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HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL, 1925.

Memorandum by the Home Secretary.

This Bill has its origin in the Reports of four Committees dealing with various questions that have arisen in connection with the criminal law. Attention is drawn to the more important provisions in the printed memorandum prefixed to the Bill. The main objects of the Bill are:

(1) The development of the probation system by the appointment of probation officers in every district. It will be assisted by an Exchequer Grant.

(2) A reduction of the more prolonged periods of detention in prison of prisoners awaiting trial.

(3) A simplification in certain respects of criminal procedure.

(4) Various amendments of the law relating to certain offences and the creation of a few fresh offences; etc.

As regards (1) there is a strong demand for early legislation and the matter was mentioned in the King's speech.

As regards (2), it may be mentioned that it is proposed that examining Justices shall in certain circumstances be empowered to commit to any convenient Court for trial; that if a trial is abortive, the fresh trial may take place in a convenient Court elsewhere; that the jurisdiction of Quarter Sessions should be enlarged, that the number of offences triable summarily by Magistrates with the defendant's consent should be increased, etc.

As regards (3), grand juries will be abolished at Quarter Sessions; the unnecessary attendance at the trial
of certain formal witnesses may be dispensed with; witnesses may be bound over to attend the trial provisionally if the accused should later be committed for trial; a prisoner may be tried in one place for offences committed in different counties or boroughs; several prisoners may be tried in one place if they are concerned indirectly in the same crime though the actual offences with which they are charged are different and were committed in different places; in summary proceedings the amount of a defendant's wages may be proved by a certificate from his employer, etc.

As regards (4), it may be mentioned that the imitation of currency notes, the taking of photographs in Court, and false statements made to procure a passport will be made offences. The penalty for being drunk whilst in charge of motor cars and reckless driving is being increased.

Further, a right of appeal is given against a sentence, or a probation order made, by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction. A power to issue a search warrant in respect of any indictable offence is conferred upon Justices. The presumption that an offence committed by a married woman in the presence of her husband is committed under his coercion, is abolished.

The Bill is substantially the same Bill that passed the House of Lords and was read a second time in the House of Commons in 1923, and the Bill that passed the House of Lords in 1924. In both years progress in the House of Commons was stopped by a dissolution.

This year I propose to introduce the Bill in the House of Commons in the hope that it may be sent to a Standing Committee early in the Session, and I shall be glad if my colleagues will approve this course.

W.J.H.

13th February, 1925.
A Bill to amend criminal law and procedure was introduced into the House of Lords in 1923, and after passing that House, was read a second time in the House of Commons. In 1924 a Bill comprising all the clauses except two of the Bill of 1923, and containing in addition certain provisions amending the system of probation of offenders, passed through the House of Lords but made no further progress. The present Bill, subject to a few drafting and other minor alterations, reproduces substantially the Bill of 1924 with the omission of one clause and the addition of three new clauses (viz., 20, 30 and 40).

Part I of the Bill consists of provisions intended to improve and develop the system of probation of offenders established by the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907. With this object, it is proposed to require a probation officer to be appointed for every probation area, to provide for the formation of probation areas by the combination of petty sessional divisions, and to make certain alterations in the method of supervising and paying probation officers.

The remainder of the Bill consists in large part of amendments of criminal procedure, of which many are founded on or arise out of recommendations made by Committees: viz., cl. 13 and 16 on recommendations made by a Committee (of which Mr. Justice Horridge was Chairman), which dealt with the detention in custody of prisoners committed for trial [1922, Cd. 1574], and cl. 42 deals with the subject of a wife's responsibility for crimes committed under the coercion of her husband, which was inquired into by a Committee of which Mr. Justice Avory was Chairman, [1922, Cd. 1677]. and cl. 30 is based on a suggestion contained in the report of Mr. Justice Talbot's Committee which was appointed to review the provisions of the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, and the Regulations made thereunder [1924, Cd. 2278].
Some of the proposed amendments of procedure are of a technical character, but the following clauses may be specially referred to as being of more general interest, viz., cl. 13, which enables justices to commit an accused person to be tried at such assizes or quarter sessions as they think expedient with a view to expediting the trial or saving expense, instead of at the assizes or sessions for the county or borough; cl. 16, which gives quarter sessions power to try certain offences now outside their jurisdiction; cl. 22, which enlarges the number of indictable offences with which magistrates may deal summarily; cl. 23, which gives a person pleading guilty the right of appeal against the sentence imposed on him; and cl. 32, which prescribes the procedure to be followed where a corporation is charged with an offence.

During the war grand juries were suspended both at assizes and quarter sessions and while following the opinion of the majority of the judges of the High Court the Bill does not propose to abolish grand juries at assizes, it is considered that, as regards cases investigated by the justices at petty sessions and by them committed for trial at quarter sessions, the summoning of a grand jury causes unnecessary expense to a county and loss of time to the jurors summoned; it is accordingly proposed (cl. 17) to abolish grand juries at quarter sessions. The right to present an indictment without previous committal by justices is preserved, but it is provided that such a Bill must be presented to a grand jury at assizes.
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Provided that the Secretary of State shall, before approving the salary to be paid to any probation officer, give to the local authority liable to defray that salary an opportunity of making representations to him with respect thereto.

(3) The Secretary of State shall have power by scheme to make such arrangements as he thinks fit with a view to the provision of superannuation allowances or gratuities for probation officers or their legal personal representatives:

Provided that the Secretary of State, before making any such scheme, shall cause notice thereof to be given in such manner as he thinks fit to any local authorities who may be affected thereby, and shall take into consideration any representations with respect thereto which may be submitted to him by any such authority.

2.—(1) Subject as hereinafter provided, every petty sessional division shall be a probation area for the purposes of the principal Act:

Provided that the Secretary of State may, if he thinks it desirable so to do with a view to securing the more effective operation of the law relating to the probation of offenders, by order direct that two or more petty sessional divisions shall be combined to form a probation area.

(2) There shall be a probation committee for every petty sessional division, whether a probation area or not, and for every combined area.

(3) The probation committee shall consist, in the case of a petty sessional division, of three or more justices appointed in the prescribed manner by the justices acting in and for that division, and, in the case of a combined area, of such number of justices, to be appointed in the prescribed manner and representing respectively the justices for the several petty sessional divisions comprised in the combined area and any court of quarter sessions in whose district any part of the combined area is situate, as may be provided by the order constituting the combined area.
(4) A court of quarter sessions for a county may submit to the Secretary of State schemes with respect to the constitution of combined areas and of probation committees for such areas, and the Secretary of State shall take into consideration any such schemes which may be submitted to him and shall, before making an order constituting a combined area, give to the justices acting in and for any petty sessional division affected by the order an opportunity of making to him any representations which they may desire to make with respect to the order.

(5) Subject as hereinafter provided, it shall be the duty of the probation committee of a probation area to—

(a) appoint probation officers for the probation area;

(b) pay the salaries and other sums payable to probation officers and persons named in probation orders and any superannuation allowances or gratuities payable under this Part of this Act;

(c) supervise the work and receive the reports of such officers and persons; and

(d) perform such other duties in connection with the probation of offenders as may be prescribed or as the Secretary of State may by order direct:

Provided that—

(i) in the case of a probation area which is not a combined area the appointment of probation officers for the area shall be made by the justices acting in and for the petty sessional division, and not by the probation committee, unless the justices by resolution delegate to the committee the power of appointing probation officers; and

(ii) in the case of a combined area, the duty of supervising the work and receiving the reports of probation officers and persons named in probation orders shall be performed by the probation committees of the several petty sessional divisions comprised in the area instead of by the probation committee for the area.
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(6) Where a stipendiary magistrate is appointed, or other special court of summary jurisdiction is constituted, for an area not being a petty sessional division, the Secretary of State may by order apply this Part of this Act to that area subject to such adaptations as he may consider necessary or expedient, and the order may contain such supplemental, incidental and consequential provisions as may appear to him necessary or proper for the purposes of the order.

