ such county so to be made as aforesaid; and  
 “ touching the liability and attendance of jurors,  
 “ whether grand jurors, special jurors, or common  
 “ jurors, at the assizes and sessions as aforesaid, or  
 “ at any sessions under any special commissions to  
 “ be holden within any such division; and touching  
 “ the use of any house of correction or prison as a  
 “ common gaol, and the government and keeping  
 “ thereof; and touching the alterations of any com-  
 “ missions, writs, precepts, or other proceedings  
 “ whatsoever for carrying into effect the purposes  
 “ of that Act; and touching any other matters that  
 “ might be requisite for carrying into effect the pur-  
 “ poses of that Act; and all such rules and regu-  
 “ lations should be of the like force and effect, as if  
 “ the same had been made by the authority of Par-  
 “ liament, and should be notified in the London  
 “ Gazette, or in such other manner as His Majesty,  
 “ by and with the advice of His Most Honourable  
 “ Privy Council, should think fit to direct:”

And whereas divers petitions have been presented  
 to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, praying for  
 the holding of the assizes for the county palatine of  
 Lancaster both at Liverpool and Lancaster; and  
 whereas it is certified that proper courts and lodgings  
 for His Majesty's judges have been already prepared  
 at Liverpool; and whereas it will be highly bene-  
 ficial to a great portion of the inhabitants of the said  
 county palatine, if the assizes and sessions held  
 under commissions of gaol delivery, and other com-  
 missions for the dispatch of civil and criminal  
 business, shall be held at Liverpool as well as  
 Lancaster;

It is therefore ordered, by the King's Most Ex-  
 cellent Majesty, by and with the advice of His Most  
 Honourable Privy Council, that the assizes and  
 sessions held under commissions of gaol delivery,  
 and other commissions for the dispatch of civil  
 and criminal business, for the county palatine of  
 Lancaster, heretofore holden at Lancaster, shall be  
 hereafter holden, on the same circuit, both at Lan-  
 caster and Liverpool, in the said county palatine:

And it is further ordered, that the said county be  
 divided, for the purpose of carrying the said Act and  
 this Order into effect, into two divisions, which shall  
 respectively be called the Northern Division and the  
 Southern Division; and that such Northern Division  
 shall include the whole of the several hundreds of

Lonsdale,  
 Amounderness,  
 Leyland, and  
 Blackburn;

and that such Southern Division shall include the  
 whole of the respective hundreds of

Salford and  
 West Derby:

And it is hereby ordered, that the house of cor-  
 rection at Kirkdale, in the hundred of West Derby,  
 shall and may be used, in manner hereinafter men-  
 tioned, as a common gaol, for the purpose of carry-  
 ing the said Act and this Order into effect; and that  
 any justice or justices of the peace, or coroner, for  
 the said county, or any liberty therein, may commit  
 any person duly charged with any offence triable at  
 the assizes, to the said house of correction; and such  
 justice or coroner is required to specify in the com-  
 mitment that the commitment is for trial at the  
 assizes; and, from the opening of the court at  
 Liverpool aforesaid, the prisoners in the said  
 house of correction, committed for trial at the as-  
 sises, shall be in the government, custody, charge,  
 and keeping of the sheriff of the said county pala-  
 tine, and also the prisoners removed by the said  
 sheriff, pursuant to the direction hereinafter given,  
 from the castle at Lancaster, for trial at the assises  
 to be held at Liverpool, shall be kept by the said  
 sheriff in the said house of correction; and all such  
 prisoners so committed or removed as aforesaid,  
 shall continue in the government, custody, charge,  
 and keeping of the said sheriff, in the said house of  
 correction, until the execution of their respective  
 sentences, or until they shall be delivered from  
 thence into the custody in which they ought, by virtue  
 of their respective sentences, to be delivered, or be  
 delivered by due course of law; and it is further  
 ordered, that the governor or keeper of the said  
 house of correction do transmit to the said sheriff,  
 or his deputy, a list of the prisoners committed  
 thereto for trial, together with a statement of their  
 respective offences, seven days, at least, before the  
 commission day of the said assises to be held at  
 Liverpool, in order to enable him to prepare a  
 proper calendar, which the said sheriff is hereby  
 required to do:

And it is further ordered, that in all cases of com-  
 mitments for trial, or recognizances to appear and  
 prosecute or give evidence at the assises, for any