

and the production of papers, so that prosecutions at the Assizes and Quarter Sessions may not be unnecessarily delayed or fail through want of existing proof that might be secured ;

To institute and conduct prosecutions at Quarter Sessions.

Secondly—To institute and conduct on the part of the Crown, prosecutions for felonies and misdemeanors at the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County he is appointed to, in the same manner as the Law Officers of Crown institute and conduct similar prosecutions at the Courts of Assize, and with like rights and privileges, and generally to attend to all criminal business at such Court of Quarter Sessions,—to perform also the like duties in the Recorder's Court in those Counties wherein such Courts are or shall be erected ;

And Recorder's Courts.

To watch over certain cases brought by private prosecutors.

Thirdly—To watch over the conduct of cases at the Court of Quarter Sessions, wherein it is questionable if the conduct complained of be punishable by law, or where the particular act or omission presents more of the features of a private injury than a public offence ; and without unnecessarily interfering with private individuals, who wish in such cases to prosecute, to assume wholly the conduct of the case where justice towards the accused seems to demand his interposition ;

To deliver papers connected with criminal business at Assizes to Crown Officer.

Fourthly—To deliver to the Crown Officer all papers connected with the criminal business at the Court of Assize, on or before the opening of the Court ; to be present at such Court, and if required, to assist the Crown Officer in attendance with the Criminal business of the Court, and in the absence of the Law Officers of the Crown and of Counsel appointed by the Attorney General, the County Attorney to represent the Crown himself, and take the charge and conduct of the criminal business to be done at such Court of Assize for his County ;

To institute and conduct summary proceedings before Magistrates where the Public Revenue, &c., is concerned.

Fifthly—To institute and conduct proceedings before Justices of the Peace (under the Statutes conferring summary powers to convict) for offences in relation to the Public Revenue, the Public Property, the Public Domain, the Public Peace, and the Public Health, and in relation to any other matter or thing made punishable on summary conviction before Justices of the Peace, provided he shall be required so to do by the general regulations touching his office to be made in pursuance of the provisions hereinafter contained ; and the County Attorney is hereby empowered to institute such proceedings, on a complaint in writing, or as Public Prosecutor in cases wherein the public interest require the exercise of such office ;

To advise Magistrates at their request.

Sixthly—To advise and instruct Magistrates in respect to criminal offences brought before them for preliminary investigation or for adjudication, upon being requested by any such Magistrates so to do, such request to be in writing and to contain a statement of the particular case ;