3.—(1) The person to act as probation officer shall, in a case where the probation order is made by a court of summary jurisdiction, be selected from among the probation officers for the probation area for which that court exercises jurisdiction, and, where the probation order is made by a court of assize or a court of quarter sessions, he selected from among the probation officers appointed for the probation area for which the examining justices by whom the offender was committed for trial act:

Provided that—

(a) if the court making the order thinks it desirable so to do, having regard to the place of residence of the offender or any other special reason, the court may appoint a probation officer for any other probation area to act under the order; and

(b) the court making the order may, in any special case in which it appears desirable so to do, appoint a person not being a probation officer to undertake supervision in respect of that case.

(2) Where the circumstances permit, the court shall appoint a probation officer who is a woman to supervise an offender who is a woman, and an officer experienced in dealing with children or young persons to supervise an offender who is under the age of sixteen years.

(3) Where the probation officer or other person named in a probation order has died, or is unable for any reason to carry out his duties, or where the court before which the offender is bound by his recognizance to appear for conviction or sentence for any reason considers it desirable that another person should be appointed in the place of that officer or person, the court
shall appoint another probation officer or person to undertake supervision in respect of the case.

4.—(1) The sums required to meet any expenses incurred by a probation committee in respect of the salaries, remuneration and expenses of probation officers and of persons, not being probation officers, named in probation orders, and in respect of superannuation allowances or gratuities to probation officers and any other expenses of a probation committee which may be incurred in accordance with rules made by the Secretary of State, shall be defrayed, in accordance with rules so made, by the local authority in whose area the probation area is situate:

Provided that where a probation area is situate in the area of two or more local authorities, the sums to be defrayed as aforesaid by the local authority shall be apportioned between the several authorities in such manner as may be agreed upon between them, or, in default of agreement, as may be determined by the Secretary of State.

(2) It shall be lawful for a local authority to contribute towards the expense of maintaining persons who have been released on probation under a condition as to residence.

(3) There shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament towards the expenditure of local authorities under this Part of this Act, and towards the expense of maintaining persons who have been released on probation as aforesaid such sums as the Secretary of State, with the approval of the Treasury, may direct, and subject to such conditions as he may with the like approval determine.

(4) If in any case the Secretary of State thinks fit to withhold the whole or any part of the grant which would otherwise have been payable under this section to a local authority in respect of any year, he may direct that the local authority shall be relieved of the liability to pay the whole or any part of the sums falling to be defrayed under this Part of this Act by the local authority in respect of that year.

5. The court by which a probation order is made may by the order provide that the powers which, by this Act and by section nine of the Criminal Justice Act 1925, shall be exercised by the probation committee, shall, so far as may be, be exercised by another person or a body of persons._
The Administration Act, 1914, are conferred on the court before which the offender is bound by his recognizance to appear for conviction or sentence as respects—

(1) the appointment of a probation officer or other person in lieu of the probation officer or of the other person named in the probation order;

(2) the variation of the terms and conditions of the recognizance;

may be exercised by any court of summary jurisdiction acting for the area in which the offender may for the time being reside.

6.—(1) In every case where a person as respects whom a probation order has been made by a court of summary jurisdiction did not plead guilty or admit the truth of the information, he shall have a right to appeal against the order to a court of quarter sessions on the ground that he was not guilty of the offence charged in the same manner as if he had been convicted of the offence.

On any such appeal the court of quarter sessions shall allow the appeal if it thinks that the appellant was not guilty of the offence charged, and in any other case shall dismiss the appeal.

(2) The following shall be substituted for subsection (3) of section one of the principal Act:

"(3) The court may by any such order direct that it shall be a condition of the recognizance to be entered into by the offender that he shall pay such damages for injury or compensation for loss (not exceeding in the case of a court of summary jurisdiction twenty-five pounds, or, if a higher limit is fixed by any enactment relating to the offence, that higher limit), and such costs of the proceedings, as the court thinks reasonable."

(3) In any case where it is intended in pursuance of section six of the principal Act to issue a summons instead of a warrant in the first instance, it shall not be necessary that the information shall be on oath or in writing.

(4) A court before which an offender is brought or appears under section six of the principal Act for failing to observe the conditions of his recognizance may, instead of sentencing him for the original offence under subsection (5) of that section or remanding him to custody or on bail under subsection (3) of that section, as the case may be, and without prejudice to the con-
tinuance in force of the probation order, impose on him in respect of such failure a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

(5) Where under subsection (3) of the said section six an offender is remanded to custody or on bail by a court of summary jurisdiction, that court shall transmit to the court before which the offender is bound to appear under his recognizance a certificate signed by a justice stating that the offender has failed to observe the conditions of the recognizance, together with such particulars of the circumstances of the case as the first-mentioned court may consider expedient, and for the purposes of proceedings in the court to which it is transmitted the certificate shall be admissible as evidence that the offender has so failed.

(6) Where a person as respects whom a probation order has been made is, in pursuance of subsection (5) of section six of the principal Act, convicted for the original offence and his recognizance is adjudged by the court to be forfeited, the court instead of adjudging the persons bound thereby to pay the sums for which they are respectively bound may, as it thinks fit, adjudge those persons or any of them to pay part only of those sums or may as respects all or any of those persons remit payment thereof.

7. The Secretary of State may make rules for carrying this Part of this Act into effect, and in particular—
   (a) for prescribing, subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, the constitution, procedure, powers and duties of probation committees:
   (b) for fixing scales of salaries and remuneration to be paid in the case of probation officers and other persons, not being probation officers, named in probation orders, and of the expenses to be allowed to those officers and persons and for regulating superannuation allowances and gratuities payable in the case of probation officers:
   (c) for prescribing the qualification of probation officers, and for providing that the appointment of a probation officer shall not, in any case where the Secretary of State so directs, be effective unless confirmed by him:
   (d) for authorising any powers or duties of a local authority under the principal Act to be delegated
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Application of Part I. to London.

8. —(1) The foregoing provisions of this Part of this Act shall in their application to the metropolitan police court district have effect subject to the following modifications —

(a) The provisions with respect to the appointment of probation committees shall not apply:

(b) The power to appoint probation officers and other powers of probation committees shall be exercised by the Secretary of State:

(c) There shall be paid out of the metropolitan police fund any sums which the Secretary of State may direct to be paid in respect of any salaries, remuneration, or other sums payable to probation officers or other persons and of any superannuation allowances or gratuities payable in the case of probation officers, and any sums which the Secretary of State may direct to be paid towards the expense of maintaining persons who have been released on probation under a condition as to residence.

In this paragraph the expression "probation officers" means probation officers appointed by the Secretary of State, and the expression "other persons" means persons, not being probation officers, named in probation orders made by any court of summary jurisdiction sitting within the district, or made by any court of assize or quarter sessions, in respect of persons who have been committed for trial by examining justices sitting within the district.

