

**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,  
the 4th day of *May*, 1864.

**PRESENT,**

The **QUEEN's** Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS a certain Order in Council was made on the 7th day of April, in the present year, under the provisions of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the appointment of convenient places for holding of Assizes in England and Wales:" and whereas Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, has thought fit to revoke the said Order, and to give other directions in lieu thereof; and whereas by the said Act of Parliament it was (amongst other things) 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 dispatch of civil and criminal business to be holden at more than one place in the same county on the circuit; and to order and direct the assizes and sessions under such commissions for the dispatch of criminal business to be holden for the whole county at one place, and for the dispatch of civil business at one or more places in such county on the same circuit; and further to order and direct any special Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery to be holden at any one or more places in such county; and it was also further declared and enacted, that in case His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Most Honourable 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 purposes of the said Act, and to make rules and regulations 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 commissions, 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 purposes of that Act, and all such rules and regulations should be of the like force and effect as if the same had been made by the authority of Parliament, 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 Her Most Excellent Majesty the Queen, praying for the holding of the Assizes for the county palatine of Lancaster at Manchester, as well as at Liverpool and Lancaster: And whereas it is certified that proper courts and lodgings for Her Majesty's Judges have been prepared at Manchester: And whereas it will be very beneficial

and convenient to a great portion of the inhabitants of the said county palatine, and highly conducive to the proper administration of civil and criminal justice, if the assizes and sessions holden in the said county palatine, under commissions of gaol delivery and other commissions for the dispatch of civil and criminal business, should be holden at Manchester as well as at Lancaster and Liverpool:

It is therefore ordered by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Most Honourable Privy Council, as follows (that is to say):

I. The said Order in Council of the 7th day of April last, shall be and the same is hereby revoked and made void.

II. The Assizes and Sessions holden 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 and at Liverpool, shall hereafter be holden on the same circuit, at Lancaster, Liverpool, and Manchester, in the said county palatine.

III. The said county palatine shall be divided, for the purposes of carrying the said Act of Parliament and this order into execution, into three divisions, which shall respectively be called the "Northern Division," the "West Derby Division," and the "Salford Division."

IV. The said Northern Division shall be and remain the same which was constituted by an Order in Council, bearing date the 24th day of June, 1835, made in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament, that is to say, the same shall include and consist of the whole of the hundreds of Lonsdale, Amounderness, Leyland, and Blackburn; the said West Derby Division shall include and consist of the whole of the hundred of West Derby; and the said Salford Division shall include and consist of the whole of the hundred of Salford.

V. The House of Correction at Salford, in the hundred of Salford, shall and may be used, in manner hereinafter mentioned, as a common gaol, for the purposes of carrying the said Act of Parliament and this Order into effect; and any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or Coroner, for the said county palatine, or for any liberty therein, may commit to the said house of correction any person duly charged with any offence triable at the assizes; and from and after the opening of the Court at Manchester aforesaid all prisoners in the said house of correction, committed for trial at the assizes, shall be in and under the government, custody, and charge of the Sheriff of the said county palatine of Lancaster, and the prisoners who may be removed, pursuant to the direction hereinafter given, from the House of Correction at Kirkdale, for trial at the assizes to be holden at Manchester, shall also be kept by the said Sheriff in the said House of Correction at Salford, and all such prisoners so committed or removed as aforesaid shall continue in and under the government, custody, and charge 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 shall be delivered by due course of law; and the Governor or keeper of the said House of Correction at Salford shall from time to time transmit to the said Sheriff or his deputy, seven days at least before the commission day of the assizes to be holden at Manchester, a list of the prisoners committed to such assizes for trial, or awaiting their trial at such assizes, together with a statement of their several offences, in order to enable him, the said Sheriff, to prepare a proper