For the purpose of the provisions of this Part of this Act relating to the payments to be made out of moneys provided by Parliament, any expenditure under this paragraph out of the metropolitan police fund shall be treated as being expenditure of a local authority:

(d) Each division of the district shall be deemed to be a petty sessional division.

(2) In the application of this Part of this Act to the City of London, the City shall be deemed to be a petty
sessional division and the provisions relating to the constitution of combined areas shall not apply.

9. In this Part of this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

5 The expression "the principal Act" means the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907, and references to that Act shall be construed as references to that Act as amended by any subsequent enactment, including this Part of this Act:

10 The expression "combined area" means a probation area consisting of two or more petty sessional divisions combined by virtue of an order made by the Secretary of State under this Part of this Act:

15 The expression "probation order" has the same meaning as in the principal Act:

The expression "local authority" means the authority out of whose funds the salary of the clerk to the justices for the petty sessional division is to be paid:

20 The expression "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Part of this Act.

PART II.

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE.

Indictable Offences generally.

25 10.—(1) A person charged with any indictable offence may be proceeded against, indicted, tried and punished in any county or place in which he was apprehended, or is in custody on a charge for the offence, or has appeared in answer to a summons charging the offence, as if the offence had been committed in that county or place, and the offence shall, for all purposes incidental to or consequential on the prosecution, trial or punishment thereof, be deemed to have been committed in that county or place:

35 Provided that, if at any time it appears to any examining justices during the course of any proceedings taken against any person before them in pursuance of this subsection that the accused would suffer undue hardship if he were indicted and tried in the county or place aforesaid, the examining justices shall forthwith (but without prejudice to their powers under section twenty-two of the Indictable Offences Act, 1848), cease to proceed further in the matter under this subsection.
Where any person is charged with two or more indictable offences, he may be proceeded against, indicted, tried and punished in respect of all those offences in any county or place in which he could be proceeded against, indicted, tried or punished in respect of any one of those offences, and all the offences with which that person is charged shall, for all purposes incidental to or consequential on the prosecution, trial or punishment thereof, be deemed to have been committed in that county or place.

Where a person is charged with an offence against the Forgery Act, 1918, or with an offence indictable at common law or under any Act for the time being in force, consisting in the forging or altering of any matter whatsoever, or in offering, uttering, disposing of or putting off any matter whatsoever, knowing the same to be forged or altered, and the offence relates to documents made for the purpose of any Act relating to the suppression of the slave trade, the offence shall for the purposes of jurisdiction and trial be treated as an offence against the Slave Trade Act, 1873.

Nothing in this section shall affect the laws relating to the government of His Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Forces.

Where any person is charged before examining justices with an indictable offence, the justices shall, as soon as may be after the examination of each witness for the prosecution has been concluded, cause the deposition of that witness to be read to him in the presence and hearing of the accused, and shall cause him to sign the deposition, and shall forthwith bind him over to attend the trial in manner directed by section twenty of the Indictable Offences Act, 1848, as amended by this Act.

Immediately after the last witness for the prosecution has been bound over to attend the trial, the examining justices shall read the charge to the accused and explain the nature thereof to him in ordinary language, and inform him that he has the right to call witnesses and, if he so desires, to give evidence on his own behalf.

After so doing the examining justices shall then address to him the following words or words to the like effect:

"Do you wish to say anything in answer to the charge, and do you plead guilty or not guilty? You are not obliged to say anything in answer to 45
either of these questions unless you desire to do so, but whatever you say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence upon your trial.

(3) Before the accused makes any statement in answer to the above questions, the examining justices shall state to him and give him clearly to understand that he has nothing to hope from any promise of favour, and nothing to fear from any threat which may have been held out to him to induce him to make any admission or confession of his guilt, but that whatsoever he then says may be given in evidence on his trial notwithstanding the promise or threat.

(4) Whatever the accused states in answer to the above questions or either of them shall be taken down in manner shown in a form to be prescribed by rules made under this Act in substitution for Form N. in the Schedule to the Indictable Offences Act, 1848, and shall be read over to the accused, and signed by the examining justices and also, if he so desires, by him, and shall be transmitted to the court of trial with the depositions of the witnesses in manner provided in section twenty of the said Act.

On the trial the statement of the accused taken down as aforesaid, and whether signed by him or not, may be given in evidence without further proof thereof, unless it is proved that the examining justices purporting to sign the statement did not in fact sign it.

(5) Immediately after complying with the requirements of this section relating to the statement of the accused, and whether the accused has or has not made a statement, the examining justices shall ask the accused whether he desires to give evidence on his own behalf and whether he desires to call witnesses.

If the accused in answer to the question states that he wishes to give evidence but not to call other witnesses, the justices shall proceed to take forthwith the evidence of the accused.

If the accused in answer to the question states that he desires to call witnesses, the justices shall proceed to take either forthwith, or, if a speech is to be made by counsel or solicitor on behalf of the accused, after the conclusion of that speech, the evidence of the accused, if he desires to give evidence himself, and of any witness called by him.

The evidence which may be given by the accused or his witnesses under this section shall be such evidence
only as is material for the purpose of enabling the justices to determine whether the accused ought or ought not to be committed for trial, and, if so committed, for what offence.

All statements made by the accused or any such witness as aforesaid (not being a witness merely to the character of the accused) under this subsection shall be taken down in writing and shall be transmitted to the court of trial, together with the depositions of the witnesses for the prosecution, and the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall apply in the case of witnesses for the defence as they apply in the case of witnesses for the prosecution, except that the justices shall not bind over to attend the trial any witness who is a witness merely to the character of the accused.

(6) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the prosecutor in any case from giving in evidence at the trial any admission or confession or other statement of the accused made at any time which is by law admissible as evidence against the accused.

(7) The depositions taken in connection with any charge for an indictable offence shall be signed by the justices before whom they are taken in such manner as may be directed by rules made under this Act, and where any such charge is enquired into by two or more examining justices, the deposition of a witness or the statement of the accused shall for all purposes be deemed to be sufficiently signed if signed by any one of those justices.

(8) In any case in which an accused person desires to give evidence himself or to call witnesses, the examining justices shall, notwithstanding anything in the Indictable Offences Act, 1848, before determining whether they will or will not commit him for trial, take into consideration any such evidence as is given in pursuance of this section by him or his witnesses.

12.—(1) Where any person charged before examining justices with an indictable offence is committed for trial and it appears to the justices, after taking into account anything which may be said with reference thereto by the accused or the prosecutor, that the attendance at the trial of any witnesses who have been examined before them is unnecessary by reason of anything contained in any statement by the accused, or of the accused having
pleaded guilty to the charge or of the evidence of those witnesses being merely of a formal nature, the justices shall bind over those witnesses to attend the trial conditionally upon notice given to them and not otherwise, and shall transmit to the court of trial a statement in writing of the names, addresses and occupations of those witnesses.

(2) Where a witness has been bound over conditionally to attend the trial, the prosecutor or the person committed for trial may give notice to the clerk to the examining justices, or, after the opening of the assizes or quarter sessions, to the clerk of assize or the clerk of the peace, as the case may be, that he desires the witness to attend at the trial, and any such clerk to whom any such notice is given shall forthwith notify the witness that he is required so to attend in pursuance of his recognizance.

(3) Where any person has been committed for trial for any offence, the deposition of any person taken before the examining justices may, if the conditions hereinafter set out are satisfied, without further proof be read as evidence on the trial of that person, whether for that offence or for any other offence arising out of the same transaction, or set of circumstances, as that offence.

The conditions hereinafter referred to are the following:—

(a) The deposition must be the deposition either of a witness whose attendance at the trial is stated to be unnecessary in accordance with the provisions of this section, or of a witness who is proved at the trial by the oath of a credible witness to be dead or insane, or so ill as not to be able to travel, or to be kept out of the way by means of the procurement of the accused or on his behalf:

(b) It must be proved at the trial either by a certificate purporting to be signed by the justice before whom the deposition purports to have been taken or by the clerk to the examining justices, or by the oath of a credible witness that the deposition was taken in the presence of the accused and that the accused or his counsel or solicitor had full opportunity of cross-examining the witness:

(e) The deposition must purport to be signed by the justice before whom it purports to have been taken.
Provided that the provisions of this subsection shall not have effect in any case in which it is proved that the deposition, or where the proof required by paragraph (6) of this subsection is given by means of a certificate that the certificate was not in fact signed by the justice by whom it purports to have been signed.

(4) A witness whose attendance at the trial is stated to be unnecessary in accordance with the provisions of this section shall not be required to attend before the grand jury, and his deposition may be read as evidence before the grand jury.

(5) Any documents or articles produced in evidence before the examining justices by any witness whose attendance at the trial is stated to be unnecessary in accordance with the provisions of this section and marked as exhibits shall, subject to the provisions of section five of the Prosecution of Offences Act, 1879 (which relates to delivery of documents to the Director of Public Prosecutions), and unless in any particular case the justices otherwise order, be retained by the justices and forwarded with the depositions to the court of trial.

13.—(1) The justices before whom any person is charged with an indictable offence, may, instead of committing him to be tried at the assizes or quarter sessions for a county or borough to which but for this section he might have been committed, commit him to be tried at the assizes for some other place or, (if the offence is within the jurisdiction of a court of quarter sessions), at the quarter sessions for some other county or borough if it appears to them, having regard to the time when and the place where the last-mentioned assizes or quarter sessions are to be held, to be more convenient to commit the accused person to those assizes or quarter sessions with a view either to expediting his trial or saving expense:

Provided that the power given by this subsection shall not be exercised—

(a) unless the examining justices are satisfied at the date of the committal that the next assizes or quarter sessions for the county or borough will not be held in the case of assizes within two months, or in the case of quarter sessions within six weeks, from that date; or
(b) in any case in which the accused satisfies the examining justices that he would, if the power were exercised, suffer undue hardship.

(2) Where for any reason whatsoever the trial of a person who has been committed to be tried for an indictable offence before a court of assize or quarter sessions for any county or borough is either not proceeded with or not brought to a final conclusion before that court, it shall be lawful for that court, if in its discretion it thinks it convenient so to do with a view either to expediting the trial or re-trial or the saving of expense or otherwise and is satisfied that the accused will not thereby suffer undue hardship, to direct that the trial or re-trial of the accused shall take place before a court of assize, or (if the offence is within the jurisdiction of a court of quarter sessions) before a court of quarter sessions, for some other county or borough.

(3) His Majesty may from time to time by Order in Council make such provisions as to the jurisdiction of the court of trial and the attendance, jurisdiction, authority and duty of sheriffs, coroners, justices, gaolers, officers, jurors and persons, the use of any prison, the removal of prisoners, the alteration of any commissions, writs, precepts, indictments, recognizances, proceedings and documents, the transmission of recognizances, inquisitions, depositions (including exhibits thereto), and documents, and the expenses of maintaining and removing prisoners as seem necessary or expedient for the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this section.

(4) Where a person is to be tried or re-tried by any court by which he could not have been tried but for the foregoing provisions of this section, any costs payable in the case under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act, 1908, shall in the first instance be paid in the same manner as if the offence had been committed in the county or borough in which the offender is tried, but shall be recoverable by the treasurer of that county or borough from the treasurer of the county or borough in which the offence was committed.

(5) Where any person who is to be committed for trial before any court of quarter sessions for any county or borough is to be admitted to bail, the examining justices...
may, if the next quarter sessions for that county or borough are to be held within five days of the date of committal, commit the accused person to the next quarter sessions but one:

Provided that the power given by this subsection shall not be exercised unless the next quarter sessions but one are due to be held within eight weeks of the date of committal.

An application to the Attorney-General under subsection (6) of section one of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1907, for a certificate authorising an appeal to the House of Lords from the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeal, shall be made within a period of seven days from the date when the decision of the court was given.

(2) Where the Court of Criminal Appeal has allowed an appeal against conviction and the prosecutor gives notice to the court immediately after the decision of the court has been given on the appeal that he intends to apply to the Attorney-General for such a certificate as aforesaid, the court may make an order providing for the detention of the defendant, or directing that the defendant shall not be released except on bail, until either the Attorney-General has refused to grant the certificate or a decision on the appeal has been given by the House of Lords, as the case may be.

(3) The power to make rules of court conferred by section eighteen of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1907, shall include power to make rules for the purpose of carrying this section into effect.

15. The Lord Chancellor may, subject to the express provisions of this and of any other Act, make rules for regulating the practice and procedure of examining justices on or in relation to proceedings for indictable offences, and with respect to the forms to be used in connection with any such proceedings, and generally for carrying into effect the enactments relating to such proceedings, and provision may be made by such rules for revoking or amending any forms which are directed or authorised by any statute to be used in connection with any such proceedings, and for substituting new forms for any of such forms.
Quarter Sessions.

16. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, a court of quarter sessions shall, in addition to such jurisdiction with respect to the trial of offences as is vested in courts of quarter sessions at the commencement of this Act, have jurisdiction to try a person charged with any of the offences specified in the First Schedule to this Act.

17.—(1) As from the date on which this section comes into operation, grand juries at courts of quarter sessions shall be abolished, and thereafter an indictment may be presented to a court of quarter sessions without having been found by a grand jury, if it is an indictment against a person committed for trial at that court for the offence charged by the indictment.

(2) Save as aforesaid an indictment presented in pursuance of this section shall be presented and shall be proceeded with in the same manner as it would have been presented and proceeded with before the commencement of this section, and all enactments and rules of law relating to procedure in connection with indictable offences shall have effect accordingly, subject only to such modifications as are rendered necessary by the provisions of this section.

(3) An indictment against any person presented to a court of quarter sessions in pursuance of this section may contain, in addition to the counts for the offences specified in the caption of the depositions, any further counts founded on facts or evidence disclosed in any examination or deposition taken before a justice in the presence of the accused.

A court of quarter sessions may in any case direct any such further counts as aforesaid to be added to any indictment presented to the court.

(4) Where a person is bound by recognizance to prosecute a person who is accused of an offence triable at quarter sessions and has not been committed for trial, the recognizance shall require the person bound to present the indictment against the accused person to the grand jury at the next practicable court of assize.
(5) Rules may be made under the Indictments Act, 1915, for carrying this section into effect (except so far as relates to matters with respect to which rules may be made under the section of this Act giving power to make rules with respect to the procedure of examining justices), and in particular for modifying so far as is necessary for the purposes of this section any enactment, including any statutory form, and for applying, with the necessary modifications, the provisions of section three of the Indictable Offences Act, 1848, relating to certificates of an indictment having been found.

(6) No precept shall after the commencement of this section be issued for the summoning of grand jurors to any court of quarter sessions, nor thereafter shall any grand jurors be summoned to any court of quarter sessions, and if any such precept or summons has been issued before the commencement of this section, it shall be void so far as it relates to the summoning of grand jurors to attend at courts of quarter sessions on or after the date of the commencement of this section.

(7) Nothing in this section shall prejudice the right of any person to present an indictment to the grand jury at any court of assize, and where the grand jury at any such court return a true bill against any person not being a person committed for trial at that court in respect of any offence, and the offence is within the jurisdiction of courts of quarter sessions, the court may, if it thinks fit, direct that any further proceedings on the indictment shall be taken before any court of quarter sessions to which the accused might have been committed for trial.

(8) This section shall come into operation on the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

18.—(1) After the determination by a court of quarter sessions of any appeal against a conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction or the sentence imposed on such a conviction, either party to the proceedings may, if dissatisfied with the determination of the court of quarter sessions as being erroneous in point of law, make an application in writing to the court of quarter sessions at any time within seven days after the date of the determination of the appeal to have a case stated for the opinion of the High Court on the point of law.
Any such application may be made by delivering it to the clerk of the peace, and for the purpose of the making of any such application, the court of quarter sessions shall, if and so far as necessary, be deemed to have been adjourned until the next subsequent sitting of the court.

(2) The applicant shall, before the case is stated and delivered to him by the court of quarter sessions, enter before a justice having jurisdiction in the county or place for which the court of quarter sessions acts into a recognizance, with or without sureties and in such sum as the justice considers proper, having regard to the means of the applicant, conditioned to prosecute the appeal without delay and to submit to the judgment of the High Court, and pay such costs as may be awarded by that court, and the applicant shall before the case is delivered to him pay to the clerk of the peace his fees for and in respect of the case, and to the clerk to the justices his fee for and in respect of the recognizances.

(3) If a court of quarter sessions is of opinion that an application under this section is frivolous, it may refuse to state a case, and where the court does so it shall, if the applicant so requires, cause the clerk of the peace to deliver to him a certificate of the refusal, and the reasons for the refusal shall be stated in the certificate:

Provided that the court shall not refuse to state a case where the application is made by or on behalf of the Attorney-General.

(4) Where a court of quarter sessions refuses to state a case, the applicant may apply to the High Court for a rule calling on the court of quarter sessions and the other party to the proceedings to show cause why a case should not be stated, and the High Court may make such order on the application as the High Court thinks fit.

19. An appeal under section thirty-one of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879 (which regulates the procedure on appeals from courts of summary jurisdiction), may be entered for hearing at a court of quarter sessions held by adjournment (not being a court held by adjournment for some particular area only not comprising the area in respect of which jurisdiction is exercised by the court from which the appeal is brought), or at an

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intermediate court of general sessions, and the expression “the next practicable court of general or quarter sessions” in paragraph (1) of that section shall be construed accordingly.

20.—(1) General quarter sessions of the peace for any county shall, instead of being held at the times prescribed by section thirty-five of the Law Terms Act, 1830, be held at such times within the period of twenty-one days immediately preceding or immediately following the twenty-fifth day of March, the twenty-fourth day of June, the twenty-ninth day of September and the twenty-fifth day of December in every year as the court of quarter sessions for the county or the justices of the county assembled at a special meeting (which special meeting they are hereby authorised to hold) may from time to time fix.

(2) In this section the expression “county” includes a riding, division or part of a county for which a separate court of quarter sessions is held, but does not include the County of London or a county of a city or a county of a town.

Amendment of County of Hertford Acts, 1874 and 1878.

21.—(1) The justices of the peace for the county of Hertford shall in every year hold, alternately within the Hertford division and within the Liberty of St. Alban division of the said county, courts of general or quarter sessions of the peace for the whole county of Hertford:

(a) An Epiphany session within the Hertford division in the first week after the twenty-eighth day of December;

(b) An Easter session within the Liberty of St. Alban division in the first week after the thirty-first day of March;

(c) A Midsummer session within the Hertford division in the first week after the twenty-fourth day of June;

(d) A Michaelmas session within the Liberty of St. Alban division in the first week after the eleventh day of October.

(2) The said justices shall, on each occasion after holding in pursuance of the foregoing provisions of this section a session in one of the said divisions of the county, hold a session by adjournment in the other of the said
divisions, and may at any time, whether before or after the adjourned sessions to be held under this subsection, hold such other sessions by adjournment in either of the said divisions as they may consider necessary for the purpose of disposing of any business requiring to be disposed of.

(3) Every court held under this section shall be a court of quarter sessions for the whole county of Hertford, and shall have power to hear, determine, and dispose of all business accordingly, including any business pending in either of the two divisions of the said county at the date on which this section comes into operation.

(4) The justices in the Hertford division assembled shall from time to time at sessions held under this section in that division elect persons to act as chairman and deputy chairman of the court of quarter sessions of the county of Hertford when the court is sitting within the Hertford division, and the justices in the Liberty of St. Alban division assembled shall from time to time at sessions held under this section in that division elect persons to act as chairman and deputy chairman of the said court when the court is sitting within the Liberty of St. Alban division.

(5) Section five of the County of Hertford Act, 1878, shall have effect as though for the references to the Hertford division quarter sessions and the St. Alban division quarter sessions there were respectively substituted references to the sessions for the county of Hertford held under this Act within the Hertford division and the sessions for the said county so held within the Liberty of St. Alban division.

(6) This section shall come into operation on the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

**Summary Jurisdiction.**

22.—(1) Where a person who is an adult is charged before a court of summary jurisdiction with an indictable offence being one of the offences specified in the Second Schedule to this Act, the court, if it thinks it expedient so to do, having regard to any representation made in presence of the accused by or on behalf of the prosecutor, the character and antecedents of the accused, the nature of the offence, the absence of circumstances which would
render the offence one of a grave or serious character and all the other circumstances of the case (including the adequacy of the punishment which a court of summary jurisdiction has power to inflict), and if the accused, when informed by the court of his right to be tried by a jury, consents to be dealt with summarily, may, subject to the provisions of this section, deal summarily with the offence, and if the accused pleads guilty to, or is found guilty of, the offence charged may sentence him to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine:

Provided that—

(a) where a case affects the property or affairs of His Majesty or of a public body as defined by section seven of the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act, 1889, as amended by any other Act, the court shall not deal with the case summarily without the consent of the prosecutor; and

(b) where the prosecution is being carried on by the Director of Public Prosecutions, the court shall not deal with the case summarily without the consent of the Director; and

(c) where a person pleads guilty to, or is found guilty of, any offence of inciting to commit a summary offence, he shall not be liable to any greater penalty than that to which he would have been liable if he had been found guilty of committing that summary offence.

(2) If a court of summary jurisdiction at any time during the hearing of a charge for such an indictable offence as aforesaid against a person who is an adult becomes satisfied that it is expedient to deal with the case summarily, the court shall thereupon, for the purpose of proceedings under this section, cause the charge to be reduced into writing and read to the accused and shall then address to him a question to the following effect, "Do you desire to be tried by a jury, or do you consent to the case being dealt with summarily?" with a statement, if the court thinks such a statement desirable, for his information, of the meaning of the case being
dealt with summarily, and of the assizes or quarter sessions, as the case may be, at which he will be tried, if tried by a jury, and if the accused consents to be dealt with summarily, shall forthwith ask him the following question, "Do you plead guilty or not guilty?"

(3) The power of a court of summary jurisdiction under this section or under any other enactment to deal summarily with an indictable offence may be exercised notwithstanding that the offence was committed in a place outside the district for which the court ordinarily exercises jurisdiction.

(4) In this section the expression "adult" means a person who is, in the opinion of the court before which he is charged, of the age of sixteen years or upwards.

23. A person who after pleading guilty or admitting the truth of the information is convicted of any offence by a court of summary jurisdiction shall have a right to appeal in manner provided by the Summary Jurisdiction Acts to a court of quarter sessions against his sentence.

24. Where in any proceedings in a court of summary jurisdiction it is material to prove any person's wages, a written statement as to the wages paid for any period to that person, shall, if it purports to have been signed by his employer for that period or by any responsible person in the employment of the employer or by any responsible person entrusted with the payment of the wages, be prima facie evidence that the wages therein stated to have been paid for that period to that person, were in fact so paid.

25.—(1) Subsection (2) of section nine of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1878 (which relates to the enforcing by courts of summary jurisdiction of recognizances to keep the peace or to be of good behaviour), shall have effect as though there were inserted therein after the words "a breach of the condition of the same" the words "or in the case of a recognizance conditioned to be of good behaviour, upon proof that the person bound as principal has since the date of the recognizance been guilty of conduct which is a breach of the condition."

(2) Where the sureties to a recognizance to be of good behaviour have reason to suspect that the person
bound as principal has been or is about to be guilty of conduct which was or would be a breach of the conditions of the recognizance, they, or any of them, may lay an information before any justice of the peace having jurisdiction, either in the place in which the said person is or is believed by the informant to be or in the place where the court by which the recognizance was ordered to be entered into was held, and that justice may thereupon, if in his discretion he thinks fit, issue a warrant or summons against the said person.

The court before which the said person is brought under any such warrant or before which he appears in answer to any such summons may, as it thinks fit, either order him to enter into fresh recognizances, with or without sureties, or deal with him in the same manner as if he were a person who had failed to comply with an order to give security to be of good behaviour, and may order that the recognizance shall be discharged.

26.—(1) Section three of the Perjury Act, 1911 (which relates to false statements as to marriages) shall have effect as though at the end of subsection (1) thereof there were inserted the words “and on summary conviction thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.”

(2) A person convicted summarily of an offence under section four of the Perjury Act, 1911 (which relates to false statements as to births or deaths), shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

(3) Summary proceedings for an offence under the said section three or under the said section four may, notwithstanding any provision of the Summary Jurisdiction Acts, be instituted at any time within twelve months after the commission of the offence.

27. Where a warrant of distress is issued under section six hundred and ninety-three of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, for the purpose of levying any amount ordered to be paid on the conviction of the master of a ship, section twenty of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1848 (which authorises the detention of a defendant pending the return to a warrant of distress), shall apply as though the distress were to be levied on the goods of the defendant.
28. Notwithstanding anything in section six hundred and eighty of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (which relates to the prosecution of offences under the Merchant Shipping Acts), any offence whatsoever under section ten of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906 (which relates to the carrying of wood goods as deck cargo), may be prosecuted summarily.

Issue of Process by Justices.

29.—(1) Where it appears to any justice necessary or expedient, with a view to the better administration of justice, that any person charged with the offence of receiving any property stolen or otherwise feloniously taken or obtained by false pretences with intent to defraud, or with any other indictable offence, or with a summary offence, should be tried jointly with or in the same place as some other person who is charged with an indictable offence or a summary offence, as the case may be, and who is in custody or is being or is to be proceeded against within the jurisdiction of that justice, he may, notwithstanding that the person so charged is not within that jurisdiction, issue a summons or a warrant against him.

Where a person charged with a summary offence or an offence which may be dealt with summarily is brought to any place under a warrant issued under this subsection, or appears in any place in answer to a summons so issued, a court of summary jurisdiction having jurisdiction in that place shall have the same power to hear and dispose of the charge as the court would have had if the offence had been committed within the jurisdiction of the court.

(2) Where an offence punishable on summary conviction has been committed, or is suspected of having been committed, by any person who is residing or being, or is believed to reside or be, within the jurisdiction of any justice, that justice shall have power to issue a summons or a warrant of any description in the case in the same manner as if the offence had been committed within his jurisdiction:

Provided that every summons so issued and every warrant so issued for the arrest of any person shall direct that the offender shall appear, or shall when apprehended be taken, before a court of summary jurisdiction having jurisdiction to deal with the case.
(3) Any warrant lawfully issued by a justice for compelling the appearance of any person or for apprehending any person charged with an offence, whether punishable on summary conviction or on indictment, and any warrant of commitment, search-warrant or warrant of distress, lawfully issued by a justice, may be executed in any county or place in England or Wales outside the jurisdiction of the justice by whom it was issued in the same manner as if it had been originally issued by a justice having jurisdiction in that county or place, and the execution may be effected either by any person to whom the warrant was originally directed or by any constable of that county or place, and in the case of a warrant of commitment the person apprehended may be conveyed either to the prison mentioned in the warrant or to any other prison.

(4) The power of a justice under section sixteen of the Indictable Offences Act, 1848, and under section seven of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1848, to issue process for the purpose of obtaining the attendance as a witness of any person within the jurisdiction of the justice, and under section twenty-nine of the Criminal Justice Administration Act, 1914, to summon and require any such person to attend as a witness and to produce such books, plans, papers, documents, articles, goods and things as are mentioned in the said section, shall be extended so as to authorise the issue of such process in the case of a person who though not within the jurisdiction of the justice is in any county or place in England or Wales.

30.—(1) If a justice is satisfied by information on oath that there is reasonable ground for suspecting that an indictable offence has been or is about to be committed, he may issue a search warrant authorising any constable or other person named in the warrant at any time or times to enter, if need be by force, any place named in the warrant, being a place which in the opinion of the justice ought, having regard to the facts disclosed in the information, to be searched as being connected with the suspected offence or otherwise, and to search the place and any persons found therein, and to seize any articles of whatsoever nature (including documents) which he may find on the place or in the possession of any such persons, being either articles in relation to or in connection with which he has reasonable ground for
suspecting that an indictable offence has been, or is being, or is about to be committed, or articles which are evidence of an indictable offence having been, or being, or being about to be committed:

5 Provided that a person who is a female shall not be searched in pursuance of this subsection except by a female.

(2) The Police (Property) Act, 1897 (which makes provision with respect to the disposal of property in the possession of the police) shall apply to property which has come into the possession of the police under this section as it applies to property which has come into the possession of the police under the circumstances mentioned in that Act.

15 (3) The provisions of this section are in addition to and not in derogation of any powers existing by virtue of any other statute or of any rule of law.

Miscellaneous.

31.—(1) Every information, complaint, summons, warrant or other document laid, issued or made for the purpose of or in connection with any proceedings before examining justices or a court of summary jurisdiction for an offence, shall be sufficient if it contains a statement of the specific offence with which the accused person is charged, together with such particulars as may be necessary for giving reasonable information as to the nature of the charge.

(2) The statement of the offence shall describe the offence shortly in ordinary language, avoiding as far as possible the use of technical terms, and without necessarily stating all the essential elements of the offence, and, if the offence charged is one created by statute, shall contain a reference to the section of the statute creating the offence.

35 (3) After the statement of the offence, particulars of the offence shall be set out in ordinary language, in which the use of technical terms shall not be necessary:

Provided that, where any rule of law or any statute limits the particulars of an offence which are to be required to be given, nothing in this section shall require any more particulars to be given than those so required.
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(4) Notwithstanding anything in this section, any information, complaint, summons, warrant or other document to which this section applies which is in such form as would have been sufficient in law if this Act had not passed shall notwithstanding this Act be sufficient in law.

32.—(1) Where a corporation is charged, whether alone or jointly with some other person, with an indictable offence, the examining justices may, if they are of opinion that the evidence offered on the part of the prosecution is sufficient to put the accused corporation upon trial, make an order empowering the prosecutor to present to the grand jury at assizes or to present to the court of quarter sessions, as the case may be, a bill in respect of the offence named in the order, and for the purpose of any enactments referring to committal for trial (including this Act) any such order shall be deemed to be a committal for trial:

Provided that—

(a) Where the offence is an offence which may be dealt with summarily and the corporation does not appear before the examining justices by a representative or, if it does so appear, consents that the offence should be so dealt with, the justices may deal with the offence summarily;

(b) If the corporation appears before the examining justices by a representative, any answers to questions to be put under the section of this Act which re-enacts with modifications the provisions of section eighteen of the Indictable Offences Act, 1848, may be made on behalf of the corporation by that representative, but if the corporation does not so appear it shall not be necessary to put the questions, and the examining justices may, notwithstanding, make an order under this subsection;

(e) Where any person is charged jointly with a corporation with any offence and either that person or the corporation by its representative does not consent that the offence (being an indictable offence) should be dealt with summarily, or either that person or the corporation claims (if the offence is a summary offence) to
be tried by a jury, the examining justices or the court of summary jurisdiction, as the case may be, shall not have power to deal summarily with the offence in the case of the other offender.

(2) Where the grand jury at any assizes return a true bill against a corporation in respect of any offence or where a corporation has been committed for trial at any court of quarter sessions, the corporation may, on arraignment before the court of assize or the court of quarter sessions, as the case may be, enter in writing by its representative a plea of guilty or not guilty, and if either the corporation does not appear by a representative or, though it does so appear, fails to enter as aforesaid any plea, the court shall order a plea of not guilty to be entered and the trial shall proceed as though the corporation had duly entered a plea of not guilty.

(3) Provision may be made by rules under the Indictments Act, 1915, with respect to the service on any corporation charged with an indictable offence of any documents requiring to be served in connection with the proceedings, except in so far as such provision may be made by rules to be made under the section of this Act giving power to make rules with respect to the procedure of examining justices.

(4) Where a corporation is charged with an offence in the case of which an individual is entitled under section seventeen of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1878, to claim to be tried by a jury, a claim to be so tried may be made on behalf of the corporation by its representative, and the said section seventeen shall apply accordingly, and where the corporation does not appear by a representative or no such claim is made on behalf of the corporation the court may, subject to the provisions of this section, deal with the case summarily as if the offence were an offence to which the said section did not apply.

(5) In this section the expression "representative" in relation to a corporation means a person duly appointed by the corporation to represent it for the purpose of doing any act or thing which the representative of a corporation is by this section authorised to do, but a person so appointed shall not, by virtue only of being so appointed, be qualified to act on behalf of the corporation before any court for any other purpose.
A representative for the purposes of this section need not be appointed under the seal of the corporation, and a statement in writing purporting to be signed by a managing director of the corporation, or by any person (by whatever name called) having, or being one of the 5 persons having, the management of the affairs of the corporation, to the effect that the person named in the statement has been appointed as the representative of the corporation for the purposes of this section shall be admissible without further proof as prima facie evidence that that person has been so appointed.

33. Any document purporting to be the fiat, order or consent, of the Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Postmaster-General or the Board of Control respectively, for or to the institution of any criminal proceedings or the institution of criminal proceedings in any particular form, and to be signed by the Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General, the Director of Public Prosecutions or an Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, the Postmaster-General or a Commissioner or the Secretary of the Board of Control, as the case may be, shall be admissible as prima facie evidence without further proof.

PART III.

AMENDMENTS AS TO OFFENCES.

34.—(1) For the purpose of removing doubts it is hereby declared that a document may be a false document within the meaning of the Forgery Act, 1913, notwithstanding that it is not false in any such manner as is described in subsection (2) of section one of that Act.

(2) The Forgery Act, 1913, shall have effect as though in the definition of "valuable security" in section eighteen thereof there were inserted after the words "security for the payment of money" the words "or any authority or request for the payment of money or for the delivery of transfer of goods or chattels."

35.—(1) The forgery of any passport, or the making by any person of a statement which is to his knowledge untrue for the purpose of procuring a passport, whether for himself or any other person, shall be a misdemeanour punishable with imprisonment not exceeding two years or
(2) In this section the expression "forgery" has the same meaning as in the Forgery Act, 1913.

36.—(1) If any person makes, or causes to be made, or uses for any purpose whatsoever, or utters, any document purporting to be, or in any way resembling, or so nearly resembling as to be calculated to deceive, any currency or bank note, or any part thereof, he shall be guilty of an offence against this section and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds, and it shall be lawful for the court dealing with the case to order the document in respect of which the offence was committed, and any copies of that document, or any plates, blocks, dies or other instruments used for, or capable of being used for, printing or reproducing any such document which are in the possession of the offender to be destroyed.

(2) If any person whose name appears on any document the making of which is an offence under this section refuses, without lawful excuse, to disclose to a police officer on being so required the name and address of the person by whom it was printed or otherwise made, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

(3) Where the name of any person appears on any document in respect of which any person is charged with an offence under subsection (1) of this section, or on any other document used or distributed in connection with that document, it shall be prima facie evidence that that person caused the document to be made.

37.—(1) Where a person has been convicted by a court of summary jurisdiction of an offence under section forty-two of the Offences against the Person Act, 1861 (which imposes a penalty on persons committing any common assault or battery) he shall instead of being liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds, be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds in addition to any costs which the court may order him to pay.

(2) The fine to which a person shall be liable on conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction for an offence under section forty-three of the Offences against
38.—(1) Any person who is drunk while in charge on any highway or other public place of any mechanically-propelled vehicle or who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) of section one of the Motor Car Act, 1903, (which relates to reckless driving) shall, on summary conviction, be liable in respect of each offence to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds, or to both such imprisonment and fine.

39.—(1) Except with the leave of the judge, or if there is more than one judge, of the presiding or senior judge, no person shall—

(a) take or attempt to take in any court any photograph, or with a view to publication make or attempt to make in any court any portrait or sketch, of any person, being a judge of the court or a juror or a witness in or a party to any proceedings before the court, whether civil or criminal; or

(b) publish any photograph, portrait or sketch taken or made in contravention of the foregoing provisions of this section or any reproduction thereof;

and if any person acts in contravention of this section he shall, on summary conviction, be liable in respect of each offence to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

(2) For the purposes of this section—

(a) the expression "court" means any court of justice, including the court of a coroner.
the expression "judge" includes recorder, registrar, magistrate, justice and coroner:

(5) a photograph, portrait or sketch shall be deemed to be a photograph, portrait or sketch taken or made in court if it is taken or made in the court-room or in the building or in the precincts of the building in which the court is held, or if it is a photograph, portrait or sketch taken or made of the person while he is entering or leaving the court-room or any such building or precincts as aforesaid.

PART IV.

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL.

40. Any warrant lawfully issued by a justice for Power of
taghcepting any person charged with any offence may be executed by any constable at any time notwithstanding that the warrant is not in his possession at that time.

41.—(1) Section ten of the Criminal Justice Administration Act, 1914 (which empowers a court of summary jurisdiction in certain cases to commit an offender to prison until the next quarter sessions, and empowers the court of quarter sessions to sentence the offender to detention in a Borstal institution) shall have effect as though for the words "the next quarter sessions" there were substituted the words "the next assizes or quarter sessions, whichever appears to the court to be more convenient," and as though for the words "court of quarter sessions" wherever they occur in that section there were substituted the words "court of assize or court of quarter sessions, as the case may be."

(2) Where any person is, under the law for the time being in force, sentenced by any court in the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands to detention in a Borstal institution, he may, if the Secretary of State by order so directs, be removed to and detained in a Borstal institution in England, and if so detained shall, subject as hereinafter provided, be liable to be dealt with in every respect in the same manner as if he had been sentenced under the Prevention of Crime Act, 1908, by a court in England to detention in such an institution:
Provided that—

(a) if any person who by virtue of this section has been removed from the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands and is undergoing detention in a Borstal institution is released on licence, 5 he may be placed under the supervision or authority of a society or person in the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, as the case may be; and

(b) where a licence granted to any such person 10 under the said Act is revoked, he may, if in the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, without warrant be apprehended therein and removed therefrom to England for the purpose of being taken to the institution, and where any such licence is forfeited the provisions of subsection (5) of section five of the said Act shall apply as if references therein to a court of summary jurisdiction included a reference to any court exercising corresponding jurisdiction in the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

Abolition of presumption of coercion of married woman by husband.

42. Any presumption of law that an offence committed by a wife in the presence of her husband is committed under the coercion of the husband is hereby abolished, but on a charge against a wife for any offence other than treason or murder it shall be a good defence to prove that the offence was committed in the presence of, and under the coercion of, the husband.

Amendment of Schedule 1 of Children Act, 1908.

43. For the purpose of removing doubts, it is hereby declared that the expression “any other offence involving bodily injury to a child or young person” in the First Schedule to the Children Act, 1908, includes the following offences, that is to say, the murder or manslaughter of a child or young person and infanticide.

Short title, interpretation, extent, repeal and commencement.

44.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Criminal Justice Act, 1925.

(2) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

The expression “examining justices” means the justices before whom a charge is made against any person for an indictable offence, and references to examining justices include a reference to a single examining justice.
The expression "quarter sessions" includes quarter sessions held by adjournment and intermediate general sessions.

(3) This Act shall not extend to Scotland or Northern Ireland.

(4) The enactments set out in the Third Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

(5) This Act shall, save as therein otherwise expressly provided, come into operation on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-six.
A.D. 1925.

S C H E D U L E S.

Section 16.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

OFFENCES TRIABLE AT QUARTER SESSIONS.

24 & 25 Vict. c. 97.
1. Offences under sections sixteen and seventeen of the Malicious Damage Act, 1861. 5
2. Unlawful combinations and conspiracies to cheat and defraud. 10
3. Offences under section thirteen of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1885, as amended by any other enactment, in respect of which the accused claims to be tried with a jury. 15
4. Offences under sections fifty to fifty-six of the Post Office Act, 1908. 20
5. Offences under section five of the Perjury Act, 1911, in relation to statements in statutory declarations.
6. Offences under paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section two of the Forgery Act, 1913, in relation to any document being an authority or request for the payment of money or for the delivery or transfer of goods and chattels where the amount of the money or the value of the goods or chattels does not exceed twenty pounds, and, under paragraph (a) of section seven of that Act, where the amount of the money or the value of the property in respect of which the offence is committed does not exceed twenty pounds, and uttering any forged document the forgery of which is an offence triable at quarter sessions. 25
7. Offences under the following provisions of the Larceny Act, 1916, that is to say, section twelve, section eighteen, paragraph (iv) of subsection (1) of section twenty, section twenty-four and subsection (2) of section thirty-three.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES BY ADULTS WHICH MAY BE DEALT WITH SUMMARILY.

24 & 25 Vict. c. 97.
1. Offences under sections sixteen, twenty, twenty-one and fifty-one of the Malicious Damage Act, 1861, as amended by any other enactment. 35
2. Misdemeanours under the Coinage Offences Act, 1861.
3. Offences under sections twenty and forty-seven of the
Offences against the Person Act, 1861.
4. Offences under section twenty of the Telegraph Act,
1868.
5. Offences under paragraph (1) of section thirteen of the
Debtors Act, 1869.
6. Offences under the Falsification of Accounts Act, 1875.
7. Offences under section thirteen of the Stamp Duties
Management Act, 1891.
8. Offences under sections fifty to fifty-six of the Post
Office Act, 1908.
9. Offences under section five of the Perjury Act, 1911, in
relation to statements in statutory declarations.
10. Offences under paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of
section two of the Forgery Act, 1913, in relation to any
document being an authority or request for the payment of
money or for the delivery or transfer of goods and chattels,
where the amount of the money or the value of the goods
or chattels does not exceed twenty pounds, and, under
paragraph (a) of section seven of that Act, where the amount of
the money or the value of the property in respect of which the
offence is committed does not exceed twenty pounds.
11. Offences under section twenty-seven of the Larceny Act,
1861, or under the following provisions of the Larceny Act, 1916,
viz.:—
Sections two, four, five, eight, nine, ten and twelve,
paragraph (a) of section thirteen, section fourteen,
paragraphs (1) and (ii) of section fifteen, section sixteen,
paragraphs (i) and (ii) of section seventeen, section
eighteen, paragraph (1) of section thirty-two, subsections (1) and (2) of section thirty-three, and section
thirty-five so far as it applies to the aforesaid sections.
12. Offences under this Act in relation to passports.
14. Publishing, exhibiting or selling any indecent or
obscene book, writing, picture or model, or any other indecent
or obscene articles or thing whatsoever, whether similar to the
things before mentioned or not.
15. Committing an indecent assault upon a person, whether
male or female, who in the opinion of the court is under the age
of sixteen years.
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16. Offences in relation to stamps issued for the purpose of National Health Insurance or Unemployment Insurance under the provisions of any enactments as applied to those stamps.

17. Aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of any indictable offence which may be dealt with summarily, or attempting to commit any such offence.

18. Any offence consisting in the incitement to commit a summary offence, and the offence of inciting to commit any indictable offence which may be dealt with summarily.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

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To amend the law with respect to the administration of criminal justice in England, and otherwise to amend the criminal law.

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13th February 1925.
NOTE.

THE lengthy memorandum appended to the First Lord's recent note on airships (C.P. 40 '25) indicates such a complete misapprehension on the part of the Admiralty of the present position as regards lighter-than-air development that I have had no alternative but to place on record a more or less detailed rejoinder.

This will be found in Appendices I, II and III of the annexed paper.

At the same time I have endeavoured in a prefatory memorandum, which occupies pages 1 to 4 of the attached, to deal briefly with all the more salient features of the airship question; the issues involved are comparatively straightforward, and I think that my colleagues will find within the compass of these four pages all the material which they will require to enable them to reach a decision.

S. H.,
Secretary of State for Air.

Air Ministry,
February 13, 1925.